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UNGULATA, *Hoofed Mammals*. Under this section Linnaeus included the orders *Belluae* and *Pecora*.

The *Belluae* comprised the genera *Equus* [HORSE], *Hippopotamus* [RIVER HORSE], *Sus* [SWINE], and *Rhinoceros*. The *Pecora* consisted of the genera *Camelus* [CAMEL], *Moschus* [MOSCHIOX], *Cervus* [DEER], *Cipra* [GOAT], *Ovis* [SHEEP], and *Bos* [BISON; OX].

Elphas, the only true proboscidean genus noticed by Linnaeus, is placed by him in the order *Bruta* and section *UNGULATA*, in company with *Bradypus* and *Myrmecophaga*; but *Elphas* and its congeners, both living and extinct, undoubtedly rather belong to the section of *Hoofed* than *Clawed Mammals*; and as far as their hoofs are concerned, to say nothing of their general pachydermatous structure, are more suited to the company of the *Hippopotamus*, *Rhinoceros*, and *TAPIN*, than to that of *Sloth* [AI; UNAU], and *ANT-EATERS*.

Here must be noticed one of those interesting discoveries which we have now, thanks to the diligence of our functionaries in foreign lands, so often occasion to record.

On the 1st November, 1842, Professor Owen communicated to the editors of the *Annals of Philosophy* the following intelligence:—

The Professor had received a letter, dated April 6, 1842, from Sir Thomas Livingstone Mitchell, surveyor-general of Australia, in which that active and zealous officer announced the discovery of large fossil Mammalian remains in that continent. The specimens from the Wellington Valley bone-caves, described in the second volume of Sir Thomas's work on Australia, and noticed in the article *MAMMIFERIA* [vol. xiv., p. 468], were remains of extinct species of marsupial genera now existing there, and of a genus very nearly allied to those living in that locality at present: the largest fossil, which had been supposed to belong to a *Hippopotamus* or *Dugong*, indicating rather an extinct gigantic *Phascocome*; nor was there any conclusive evidence of a genus of placental mammal in that collection: Mr. Pentland however had informed Professor Owen that a bone of a large quadruped, apparently a pachyderm, from the Wellington Valley, is, as Mr. Pentland believes, in the museum at Paris. No account of this bone appears to have been hitherto communicated to the scientific world.

The fossils which Sir Thomas Mitchell transmitted incontrovertibly establish the former existence of *Ungulata* in Australia, in the shape of, at least, one huge proboscidean *Pachyderm*, referrible, in Professor Owen's opinion, either to the genus *Mastodon* or *DINOTHERIUM*. These fossils consist of a portion of a molar tooth, and of the shaft of a femur, with part of the spine of a scapula, and some smaller fragments of a long bone. They were found on the Darling Downs—those extensive plains marked to the south-west of Moreton Bay on most maps of Australia, at the source of the river Darling, and upwards of 4000 feet above the level of the sea: Sir Thomas, in his letter, also states that these huge bones are found in some abundance.

Professor Owen found that the fragments transmitted by Sir Thomas Mitchell composed, when their broken surfaces were re-adjusted, the very considerable part of the right femur, and the subjoined cut (Fig. 1; here copied by permission, together with the others) gives a view of the posterior and most entire surface, one-fifth of the natural size: the contour of the circumference at *a* illustrates, the Professor observes, the principal characteristic of the bone, namely, its being flattened from before backwards.

Fig. 1.



Part of the right femur of extinct Australian proboscidean *Pachyderm*.

Professor Owen remarks that, with reference to the larger quadrupeds, the femur presents a similar antero-posterior compression in the elephant, mastodon, and rhinoceros; but the latter animal is distinguished by a second external trochanter, which is not present in the Australian fossil. [Rhinoceros, vol. xix., p. 465.] In the *Megatherium* and its congeners the flattening of the femur and its transverse breadth greatly surpasses, he observes, the proportions exhibited by the fossil under consideration, or those of the femora of the proboscidean *Pachyderms*. [ELEPHANT, vol. ix., pp. 349, 353.]

But the fossil from the Darling Range was found most to resemble the femur of the *Mastodon* (vol. xv., p. 5), in being flatter on the posterior than on the anterior surface. Compared with the femur of the *Mastodon giganteus*, the fossil presented the following differences; it was broader in proportion to its length:—

From the lower part of the post-trochanterian depression to the prominence above the outer condyle

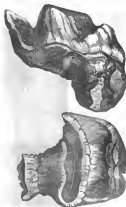
Breadth of middle of shaft of femur

Circumference of do. do.

Australian femur. In. Lin.	Mastodon. In. Lin.
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13 6	14 6

The surface of the bone below the post-trochanterian depression was more convex in the Australian fossil, and the prominence above the back part of the outer condyle was more developed; the small trochanter was narrower and longer, and defined by a groove along its anterior part. The femur in the *Mastodon giganteus*, observes Professor Owen, tapers off almost to an edge at the outside of the distal half of the shaft: in the Australian fossil the corresponding part is broad and convex. The anterior part rises higher above the level of that part of the femur in the Australian fossil than in the *Mastodon*. The orifice of the medullary artery was conspicuous in the Australian fossil, at the back part, a little above the middle of the shaft, and towards the inner side; the canal sloping upwards. Professor Owen could not detect the corresponding orifice in the *Mastodon's* femur, with which he compared it. The Australian fossil exhibited a large medullary cavity along the middle of the shaft, with dense plicatures an inch thick. Total length of the fossil twenty-two inches; greatest breadth across the upper or proximal end, where the neck begins to bend inwards, ten inches.

Traces of the smooth pitted surface at the broken distal end indicated the place of junction of the articular epiphysis, and prove that the entire shaft of the femur is, in this case, preserved: a part of the epiphysis was ankylosed to the shaft.



Two views of portion of molar tooth of extinct Australian Pachyderm.
Nat. size.

The portion of the molar tooth was obtained from the same locality as the femur, and Professor Owen observes that if it belong, as is most probable, to the same animal, it proves that animal to be most nearly allied to *Dinotherium* and *Mastodon giganteus*, in which the grinding surface of the teeth is raised into broad, transverse ridges. Parts of two of the anterior ridges, and a smaller or lower one which runs across the base of the first, at the anterior part of the crown of the tooth, are preserved in the specimen. The apex of both the higher ridges has been worn by mastication, but not to the extent usually seen in the small deciduous molars of the *Mastodons*: there is less trace of a division of the summit of the ridge into mammillae, the Professor observes, than would be presented by a similar-sized molar, equally worn down, of the *Mastodon giganteus*, in which the two mammillae would be indicated by a median constriction. The transverse ridges, he remarks, are still more subdivided in the other known species, as *M. longirostris*, *M. latidens*, *M. angustidens*, or *M. elephantoides*: the Australian tooth he found to bear a

greater resemblance to that of the *Dinotherium* in the simplicity of the transverse eminences; but he notices a deposit of cement, or *crusta petrosa*, at the bottom of the intervening valleys, which he had not observed in any *Dinotherium* molar.

Professor Owen refers to the additional proof of the close relationship of the *Mastodon* to the *Dinotherium*, derived from the discovery of the two tusks of the lower jaw in the young individuals of the *Mastodon*, and the retention of one of these as a sexual distinction of the male in *Mastodon giganteus*; and he is of opinion that the highly interesting member of the ancient fauna of Australia revealed by the remains above described must be referred, on their evidence, to the same natural family of gigantic *Pachyderms* as that which includes the *Mastodons* and the *Dinotheres*, and to a species distinct from any yet determined; but he, wisely as we think, abstains from the imposition of any generic or specific name, until the requisite characters are obtained: these he has reason to expect will be forthcoming from specimens about to be collected by the energetic officer to whom zoologists are indebted for so many additions to the fossil fauna of New South Wales.

'The fossils above described,' says Professor Owen, in conclusion, 'will be presented, in the name of Sir T. L. Mitchell, to the Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons, London. They cannot be contemplated without suggesting many interesting reflections. They tell us plainly that the time was when Australia's arid plains were trodden by the hoofs of heavy *Pachyderms*; but could the land then have been, as now, parched by long-continued droughts, with dry river-courses, containing here and there a pond of water? All the facts and analogies which throw light on the habits of the extinct *Mastodons* and *Dinotheres* indicate these creatures to have been frequenters of marshes, swamps, or lakes. Other relations of land and sea than now characterise the southern hemisphere, a different condition of the surface of the land and of the meteoric influences governing the proportion and distribution of fresh-water on that surface, may therefore be conjectured to have prevailed when huge *Mastodontoid Pachyderms* constituted part of the quadruped population of Australia. May not the change from a more humid climate to the present particularly dry one have been the cause, or chief cause, of the extinction of such *Pachyderms*? Was not the ancient *Terra Australis*, when so populated, of greater extent than the present insular continent? The mutual dependences between large mammalian quadrupeds and other members of the animal kingdom suggest other reflections in connection with the present fossil. If the extinct species ever so abundant as to require its redundancy to be suppressed by a carnivorous enemy, then some destructive species of this kind must have coexisted, of larger dimensions than the extinct *Dasyurus lunarius*, the ancient destroyer of the now equally extinct gigantic Kangaroos, *Macropus Titan*, &c. whose remains were discovered in the bone-caves of Wellington Valley. Extremely few coprophagous beetles have hitherto, I believe, been found in Australia; and the scarcity of such is readily explained by the absence of native species of large herbivorous mammals; but the dung of the *Mastodontoid* quadrupeds which formerly existed in Australia must then have afforded the requisite conditions for a greater abundance of such *Coloptera*. These and other speculations are naturally suggested by the highly interesting fossils here described. The great importance of such organic remains will be obvious from the few inferences which have been briefly noted; our obligations to the enlightened collector and transmitter of the *Mastodontoid* fossils are great, and the arrival of additional facts and specimens will be most earnestly welcomed.'

In conclusion, we would remark that *Mytodon* [UNAT] appears to be the singular link connecting the two great groups *Ungulata* and *UNICUCLATA*; for *Mytodon* has both hoofs and claws on the same foot.

UNICORN. 'Concerning the Unicorn, different opinions prevail among authors,' says the author of 'Thaummatographia Naturalis' (1633), and he adds that some doubt, others deny, and a third class affirm its existence.

Ctesias, the author probably whom Aristotle followed, describes the Wild Asses of India (*Equus asinus*) as equal to the horse in size, and even larger, with white bodies, red heads, bluish eyes, and a horn on the forehead a cubit in

length. For the space of two palms from the forehead this horn is entirely white, the middle part is black, and the extremity is red and pointed. Drinking-vessels are made of it, and those who use them are subject neither to convulsions, epilepsy, nor poison, provided that before taking the poison or after they drink from these cups water, wine, or any other liquor. After some other particulars, Ctesias describes these animals as very swift and very strong. When one of them begins to move, its pace is slow, but as it advances the pace increases, and it runs faster. Naturally these animals are not ferocious; but when they find themselves and their young surrounded by horsemen, they do not abandon their offspring, but defend themselves by striking with their horns, kicking and biting, and so slay many men and horses. The animal is also shot with arrows and brought down with darts; for it is impossible to take it alive. Its flesh is too bitter for food, but it is hunted for its horn and astragulus, which last Ctesias declares that he saw. (Ctesias, ed. Bähr, pp. 255, 329, 363.)

Aristotle notices the Indian Ass as a solipede which has a horn, and the only one of the solipodes possessing an astragulus. (*Hist. Anim.*, ii. 1.) He adds, in the third book, on the parts of animals, that those beasts which have only a single horn have it in the middle of their head; and evidently speaks of the Indian Ass from the accounts of others.

Herodotus (iv. 191) mentions asses (*ὄνοι*) having horns; and Strabo (xv., p. 1009, Oxford, folio) refers to Unicorn horses with the heads of deer.

Oppian (*Cyneget.*, ii., line 96) notices the Aonian bulls with undivided horns and a single median horn between their temples, whereas the Armenian bulls have two.

Cesar (*De Bello Gallico*, vi., 26), when referring to the multitude of animals bred in the great Hercynian forest, speaks, probably from hearsay, of an ox with the figure of a deer, from the middle of whose forehead a single horn stands out higher and more direct than any horns known to him. He adds that from the top of this horn branches like palms are diffused, that the nature of the male and female is the same, and that the form and size of their horns are similar. He then notices the Elk.

Pliny, who, to be sure, places it in the company of the *Montichora*, the *Catoblepas*, and the *Basilisk*, notices it as a very ferocious beast (*asperimam feram*), similar in the rest of its body to a horse, with the head of a deer, the feet of an elephant, the tail of a boar, a deep bellowing voice (*mugitus gravi*), and a single black horn two cubits in length standing out in the middle of its forehead. He adds, 'Hanc feram vivam necant capi,' that it cannot be taken alive' (*Nat. Hist.*, viii. 21); and some such excess may have been necessary in those days for not producing the living animal upon the arena of the amphitheatre.

Out of this passage most of the modern Unicorn have been described and figured. But let us pause to scan it. The body of the horse and the head of the deer appear to be but vague sketches: the feet of the elephant and the tail of a boar point at once to a pachydermatous animal; and the single black horn, allowing for a little exaggeration as to its length, well fits the two last-mentioned conditions, and will apply to one of the species of RHINOCEROS.

Our limits will not permit us to follow out in detail the descriptions of the numerous writers who have treated of this subject, among whom are Aelian, Philostratus, and Solinus, Aëneas Sylvius, Marco Polo, Gesner, Cardan, Garcias ab Horto, Andreas Marius, Andreas Baccius, Bartholinus, Aldrovandus, Jonston, &c. Some however of the modern descriptions of the Unicorn may be excepted. Garcias noted down a description of this marvellous creature from one who alleged that he had seen it. The seer affirmed that it was endowed with a wonderful horn, which it would sometimes turn to the left and right, at others raise, and then again depress.* Ludovicus Vartomianus writes that he saw two sent to the Sultan from Ethiopia, and kept in a repository at Mahomet's tomb in Mecca, and he describes them as 'cancellis obseptos, minime feroces.' Cardan describes the Unicorn as a rare animal, of the size of a horse, with hair very like unto that of a weasel, with the head of a deer, on which one horn grows, three cubits in length (a story seldom loses anything in its progress) from the forehead, ample at its lowest part

and tapering to a point; with a short neck, a very thin mane, leaning to one side only, and legs thin as those of a young Roe (capreolus). But, not to weary the reader, if he wishes to see what our ancestors thought Unicorn like, let him turn to Jonston's 'Historia, Naturalis' (1657). There he will behold the smooth-horned Solipede, 'Wald Esel'; and the digitated and elwed smooth-horned 'Meer Wolff,' the latter with his single horn erect in the foreground, but with it depressed in the background, where he is represented regaling on serpents. Then there are the smooth-horned 'Monoceros, Unicorn, Einhorn,' with the head, mane, and tail of a horse, and bisulcate feet; and another smooth-horned 'Monoceros, Unicorn, Einhorn,' with a horse's head and mane, a pig's tail, and camel-like feet; the 'Meer Steinbock, Capricornus marinus,' with anterior hisulcate feet, posterior webbed feet, and a kind of graduated horn like a modern flat telescope opera-glass pulled out, in the foreground, and charging the fish most valiantly in the water in the distance; and then there is the digitated 'Wald Esel, Onager Aldrovandi,' with a mule's head and two rhinoceros-like horns, one on his forehead and the other on his nose, and a horse's tail, with a collar round his neck; beneath we find the 'Monoceros, seu Unicornus jabotus—Einhorn mit mahnen,' with a neck entirely shaggy, a twisted horn, anterior bisulcate feet, the posterior being webbed, and a deer's tail; and at the bottom of the plate, 'Monoceros, seu Unicornus aliud—Einhorn mit mahnen, ein andr art,' with a twisted horn, mane, and shaggy gorget, curly tail, and camel-like feet.

The Unicorn seems to have been a sad puzzle to the hunters, who hardly knew how to come at so valuable a piece of game. Some, as we have seen, described the horn as moveable at the will of the animal, a kind of small sword in short, with which no hunter who was not exceedingly cunning in fence could have a chance. Others told the poor foresters that all its strength lay in its horn, and that when pressed by them it would throw itself from the pinnacle of the highest rocks horn foremost, so as to pitch upon it, and then quietly march off not a whit the worse.

But, it seems, they found out how to circumvent the poor unicorn at last. They discovered that it was fond of rarities, and particularly attached to chase persons; so they took the field with a virgin, who was placed in the unsuspecting admirer's way. When the unicorn spied her, he approached with all reverence, couched beside her, and, laying his head in her lap, fell asleep. The treacherous virgin then gave a signal, and the hunters made in and captured the simple beast.

Modern zoologists, disgusted as they well may be with fables of which we have only given a specimen or two, disbelieve, generally, the existence of the Unicorn, such, at least, as we have above referred to; but the result of M. Guettard's dissertation is an opinion that some terrestrial animal bearing a horn on the anterior part of its head exists besides the Rhinoceros. The nearest approach to a horn in the middle of the forehead of any terrestrial mammiferous animal known to us is the bony protuberance on the forehead of the GIRAFFE; and, though it would be presumptuous to deny the existence of a one-horned quadruped other than the Rhinoceros, it may be safely stated that the insertion of a long and solid horn in the living forehead of a horsethike or deer-like creature is as near an impossibility as any thing can be.

The 'Monoceros horne' in Tradescant's collection was probably that which, ordinarily, has passed for the horn of the Unicorn, viz. the tooth of a Narwhal. The horn of the Rhinoceros has been supposed to possess the virtue of countenancing poison when made into drinking-cups. Old legends assert that the Unicorn, when he goes to drink, dips his horn in the water to purify it, and that other beasts delay to quench their thirst till the Unicorn has thus sweetened the water. The Narwhal's tooth makes a capital twisted Unicorn's horn, as represented in the old figures. That in the repository of St. Denis, at Paris, was presented by Thevet, and was declared to have been given to him by the king of Monomotapa, who took him out to hunt Unicorns, which are frequent in that country. Some have thought that this horn is a curved elephant's tooth. There is one at Strasburg some seven or eight feet in length, and there are several in Venice.

Great medical virtues were attributed to the so-called horn, and the price it once bore outdoes everything except

* Compare this with the account of the *Néso-don*, in the article RHINOCEROS, vol. xix., p. 473.

the TULIPOMANIA. A Florentine physician has recorded that a pound of it (sixteen ounces), was sold in the shops for fifteen hundred and thirty-six crowns, when the same weight in gold would only have brought one hundred and forty-eight crowns.

We have no satisfactory reason for believing that man ever coexisted with Mastodons; otherwise Professor Owen's discovery of the retention of a single tusk only by the male *Mastodon giganteus*, as a sexual distinction, might have afforded another form of Unicorn. [Rhinoceros; Whales.]

The Unicorn is a national symbol with us; for it is one of the supporters of the royal arms of Great Britain, in that posture termed by heralds 'saillant.'

UNICUIRASSE'S, the French name for the *Unipeltato* or *Unicuirassus Stomopoda*. [Stomopoda, vol. xxiii., p. 82.]

UNIFORM. Though this word means nothing more than 'of one form,' it has a signification in mathematics which might be better rendered by 'of one value' or 'of one degree,' when we speak to the mathematical proficient. But it is a convenience, though only an accidental one, that the word does not imply the idea of value absolutely; a circumstance which may serve us to elucidate a point of great importance in the differential calculus. The commencement is made in the present article: the continuation will follow in VELOCITY.

In order to understand any application of mathematics, whether to space or matter, it is necessary that a perfect mathematical conception should be formed of the quality of space or matter which is to come under consideration. By a perfect mathematical conception, we mean that it must be distinctly seen, first, that the object under consideration is of the nature of magnitude; secondly, that it is of a measurable kind, that is, is capable of being measured, and can actually have a mode of measuring it assigned. Why do so many persons talk and write vaguely about force, velocity, density, acceleration, &c.? Simply because they are only conversant with the first consideration, and have no precision in their ideas of the second: they feel that they are speaking of magnitudes, of things which they know may be more or less, but they have not that familiarity with the precise way of ascertaining the *how much more* or the *how much less*, without which deduction cannot be made intelligible.

Now we say that in every instance in which measurement is shown to be attainable, there is a notion of uniformity which precedes, or ought to precede, that of measurability; and that emphatic mention of this circumstance, and full development of its truth and meaning, ought to be the preliminary step to actual measurement. Moreover, we say that, inasmuch as this idea of uniformity is to be gained previously to that of measurement, we must forego the notion of 'uniform' and 'of one value' being convertible terms, and illustrate the word by considerations independent of value; for this last term implies measurement, as is easily seen.

If we were to take *velocity* as our instance, most readers would be able to appeal to ideas of measurement and value established in their minds, whether vaguely or precisely: we therefore prefer to choose *curvature*, a term which will be quite new as meaning a measurable magnitude to all except those who have more than an elementary knowledge of mathematics. Curvature is, as the name imports, the bending, the gradual bending, which distinguishes a curve from a straight line. It is a magnitude, that is, it allows of the application of the idea of more and less: one curve may bend more than another, or more in one place than in another. So much every one can be sure of at the first announcement: the next step would be to imagine it possible that one curve might, say at and about a point A, bend exactly twice as much as another at and about a point B. But here the ordinary reader can only imagine a possibility: no distinct criterion will at once present itself for determining what proportion the bendings or curvatures of two curves are to be stated as having to one another at two given points. If two tangents be drawn at the two given points, it is obvious that, according as the curve bends more or less, there will be more or less deflection from the tangent. Thus the curve AP, at the point A, has as much curvature as AQ, or more; certainly not less. Now as in other cases, if we measure curvature, it must be by curvature, as length by length, weight by weight, &c.; and as a preliminary, it will be

desirable to have that curve which has everywhere the same curvature. This curve is obviously a circle, which is



throughout its circumference bent in exactly the same manner. Those who cannot imagine how curvatures are to be measured can always see this much, that a true mode of measurement will give the same result to whatever point of a given circle it may be applied. A method of determining value must be false which gives at one point of the same circle a greater curvature than at another. Here we say that any one may see that a notion of uniformity has a useful existence previously to that of any mode of comparing the values of different cases of this uniformity. The circle A may have a radius twice as large as that of B: are we then to say that the curvature of B is double that of A? That the smaller circle bends most is certain; whence it is equally certain that curvature or bending is a magnitude: it has its more and less. Again, it is obvious that the circle B has the same curvature in all its parts, and that the circle A has the same; though the parts of A have a curvature which is not the same as that of the parts of B. Hence it is certain that uniformity of curvature is perfectly conceivable. Now what we have to enforce is, that all this takes place in the mind, before any mode can be given of answering the question how much the curvature of B exceeds that of A. The greater the radius the less the curvature, and A has twice as great a radius as B. If it be proper to say [Variation] that the curvature varies inversely as the radius, then B is twice as much curved as A; but if it be proper to say that the curvature varies inversely as the square of the radius, then that of B is four times as great as that of A. Here the object of this article ends, and we have referred to VELOCITY the manner of making the next step. At the risk of undue repetition, we state again, that a perfect idea of a magnitude, as a magnitude, and of its uniformity, or total absence of change of value, may exist in cases in which the accurate comparison of values, or measurement, is not attained, and may even exist in a mind which has not the means of conceiving the possibility of such comparison or measurement being accurately made.

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UNIO. [NAMES; UNIONIDE.]

UNION, IRISH AND SCOTCH. [IRELAND; SCOTLAND.]

UNIONIDE. Mr. Swainson makes the *Unionide* the first family of his third tribe (*Atrichia*) of his order 'Dithyra, Bristle Shells,' and thus defines and arranges it:—

Unionide. *River Mussels*, or *Unios*.
Animal fluviatile; shell solid, perleceous; generally with cardinal and lateral teeth.

Subfam. 1. *Unioninae*.
One valve, with two cardinal and two lateral teeth; cardinal teeth short; the umbones, or bosses, smooth or longitudinally undulated.

Genera:—*Unio*, Lam. (with the subgenera *Unio*, *Cunio*, *Legumio*, *Sw.*, *Theliderma*, *Sw.*, and *Megadoma*, *Sw.*).

Eglia, *Sw.* (with the subgenera *Eglia*, *Nuidea*, *Sw.*, and *Cathyrus*, *Sw.*).

Myas, *Turton* (with the subgenera *Potomida*, *Sw.*, and *Lymnoda*, *Sw.*).

Subfam. 2. *Hyronie*.
Bosses longitudinally sulcated; cardinal teeth long, compressed, placed on one side of the bosses; hinge margin winged.

Genera:—*Iridos*, *Sw.*; *Castallo*, *Lam.* (with the subgenera *Noio*, *Sw.*, and *Castallo*, *Lam.*); *Hyrio*, *Lam.*; *Hyridella*, *Sw.*

Subfam. 3. *Iridininae*.
Narrow and greatly elongated; hinge margin without teeth, but sometimes granulated.
Genera:—*Iridino*, *Lam.*; *Callicopha*, *Sw.*; *Mycetopex*, *D'Orb.*

Subfam. 4. *Anodontinae*.
Cardinal teeth none; lateral tooth extending along the hinge or entirely wanting; hinge margin generally winged.

Subgenera:—*Lamprocapcha*, Sw.; *Symphynota*, Lea; *Anodon*, Lam.; *Hemiodon*, Sw.; and *Potamurus*, Sw.

Subfam. 5. *Alasmodontinae*.

Lateral teeth entirely wanting; cardinal teeth one or two.

Genera:—*Calceola*,* Sw.; *Alasmodon*, Say (with the subgenera *Unio*, Sw., *Margaritana*, Schum., and *Complanaria*, Sw.). (*Malacology*.)

Mr. J. E. Gray makes the *Unionidae* the eighth family of his order *Cladopoda*.

Genera:—*Anodon*, *Margaritana*, *Alasmodon*, *Damaris*, *Unio*, *Heterodon*, *Dipsas*, and *Monocondyla*.

The *Iridinidae* form the ninth family of the same order in Mr. Gray's arrangement.

Genera:—*Iridina*, *Leda*, *Pleidon*, *Hyrio*, *Custalia*. (*Synopsis Brit. Mus.*) [NALADES.]

UNIPELTATA, the Latin name for the UNICUTRASSA'S.

UNISON, in Music, is a sound which is exactly the same as another, in regard to pitch, i. e. to acuteness or gravity.

Two or more strings agreeing in material, length, thickness, and tension are unisons, as instanced in the strings sounded by each hammer of a pianoforte. And two or more pipes, or tubes of any kind, being of the same dimensions, &c., are also in unison. But strings or pipes of very different materials, as shown in the instance of gut and wire, of wood and metal, may be, and commonly are, tuned in unison. The organ of the human voice is a pipe, and probably governed by the same laws, so far as sound is concerned, as any other pneumatic instrument. Membranous surfaces, likewise, as drums of all kinds, and metallic bars, are equally obedient to the laws controlling all sonorous bodies.

UNIT or UNITY, the name given to that magnitude which is to be considered or reckoned as one, when other magnitudes of the same kind are to be measured. It is not itself one, but is the magnitude which one or I shall stand for in calculation: it is a length, or a weight, or a time, as the case may be, while 1 is only a numerical symbol. This symbol 1 represents the abstract conception of singleness, as distinguished from multitude, and is the unit of abstract arithmetic: but all concrete quantities must have units of their own kind.

Unity, says Euclid (book vii., def. 1), is that according to which each of existing things is called one: *Μονὰς ἑστὶν καὶ ὅτι λεγόμενα τὰς ὁμοῦν ἐν ἑαυτῇ*. And, allowing somewhat for idiom, it would not be easy to mend this definition. Anything may be unity, for other things of its own kind.

The common division of unities into abstract and concrete is merely the distinction between the unit of numeration and that of measurement: the former implying that reckoning or computation is to be performed, without specific reference to any particular object of reckoning; the latter, that some certain unit of length, of capacity, or whatever it may be, is to be signified by 1. On this point the learner must take pains to see, that of all the fundamental operations of arithmetic, three are wholly independent of this distinction, which cannot be said of the fourth. Addition, subtraction, and division can be physically performed, and without reference to units: two lines may be put together into one line, a line may be cut off from another, or a line may be carried along another time after time, until it is seen how many times the greater contains the less. But multiplication requires that number or magnitude should be taken a number of times, and the idea of multiplying a magnitude by a magnitude involves an absurdity. [MULTIPLICATION; RECTANGLES.] Nevertheless some enterprising writers on arithmetic profess to multiply magnitude by magnitude; and to make their doings more striking, they generally choose for their instance to multiply 999. 199. 1144. by 999. 199. 1144. To take an humble case, let us examine the product of 5 shillings and 3 shillings: beginners educated in the common system of arithmetic are generally loth to part with the idea that this must be 15 shillings. The common rule of three, as generally stated, and given without proof, is the cause of much of the habit which leads to this unwillingness; and for those who cannot see any difference between 5 shillings taken 3 times, and 5 shillings multiplied by 3 shillings, the examination of a question in this rule will be worth while.

* N.B. This word is printed in Italian, the sign of a singulus in Mr. Swainson's book.

Let it be as follows:—If 10 apples cost 7 pence, how much will 30 apples cost? The computer proceeds in this manner:—As 10 apples are to 7 pence, so are 30 apples to the answer required. According to the rule, he multiplies together 7 pence and 30 apples, and produces 210—of what he does not say. They can hardly be simple apples, or pence; probably they are 210 chemical compounds of an apple and a penny. The result is to be divided by the first term, 10 apples: here 210 divided by 10 gives 21, and the apples in the divisor decompose this compound, free it of all its fruit, and leave for the final answer 21 pence. The confusion which is caused by the improper use of the concrete unit can hardly be conceived by any but one who has been used to teaching.

UNITARIAN. This term, in its strict and literal interpretation, denotes simply a believer in one God; and, when thus understood, is a generic term, applicable to all Christians, for they all profess to receive the unity of the divine nature; and not only so, but to Jews and Mohammedans also, and even to those unbelievers commonly called Deists, who, on the grounds supplied by natural reason alone, admit the existence, providence, and moral government of one Supreme Being. But it is more commonly understood as opposed to Trinitarian, and is accordingly the received denomination of those Christians who acknowledge one God in one person, as distinguished from those who conceive of him in three persons, characters, or relations, each of which they regard as the proper object of a distinct and separate religious worship. The Unitarian Christian believes the Father to be the only true God, and Jesus his messenger to be the Christ. (*John* xvii. 3.) This is the leading fundamental principle, which constitutes the true and complete definition of the term; under which are consequently included all those who, receiving the divine authority or commission of Jesus Christ, believe him to be a dependent creature, deriving his existence from the Father, and therefore as the fit object of all the veneration, submission, and obedience which can be offered to a creature, but not of religious worship properly so called. Agreeing in this great and leading principle, Unitarians differ in their opinions as to the origin, nature, and dignity of the author of their religion. Some believe him to have been a celestial spirit of great power and dignity, existing before all worlds, and employed by the Father as his instrument or agent in the erection of the universe, or at least of this portion of it in which we dwell. These are usually called, and call themselves, Arians; though differing in various particulars from the distinguishing tenets of that celebrated heresiarch. Of this class was the late eminent Dr. Price, and many of the principal English Unitarians in the earlier part of the last century. Others believe Jesus to have had no existence previous to his birth, and to have been simply 'a man, approved of God by miracles and wonders and signs which God did by him.' (*Acts* ii. 22.) These are not unfrequently styled Socinians: but they themselves, almost universally, reject this appellation; though in fact there is no more reason why it should be so considered than Lutheran, Calvinist, or Arminian, and also because Socinus held certain opinions which they disapprove, particularly the duty of praying to Christ, contrary, as many of them think, to his own express injunction (*John* xvi. 23); at all events, not authorized by any positive command or precept, and they allege that they can find no direction in the New Testament to pray to Christ; nor any example of prayer, properly so called, which is not addressed to 'the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.' (*Eph.* i. 3, 17; *iii.* 14.) Unitarians believe that in Christ dwelt all the fulness of the Godhead, inasmuch as the spirit was not given by measure unto him, and as he was invested with full power to make known to the children of men the will and intentions of God concerning them; and they require no other evidence than his authority for receiving all which he delivered as coming from God. On this authority they believe that there will be a resurrection from the dead, both of the just and of the unjust, when all shall be rewarded according to their works, and when Christ himself shall come in the glory of his Father to judge the living and the dead. They believe that the truth of this declaration was ascertained and exemplified by his own resurrection from the grave. They believe that he was sent to include both Jew and Gentile in the terms of a new and better covenant; and to admit

the whole race of mankind to a participation in the privileges of the family of God. For this reason it is that the death of Christ is described by himself as the blood of the new covenant, shed for many for the remission of sins; and hence Unitarians receive him not as God himself, but as the issue of God (2 Cor. iv. 4.), and a ray of his Father's glory—as the one Mediator between God and man.

Unitarians believe in the Atonement; understanding that term in the sense in which it is used in the only place where it occurs in the New Testament, namely, reconciliation. Men were enemies to God by wicked works; they were reconciled by the death of Christ, that is, by the new covenant of grace and mercy ratified by his death, in as far as they have been reclaimed from sin to a life of righteousness. In this sense they think that Christ died for us; not in our stead, but on our behalf; to procure for us the benefit of a new and better dispensation. Thus the terms or conditions of salvation are 'repentance towards God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.' And they deny that these views are liable to the charge which is sometimes brought against them, of underrating the evil of sin; considering that by repentance is meant not merely sorrow for past sin, but a change of mind and heart, leading to future amendment, and, when practicable, to restitution.

Unitarians are sometimes charged with relying upon their own merits, but erroneously. They profess to look for everything they have or can expect solely to the free grace and mercy of God, manifested in the gospel of Jesus Christ. This, and this alone, is the procuring cause of salvation, of which conversion where necessary, and repentance and better obedience in all cases, are only the prescribed, but indispensable condition; a condition, which they believe that all men are competent to fulfil, by a diligent and conscientious exercise of their natural powers. These powers, and the entire constitution which man inherits at his birth, they believe to be such as his Maker intended them to be, not less capable in their own nature of religious and moral improvement than those of his first progenitor, when cultivated with due care, exercised under an influential sense of the Divine presence, and an habitual application for the Divine protection and blessing promised in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Unitarians for the most part believe in the doctrine of Universal Restitution; considering punishment, both here and hereafter, not as the expression of what is called *retributive* justice, but as the instrument of a remedial discipline, destined ultimately to bring back the sinner from the error of his ways. Others however are understood to believe in the final destruction of sinners. But it should be observed that on this, as on all other points, it is difficult to give any precise statement; because in fact there does not exist any Unitarian *creed* or standard, which the general body have ever formally recognised as of authority. No Unitarian will allow himself to be held responsible for the opinions maintained by any other, let his talents, eminence, or reputation be what they may. Thus, notwithstanding the respect in which they universally hold the names of Priestley and Belsham, they would protest against the attempt to charge them either collectively or individually even with all the theological opinions maintained by those eminent persons; still less would they choose to be considered as adopting implicitly all their peculiar tenets in metaphysics or philosophy.

Without touching on the controversies which have arisen respecting the history of Unitarianism in the primitive church, it may be sufficient for our purpose to observe that it quickly made its appearance among the leading reformers of the sixteenth century. The fate of Servetus, who was burnt at Geneva for the profession of this obnoxious sentiment, is the foulest blot on the character of Calvin. Several of the most eminent of the Italian reformers of that period were anti-Trinitarians of different degrees, some of whom became distinguished lights and founders of Unitarian churches in distant lands. In this country, during the reigns of Edward VI., Elizabeth, and James I., several persons expiated the offence of this form of heresy at the stake; but the first religious society established in England avowedly on this principle was gathered in the time of the Commonwealth by Huddle, who may therefore be styled the father of English Unitarianism. The Unitarians of the present day in this country are chiefly the descendants and

representatives of that branch of the early Non-conformists who received the denomination of Presbyterians; and they are still known by that name, though no Presbyterian form of church-government, properly so called, has ever existed either among them or their predecessors. A smaller body are Baptists; and a few societies now Unitarian originally belonged wholly or partially to the Independent denomination. In the proper sense of the word they are all Congregationalists; inasmuch as every society is a distinct religious community, acknowledging no external control upon earth in spiritual concerns. In Ireland the Presbytery of Antrim, a considerable body who seceded from the Presbyterian church early in the last century, on refusing to subscribe the Confession of Faith, are wholly or chiefly Unitarian; and the same may be said of a still larger secession which has more recently taken place on a similar ground, forming what is now called the Remonstrant Synod. The first of these bodies consists of nine, the second of thirty congregations, most of them very numerous. There are also five Unitarian congregations connected with the southern Presbyterian synod of Munster. Flourishing Unitarian congregations have lately been formed in Edinburgh and Glasgow, and several smaller societies exist in other parts of Scotland.

The absolute number, either of congregations or of individuals forming what may be called the Unitarian body in Great Britain and Ireland, it is scarcely possible to estimate with any approach to accuracy. There exists no authority empowered to exact returns of this kind; and though inquiries have been made with the view of ascertaining this point, no precise result has been obtained. But it is thought the entire number would not be overrated at three hundred congregations, comprising upwards of one hundred thousand persons.

In the United States of America there are at least four distinct religious bodies who profess anti-Trinitarian opinions:—1. A large portion of the Congregationalist churches in Massachusetts, with a few in the adjoining states of New England, to which may be added churches of the same denomination in several of the principal towns in other parts of the Union. The strength of this denomination is understood to be at Boston and the neighbourhood: it numbers about 150 congregations. 2. The Universalists, whose leading tenet is the doctrine of Universal Restitution; but who have in general adopted some modification of Unitarianism. The churches of this sect are very numerous. 3. A considerable majority of the American Quakers, from whom their orthodox brethren have seceded of late years, and formed a distinct community. In the Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Friends at Philadelphia, in 1831, their number was estimated at 43,000. 4. A numerous denomination who call themselves *Christians* by way of distinction, refusing to be enrolled as the followers of any other leader. They numbered some years since not fewer than seven or eight hundred congregations.

At Geneva, once the fountain-head and stronghold of Calvinism, the pulpits are mostly occupied by Unitarian preachers, and similar views are generally prevalent among the people. The same transition is said to have taken place in various parts of the adjacent canton of the Pays de Vaud.

In Transylvania the descendants of the followers of Socinus, Davides, and others, in the sixteenth century, still form a numerous community, estimated in 1829 at 47,000. They have a college at Klausenberg, containing about 100 students. We learn from a late traveller that they are said to be distinguished for their prudence and moderation in politics, their industry and morality in private life, and the superiority of their education to the generality of those of their own class. (Puglet's *Hungary and Transylvania*.)

In this article no attempt has been made to exhibit the Scriptural proofs on which Unitarians are accustomed to rely; still less to give any minute critical examination of the texts usually cited in opposition to their doctrines; but merely to state as concisely and distinctly as possible what those doctrines are. Those who wish to obtain further information on this subject are referred (among other sources) to Landsey's *Apology and Sequel*; Landsey's *Letter on the Logos*; Belsham's *Calvin Inquiry*; Carpenter's *Unitarianism the Doctrine of the Gospel*; Yates's *Notes on Wardlaw*; and the Doctrinal Discourses of the late Dr. Channing.

UNITED BRETHREN. [MORAVIANS.]
UNITED PROVINCES of the Netherlands. [NETHERLANDS.]

UNITED STATES OF NORTH AMERICA. The geography, statistics, and local history of each state have been given apart. The object of this article is to trace the process by which the United States became a nation, and to describe briefly the extent of their territory, their population and its character, and the organization of their general government.

History.—The peace of Paris, concluded in 1763, broke the strongest link of the chain which kept the American plantations subject to England. The hostilities between the French and English colonists in North America, which commenced in 1613, and were only interrupted by brief intervals of truce till 1763, obliged the English settlers to acquiesce in the sovereignty of the mother-country, in order to insure its protection. When, by the peace of Paris, Canada was ceded to England, and the settlements of France confined to the town of New Orleans and a few plantations on the Mississippi (which were soon after ceded to Spain), one of the most powerful motives which induced the Colonies to continue subject to the British government ceased to exist.

In 1763 the British colonies were in number thirteen: Virginia, the oldest, having been founded in 1607; Georgia, the newest settlement, in 1732. It is impossible to say with precision what was at that time the amount of their population. In 1749 it was estimated that the inhabitants of the colonies amounted to 1,046,000 souls. The increase in the towns of Boston, New York, and Philadelphia during the interval between that year and 1763, appears to have been about 20 per cent.; and from the amount of new lands taken into cultivation, the general increase cannot have been at a lower ratio, which would give the population in 1763, at 1,216,000, probably an under estimate. The value of the produce exported to Great Britain in 1750 was 804,770*l.* *ss.* 6*d.*; of the goods imported from that country in the same year, 1,313,076*l.* In 1760. The value of the goods exported in 1760 was 781,101*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.*; of those imported, 2,611,766*l.* 16*s.* 10*d.* The falling off in the exports is accounted for by the war then raging; the increase of the imports, by the remittance of warlike stores and goods as a means of paying the regular army in America. This disturbance renders it impossible to make use of the export and import talies to check the estimate of the population.

The settlers in the British colonies of North America were scattered in a straggling line, along the sea-board, from the 31st to the 44th degree of North latitude. Albany was the western termination of the settled country in the north; the Blue Ridge, in Virginia; in the Carolinas and Georgia the breadth of the settled countries from the sea was still less. The varied circumstances under which the colonies had been originally planted, and the difficulty of intercourse between those which were at a distance from each other, had promoted a striking diversity of provincial character.

In Virginia, founded by adventurers who sought only to better their fortunes, and augmented during the civil wars of England by the resort of royalist refugees, the opinions and sentiments of the population differed from those which prevailed in England only through accidents of local position. Subsequently to the year 1670 the labour of negro slaves had superseded throughout the colony the compulsory labour of indentured white servants or convicts. The settlers were dispersed through the colony, along the banks of the navigable rivers. They were all agriculturists, engaged in the growth of tobacco, the staple of the colony. Many of the landed estates were large and entailed. The richest planters cultivated their own lands, with their own slaves, and consumed great part of the produce in the exercise of a profuse hospitality. They received in return for their tobacco articles of foreign luxury, but most of the estates were deeply in debt to the English or Scotch merchants, who carried on the commerce of the province. The Church of England was established, and gave the law in religion and morals, though dissenters were numerous. Literature was neglected; and, in the absence of intellectual pursuits, and of the elegant dissipation of cities, the leisure of the wealthier classes was saved from ennui by field-sports, cock-fighting, gaming, and drinking. It is among men of

this kind that the military character is most apt to develop itself; and accordingly we find the provincial troops of Virginia, during the war which ended in 1783, not only more numerous, but better organized and disciplined, and producing more officers of talent than those of any other colony. The general character of Maryland society differed in no essential particulars from that of Virginia. The social tone of the Carolinas and Georgia differed from both only in a more close connection with the mother country, owing perhaps to their comparatively recent establishment, and the prevalent practice of sending young men of fortune to be educated in England.

The inhabitants of the New England provinces, the next settlements in point of antiquity to Virginia, differed materially from the societies which have just been passed in review. The first settlers were driven to America by religious and political motives: they came to organise a civil society in accordance with their theoretical views, which were Puritan in religion, and republican in politics. There was a more scanty admixture of the aristocratic families of England among them than among the southern settlers. Their less productive soil and less favourable climate forced upon them habits of more unremitting industry than prevailed in the south, and rewarded them rarely with more than a competency in return. The fisheries and the infant manufactures of these countries promoted a less struggling mode of settlement than prevailed in Virginia, and the development of greater energy, versatility, and promptitude in action. Their sectarian and propagandist turn of mind was favourable to a certain range of study; and scientific education, as far as it could be rendered subservient to worldly advantages or polemical superiority, was zealously patronised. The New Englanders were the politicians of the English colonies in North America.

The midland colonies, from the western boundary of Connecticut to Maryland, were peculiarly circumstanced. That region had been originally colonised by the Dutch and the Swedes, and the bulk of the original settlers remained in the country after it had been ceded to Great Britain. Their numbers were occasionally reinforced by fresh emigrants from Holland and Sweden, and a considerable number of Germans joined them. Except in the town of New York, the Dutch population predominated throughout the country till a short time before the revolutionary war. The favourable commercial position of New York rendered it at an early period the great emporium of British America; and this circumstance, co-operating with the non-assimilation of the Dutch and English settlers, kept the citizens of New York less decidedly American than any of the other colonists. They were neither zealous provincial politicians, like the New Englanders, nor attached to the soil, like the planters of Virginia: they were merely wealthy traders. The important part taken by the Society of Friends in the settlement of Pennsylvania, another of the central conquered provinces, had also tended to give it a more neutral and undecided character than either the southern or northern group of provinces. Quaker principles are a system of velegations; no society could be maintained upon them; and accordingly the management of provincial business fell into the hands of those who qualified the doctrines of the sect, of those who left it altogether, and of immigrants who never had belonged to it. But the proprietary hold upon the province, vested in the family of Penn, in a great measure neutralised the working of these elements down to the period of the Revolution. There was personal industry and assiduity in Pennsylvania, a decent attention to intellectual pursuits, but little public spirit; neither the military ardour of Virginia nor the political enthusiasm of New England. This systematic quietude was more respectable than the mercantile Epicureanism of New York; but their consequences did not differ widely.

The institutions of all these colonies were calculated to develop both the taste and talent for political business. In all new settlements it is found expedient to task private individuals with the discharge of functions which in more matured societies devolve upon professional men. The range of jurisdiction intrusted to justices of the peace was necessarily much wider in the colonies than in the mother country; the licences to practice as legal agents was more easily obtained. In all the colonies, elective assemblies participated largely in the legislative and financial autho-

city. An organized militia was required for defence against the aggressions of the Indians and French settlers. Under the influence of these circumstances, a class of professional public men had grown up in the colonies: men indisposed by their tastes, or incapacitated by their want of powers of continuous industry, for trade or agriculture, devoted themselves to public business, not merely as amateurs, but as a means of gaining a living, and sometimes affluence and power. The narrow sphere in which they acted heaped a number of incongruous employments upon them: they were in general a strange mixture of the lawyer, politician, and soldier, not entirely secluded from mercantile and agricultural pursuits.

The almost incessant wars between France and England had developed more comprehensive views and more ambitious aspirations among these men than could find sustenance in the petty domestic business of one colony. The remoteness of the central government not unfrequently rendered it necessary for the local authorities to take measures which, in strict propriety, could only originate with it, and employ the nearest and readiest agents in carrying them into execution. Undertakings too were at times found necessary which surpassed the powers of a single colony, and for which the combined efforts of several were required. Cases of this kind are numerous, but belong properly to the history of individual colonies: the enterprise however which led to the capture of Louisbourg, in 1745, as the first in a train of operations which led to a gradually extending federation of the colonies, belongs to their common history.

From 1730, when the resolution of the French government to unite its settlements in Louisiana and Canada by a chain of posts along the Mississippi and the lakes became apparent, every movement of that power had been jealously watched by the English. In that year a treaty was concluded with the Cherokees south and west of Carolina, in which they acknowledged themselves the subjects of King George. The province of New York, apprehending an invasion from the Indians under French influence, voted, in 1734, 6000*l.* for fortifying the city of New York; 4000*l.* for erecting a stone fort and other conveniences for soldiers at Albany; 800*l.* for a fort and blockhouse at Schenectady; and 500*l.* for manning the Seneca, and, if possible, constructing military posts in their territories. In 1744 war was declared by Great Britain against France; and before the intelligence reached New England, the governor of Cape Breton sent 900 soldiers under DuRoi to assist against Canso, which they surprised and took. As a measure of retaliation, and also as a measure of security against French privateers, it was deemed by the English a measure of high importance to reduce Louisbourg, a strong fortified town, erected by the French on Cape Breton. Shirley, governor of Massachusetts, proposed the enterprise to the members of the general court, without waiting for authority from England. The proposal was agreed to by a majority of only one vote, and circulars despatched to the other colonies, as far as Pennsylvania, requesting assistance: all excused themselves from taking part in the adventure, except Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island. Forces were raised, and a small army equipped. Massachusetts sent 3250 men, New Hampshire 304, Connecticut 516, Rhode Island 300 (who arrived too late): these were commanded by native officers. Connecticut and Rhode Island consented that their colony ships should be employed as cruisers; Massachusetts hired a privateer of 200 tons, and a snow of less burden; Boston fitted out a ship and a snow; the governor added a ship of 20 guns, a snow, a brig, and three sloops: this squadron was placed under Captain Tyng as commodore. The armament was joined off Canso by Commodore Warren from England, with one ship of 60 guns and three of 40 guns each. Louisbourg and a number of rich French vessels were taken by Warren and the provincial forces. The Assembly of Pennsylvania, which had refused to participate in the expedition, on hearing that Louisbourg was taken, voted 4000*l.* for the maintenance of the troops.

The success of this enterprise emboldened Shirley to project the conquest of all the French dominions in America. The British ministry approved of the scheme, and a circular was sent by the secretary of state to the governors of Virginia and all the colonies to the northward, requiring them to raise as many men as they could spare, and form them into companies of 100, to be ready

to support the naval and land forces to be sent from England. The colonial assemblies voted, in 1746, very unequal proportions of men:—New Hampshire, 500; Massachusetts, 3500; Rhode Island, 300; Connecticut, 1000; New York, 1000; New Jersey, 500; Maryland, 300; Virginia, 100; Pennsylvania, 400; in all, 8300. But the English troops and general, or even orders from England, were expected in vain the whole summer. As autumn approached, Shirley and Warren resolved, rather than allow the whole year to pass in inactivity, to assemble a sufficient force of provincials at Albany, and with it make an attempt upon the French fort at Crown Point. Before this could be effected, movements among the French and Indians along the north frontier of New England, and the arrival of a powerful fleet, with 4000 soldiers and military stores, from France, turned all their attention to the defensive operations. In a few days 6400 of the inland militia marched into Boston; 6000 held themselves in momentary readiness to march from Connecticut; old forts were repaired, and new ones erected. A succession of storms, in which the French fleet sustained much loss, and a pestilential fever, which broke out among the French troops, averted the danger. The colonists felt that the mother country had left them to carry on its war with their own unaided resources. No other operations of moment were undertaken in America till a treaty was concluded between Great Britain and France in 1748.

The treaty produced no peace, but only a hollow truce, during which both parties were digesting and maturing more extensive plans of war. There were also desultory hostilities carried on along the whole frontier, and the North American colonies, both of France and England, were all frontier. The military organization of New England and New York was kept up. Even in Pennsylvania the sense of the necessity of a defensive establishment, and the dexterous management of Franklin, had introduced a respectably disciplined militia, erected forts, and procured cannon. In 1751 Virginia was divided into military districts, and an officer, called adjutant-general, with the rank of major, appointed in each, whose duty it was to assemble and exercise the militia, inspect their arms, and enforce the discipline prescribed by the laws. When Governor Dinwiddie arrived in Virginia, in 1752, he partitioned out the colony into four military divisions, and George Washington, who had been chosen one of the adjutants-general, had his commission as major renewed, and was appointed to command the northern division.

In 1753 the French crossed the Ohio in force, and entrenched themselves on the upper waters of the Ohio. This fact being reported by Washington, who had been sent on an exploratory mission by Dinwiddie, a small force was called out to watch the frontier, and placed under the command of Washington, who established his headquarters at Alexandria. Orders from England had by this time reached the governors of all the colonies, instructing them, in the event of encroachments on the part of the French, to repel force by force, and recommending union for defence. In compliance with this recommendation, a general convention of delegates from all the colonies was summoned for the purpose of holding a conference with the chiefs of the Indian tribes north of New York, called the Six Nations. The convention met at Albany, on the 14th June, 1754: it was composed of delegates from New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and Maryland, with the lieutenant-governor and council of New York, and it was met by 150 men of the Six Nations. This assembly constitutes an epoch in the history of the United States: a plan was presented to it for a permanent union of all the colonies under one government, so far as might be necessary for defence and other important general purposes.

Several of the commissioners came prepared with plans for a union of the colonies to be submitted to the congress. A vote was taken whether a union should be established, which passed unanimously in the affirmative; a committee was then appointed, of one from each colony, to report on the different plans, and that which had been drawn up by Franklin was preferred, and with a few amendments reported. Franklin's proposal was, that application should be made for an Act of Parliament to include all the British colonies in North America within one government, under which each colony might retain its own constitution; that this general government should be adminis-

tered by a president-general, appointed and supported by the crown, and a council nominated by the legislative assemblies of the different colonies; that the general government should have the power to purchase Indian lands for the crown, to make new settlements on those lands, to make laws for the new settlements till the crown should form them into particular governments, to raise and pay soldiers, build forts and equip vessels for the defence of the colonies, to make peace or declare war with the Indians, to regulate the Indian trade, to levy duties for these purposes, and to appoint a treasurer. After lengthened debates this plan was agreed to, and copies ordered to be transmitted to the board of trade and the assemblies of the several provinces. The board of trade disapproved of it as too democratic, the assemblies as too favourable to prerogative. That such a plan should be proposed was, however, an indication of the direction which the minds of the American leaders had taken, and its discussion in the provincial assemblies riveted men's minds upon a tangible and practical measure of union. It formed public opinion; for, with the exception of an elective president, it embodies all the essential features of the constitution ultimately adopted by the United States.

The British ministers devised a scheme of their own, whereby the governors of the provinces, with some members of their respective councils, were to meet and make arrangements for the common defence; they were to draw on the treasury of Great Britain for the expense, which was afterwards to be refunded by a tax levied in America by act of parliament. No immediate arrangements were made for realizing this project; but in the meantime General Braddock was sent to America with two regiments of regular troops. His progress towards the frontier was arrested in Maryland for want of carriages, no commissariat arrangements having been made either by the British or colonial governments. Out of this dilemma the general was extricated by the practical genius of Franklin. Braddock advanced, utterly regardless of the advice of the colonists familiar with Indian warfare, and led the advanced division of his army into an ambushade, where it was entirely defeated. Dunbar, who commanded the second division, fled precipitately to Philadelphia. Washington distinguished himself in covering the retreat of the routed party, and subsequently in protecting the Virginian frontier. The Assembly of Philadelphia raised 60,000*l.* to place their frontier in a state of defence; and the erection of forts and the calling out and organizing the militia was intrusted to Franklin. In the meantime the provincial forces of the New England provinces had struggled against the French with varying fortune between Albany and Fort George: their campaign ended with both parties retiring within their respective frontiers and strengthening their forts. The result of the military operations of the year was alarming to the British settlers, but a more lasting impression produced in their minds was, that it would have been still more disastrous had their defence been intrusted to British troops entirely, instead of being left mainly to their own exertions.

Though hostilities had been carrying on in America in 1754 and 1755, war was not formally declared between Britain and France till 1756. In that year extensive armaments were sent to America by both governments, and the provincial regiments acted throughout the remainder of the war as auxiliaries. They continued to form a majority of the British forces, but their officers were kept in a subordinate condition extremely galling to those among them who had acquired military experience in the frontier wars, in the expedition of Vernon against Carthagen, and on other occasions. The rest of the war therefore, as affording no further indications of the growth of a spirit of nationality among the Anglo-Americans, may be passed over with the intimation that it was ended in 1763 with the cession of Canada to Great Britain by France.

Immediately after the ratification of the treaty of peace, the intention of the British ministers to quarter troops in America and support them by taxes levied on the colonies was announced. On the 10th of March, 1764, the House of Commons adopted a resolution, 'that it was proper to charge certain stamp-duties in the colonies and plantations.' And on the 5th of April an act was passed granting certain duties in the colonies. This act was in substance only a renewal of the Sugar Act of George II., but instead of the reason (commercial regulations) assigned in

the preamble of the old statute, the new was avowedly intended for the raising of revenue. Instructions were at the same time given by the British government to the commanders of king's ships stationed in America to enforce the law against smuggling. The conduct of the British ministers was indicative of infatuation. Events had impressed the colonists with the opinion (whether correct or otherwise is indifferent) that with proper organization they were competent to defend themselves even when threatened by the vicinity of French settlements; and now it was proposed to quarter soldiers upon them, when that danger had been removed. Again, restrictions upon their trade had always been a grievance with the colonists. The Navigation Act, passed in 1651, and re-enacted in 1690, had always been laxly enforced in America. The New Englanders carried their fish to the Mediterranean and brought back the produce of Southern Europe in exchange; Spain was the best market for the rice of Carolina; the Dutch settlers of New York kept up without scruple their commercial intercourse with their parent country. 'It has been a maxim with me during my administration,' said Sir Robert Walpole in 1739, 'to encourage the trade of the American colonies in the utmost latitude. Nay, it has been necessary to pass over some irregularities in their trade with Europe; for by encouraging them to an extensive growing commerce, if they gain 500,000*l.*, I am convinced that in two years afterwards full 250,000*l.* of their gains will be in his majesty's exchequer by the labour and product of this kingdom; as immense quantities of every kind go thither; and as they increase in their foreign American trade more of our produce will be wanted.' But this leniency was perhaps more unwise than a rigorous enforcement of the navigation laws; being generally left in abeyance, any attempt to enforce them was in appearance (perhaps in reality) a resuscitation of obsolete laws for purely vexatious purposes. One of the occasional attempts to enforce them in Boston having led to the issuing of 'writs of assistance' to aid custom-house officers in the discharge of their duty, according to the usage of the exchequer in England, gave occasion to challenge the legality of those writs in the provincial Superior Court of Justice. Mr. Otis, at that time advocate-general, was requested by the government to argue in support of the writs: he refused, resigned his office, and appeared as counsel for the people to plead against them. The decision of the court was, that it 'could see no foundation for such a writ'; but this was the least effect of Otis's argument. In the course of it he, in the words of President Adams's summary of his speech, 'examined the acts of trade one by one, and demonstrated that if they were considered as revenue laws, they destroyed all our security of property, liberty, and life, every right of nature and the English constitution, and the charter of the province.' This was the theme that arrested the attention of the public and dwelt in their recollection: 'I do say,' wrote Adams, long after, 'that Mr. Otis's oration against writs of assistance breathed into this nation the breath of life.'

The enactments of 1764 were met in the spirit which Otis had inspired. The Assembly of Massachusetts protested against the Sugar Act and the quartering of troops as unconstitutional; and appointed a committee to sit during the recess, to write to other governments to inform them of the resolutions, and to invite all the colonial assemblies to join with them to obtain a repeal of the Sugar Act and prevent the enactment of a Stamp Act. In Virginia, the House of Burgesses, on receiving information of the declaratory act, prepared an address to the king, a memorial to the House of Lords, and a remonstrance to the House of Commons. The confiscations of the naval commanders put a stop to the commerce which the English colonies had carried on with the French islands and the Spanish settlements. The consequence of these acts and discussions was a universal ferment throughout the colonies; nevertheless the Sugar Act, being regarded as a commercial regulation, was not openly disobeyed.

In the beginning of 1765 the British parliament followed up the declaratory resolution of the preceding year by passing an act for raising a revenue by a general stamp-duty through all the American colonies. The Assemblies of Massachusetts and Virginia protested against the act as unconstitutional. On the 7th of October a congress, consisting of twenty-eight delegates, from the Assemblies of

Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, the Delaware counties, Maryland, and South Carolina, met in the city of New York. The results of its deliberations were, a petition to the king, a memorial to each house of parliament, and a recommendation to the colonies to appoint special agents to solicit redress of grievances. Besides the new measures, almost every colony was at that time complaining of some particular grievance, some of them of long standing: the Stamp Act had the effect of making each colony adopt all the grievances of its neighbours as its own. The Stamp Act was never enforced: in every town local mobs obliged those who had been nominated collectors and distributors under it to decline the employment. In 1766 the Stamp Act was repealed by parliament; but the repeal was accompanied by a declaratory act, asserting the right and power of the British legislature to bind the colonies in all cases whatever. In conformity with this declaration an act was passed in 1767, imposing a duty on paper, glass, painters' colours, and teas, to be paid by the colonists in the colonies. This act was met on the part of the Americans with the same determined spirit of resistance as the Stamp Act. The Assembly of Massachusetts addressed, in February, 1768, a circular letter to the burgesses and representatives of the people throughout the colonies, requesting them to unite to obtain redress. In April of the same year the British minister transmitted a circular letter to the governors, instructing them to use their influence to defeat the attempt to combine the colonies, by prevailing upon the Assemblies of their respective provinces to take no notice of the Massachusetts letter. The colonial legislatures refused to give any promise to that effect, and were dissolved. The members of the Massachusetts Assembly, on being dissolved by the governor, re-assembled under the name of a convention, and continued to sit and act as a legislature in defiance of his authority. When the new colonial legislatures met, in 1769, they proved as intemperate as their predecessors. In 1770 Lord North, who had succeeded the duke of Grafton as premier, prepared a bill to repeal as much of the act of 1767 as imposed duties on glass, paper, and painters' colours, and to continue that part which imposed a duty on tea. Such a trifling alteration could have no effect on the sentiments of the Americans: they objected to the British parliament's right to tax them, not to the amount of the tax; and were not to be conciliated by a remission of duties repealed, to use Lord North's own words, 'because they had been found unproductive.'

From the meeting of the Congress of 1765 till 1774, there was little appearance of concert among the colonies in their opposition to the parliamentary measures of the mother-country. The government of Great Britain could enforce none of its mandates throughout the thirteen colonies, except where its soldiers were present to enforce them. But the resistance was everywhere local, spontaneous, unconcerted. Each colony, each assembly, each township, each man, resisted in their individual or corporate capacities, but without any appearance of previous arrangement or ulterior object. This desultory struggle had the effect of making the opposition a personal concern of every one engaged in it. An emulative spirit made every man or corporation seek to outdo his or its fellows in boldness. In 1771 the Regulators of North Carolina shut up the courts of justice, and were only put down after a pitched battle. In 1772 the colonists of Rhode Island captured the armed government schooner *Gaspée*. In 1773 the citizens of Boston threw the cargoes of tea, which had been brought into their harbour notwithstanding their non-importation resolutions, into the sea. Every attempt on the part of the government officers to enforce the obnoxious laws called forth petitions, protests, and remonstrances from the colonial legislatures; and when these bodies were dissolved, their members met as congresses or conventions without the authority of the governors, and transacted business as before. Every collision between the British soldiery and the colonists gave occasion to public meetings, in which the popular wrath was stimulated by glowing declamation. This chaotic period of agitation is one which precedes all social revolutions: it is giving popular leaders too much credit for inventive genius and foresight to say they occasion it; at best they eat only use it. But the popular leaders in America

were not slack in their efforts to give form and organization to this spontaneous movement. Soldiers had been quartered upon Boston so early as 1768, under the impression that its citizens were the originators of the disaffection, of which they were only the boldest utterers. The destruction of the tea in that town in 1773 was punished in 1774 by an act of parliament ordering the port to be shut up. The enforcement of this act converted the community of Boston into martyrs for American liberty. At Philadelphia a subscription was set on foot for the poorer inhabitants: the Assembly of Virginia proclaimed a solemn fast to be observed on the day the port was closed: the neighbouring ports offered the use of their stores and wharfs to the merchants of Boston. Boston became a central point towards which the sympathies of all America converged—the nucleus of a combination of all the colonies. Committees of correspondence already existed in most of them. The first had been appointed at a town meeting in Boston, in 1772; another by the House of Burgesses of Virginia, in 1773. In June, 1774, the Massachusetts House of Representatives appointed a committee of five persons to meet committees or delegates from the other provinces at Philadelphia on the 1st of September; and by the agency of the committees of correspondence it was brought to pass that delegates from eleven colonies appeared at Philadelphia on the 4th of the month named. The colonies represented were—New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia. On the 14th the deputies from North Carolina arrived. This first Continental Congress continued to sit for eight weeks. During that period it prepared and published—1. A Declaration of Rights, enumerating the acts by which they had been violated, and declaring a repeal of these acts indispensable to the restoration of harmony between Great Britain and the colonies. 2. A loyal address to the king. 3. An address to the people of Great Britain. 4. Letters to the people of Canada, to the colonies of St. John's, Nova Scotia, and Georgia, and the Floridas, inviting them to unite in the common cause of British America. 5. A memorial to the people of British America, stating the necessity of a firm observance of the measures recommended by Congress, as they valued the rights derived from their constitution.

Having transacted this business, Congress dissolved, but not without expressing an opinion 'that another congress should be held on the 10th of May next ensuing, at Philadelphia, unless the redress of their grievances should be previously obtained;' and recommending 'to all the colonies to choose deputies as soon as possible, to be ready to attend at that time and place, should events make their meeting necessary.' The resolutions of the Continental Congress received the sanction of the thirteen provincial congresses and colonial assemblies, with the exception of that of New York: that town, as the head-quarters of the British army, and animated by the mere spirit of trade, was more lukewarm than the rest of the country.

The assembling of the first Continental Congress was a realization of the plan of union proposed by Franklin twenty years before. This became more apparent in 1775. The second Congress met at Philadelphia on the 10th of May, but before that time hostilities had been commenced by the battle of Lexington in Massachusetts. The intimation of this collision to Congress called forth a declaration that hostilities had already commenced, and that the colonies ought to be placed in a state of defence. On the 27th of May it was voted that 20,000 men should be immediately equipped, and George Washington appointed general and commander-in-chief; articles of war were framed, and the organization of the higher departments of the army commenced; and, most decisive step of all, bills of credit were issued to the amount of three millions of milled Spanish dollars, to defray the expenses of the war, and 'the Twelve United Colonies' pledged their redemption. On the 23rd of July it was voted that additional bills, to the value of another million, should be struck, and that a force not exceeding 3000 should be kept up in the New York department. On the 26th, that a postmaster-general be appointed for the United Colonies, and a line of posts established under his direction from Falmouth in New England to Savannah in Georgia. On the 26th of November a committee was appointed to correspond with the friends of America in other countries: it was called

the Committee of Secret Correspondence, till April, 1777, when the name was changed to that of Committee of Foreign Affairs. On the 13th of December the report of a committee appointed to devise ways and means for fitting out a naval armament was adopted, and another committee named to carry it into execution. These were all acts of a central sovereign government, though the title was not yet assumed. In the same spirit was the answer of Congress to a letter from Massachusetts complaining of the want of a regular form of government, in which the colony was advised to consider the offices of governor and lieutenant-governor as vacant, and to elect an Assembly to govern them according to their charter. Similar advice was given by the third Congress, in 1776, to New Hampshire, South Carolina, New Jersey, and Virginia, and was adopted by these colonies. Before the second Congress dissolved, Georgia had elected delegates; and the members of Congress despairing of any of the mainland colonies wrested from the French and Spaniards joining their standard, had forbidden all exportations to Quebec, Nova Scotia, and East and West Florida, and prohibited the supply of provisions to British fisheries on the American coast. Thus, before the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, the United Colonies had already all the essentials of their future general government as well as states' governments. The want of a chief magistrate they supplied by appointing an Executive Committee of twelve, one-third of whom were to retire every year by rotation.

The Declaration of Independence was mainly useful as affording a pledge, both to American citizens and foreign states, that those who had seized the helm of affairs in America would stand firm: that there was no longer any chance of a compromise between the mother country and the colonies. This step, though bold, was not so rash as might at first sight appear on the part of a population scarcely amounting to two millions and a half. Great Britain, though a powerful nation, had not then developed the immense manufacturing resources which carried her through the colonial wars of the French Revolution. On the other hand, the leaders in the United States were not the simple Arcadians, the men fresh from the plough and forest, which it was then the fashion to represent them. For example, Franklin by his long services in the Philadelphia Assembly, by his discharge of the office of postmaster-general, by his share in the commensurate exertions when Braddock landed, by his participation in the Congress at Albany, and by his residence in England as agent for more than one State, had as much practical experience of statesmanship as any minister he might have to contend with. Again, there were many officers in America who had acquired a knowledge of tactics in the wars against the French and Spaniards. The provincial bars and legislative assemblies were schools in which many apt coadjutors of the Franklins of America had been trained, and the whole adult population had been trained not only to the use of fire-arms, but to act together in companies. The result of the war was a question of time: America had only to stand on the defensive. The period for which Great Britain could protract the struggle was limited by her finances (and her financial necessities had forced on the quarrel); and the utter ignorance of the strength and character of the provinces which prevailed in England caused measures to be adopted which never could bring the war to a termination. In addition the Americans calculated with right upon the wish of France to see Britain stripped of her colonies, upon the desire of Holland to participate in the trade of those colonies, and upon kindred motives influencing other nations, as certain to procure for them aid which they would not have otherwise obtained.

In 1777 a measure was adopted with a view to increase the coherence of the Union. Articles of Confederation and perpetual union between 'The United States of America' were drawn up, by Congress and sent to the legislatures of the several States, with the request that, if they approved of them, they would authorise their delegates to ratify the contract in Congress. By these articles the States were to bind themselves to a league for common defence; the free inhabitants of each state were to be citizens of the whole Union; each state was to retain its sovereignty, and every power not expressly delegated to Congress. Congress was to consist of delegates from all the States, no state sending less than two or more than seven; Congress was to be

invested with the power of determining on peace and war; of sending and receiving ambassadors, and forming alliances; of granting letters of marque, and establishing courts of admiralty; of deciding in all territorial disputes between two or more states; of striking money and regulating weights and measures; of regulating the Indian trade; of regulating the continental army and navy, and commissioning their officers. These articles, if adopted, were to be binding until alterations were made by Congress and approved by the legislatures of every state. Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Vermont, New York, Virginia, and South Carolina acceded to this confederation in 1777; New Hampshire, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, and Georgia, in 1778; Delaware, in 1779; Maryland, not before 1781. An essential improvement in the internal economy of Congress was the substitution, in 1781, of three executive departments—of Finance, War, and Marine, with a secretary at the head of each, for the old executive committees. Under this make-shift constitution, in which the legislative, executive, and judicial functions were all vested in one body, the United States brought the war with Great Britain to a successful termination in 1783, and scrambled on for six years longer before they attempted to organize the general government upon a better system. For a war of defence, the independent action of the several states was of material assistance to the continental army; and the mingling of France and Spain diverted great part of the power which Britain would otherwise have concentrated upon her former colonies. In 1778 the first public audience was given by the king of France to the American ambassadors. In April, 1782, Holland recognised the independence of the United States. In 1783 peace was concluded between Great Britain and the United States. Their independence was recognized, in the course of the same year, by Sweden, on the 5th of February; by Denmark, on the 25th; by Spain, on the 24th of March; and by Russia, in July. Treaties of amity and commerce were concluded with all these nations, and thus the United States of North America took their place among the nations of the earth. The original extent of the territory of the United States was from the British Possessions on the north to Florida, which had again fallen to Spain, on the south; and from the Atlantic on the east to the Mississippi on the west.

The inadequacy of the Congress, as constituted under the articles of Confederation, to exercise the functions of government, soon became apparent. A common feeling of the want of a more efficient frame of government united Madison, Hamilton, and Jay, in 1786, in the composition of the letters which were subsequently collected and published under the name of 'The Federalist.' These publications gave form and direction to the vague wish for improvement which had pervaded the Union. A convention, sanctioned by the recommendation of Congress, assembled at Philadelphia, in May, 1787, to frame a constitution for the United States. The great difficulty in this task arose from the jealousies which existed between the large and the small states: it was obviated by instituting a legislature of two chambers, the members of the one (the House of Representatives) to be elected directly by the people in proportion to the population. The members of the other (the Senate) to be elected as each state should determine, two for each state. A president was to be elected for four years, and to be re-eligible at the close of the term. A supreme court of judicary was also to be erected. A qualified negative on the proceedings of the legislature was given to the president; and a right of concurrence in the ratification of treaties to the senate. The power of taxation was conferred upon the legislature. In other respects the provisions of the new constitution were a recognition of those of the old confederation. On the 17th of September, 1787, this constitution was signed by all the members of the convention present, except three. It was then sent to the state legislatures, for the purpose of being submitted in each state to a convention of delegates chosen by the people. It was nearly a year before the requisite number of states had pronounced their decision. Before the close of 1789 however all the states except Rhode Island and North Carolina* had adopted the constitution. An act was passed by Congress appointing the first Wednesday of February, 1789, for the people to meet and choose

* These two dissentient states ratified the Constitution on the 25th of May, 1790.

electors, and the first Wednesday of March following for the electors to meet and choose a president.

A quorum of the House of Representatives had met at New York on the 1st of April, and elected a speaker; a quorum of the Senate had met on the 6th, and elected a speaker *pro tempore* to count the votes for president. George Washington, it was found, had been unanimously elected President, and John Adams Vice-President of the United States. Washington took the oath of office on the 30th of April, and opened the proceedings of Congress by a speech. On the 21st of May a resolution was adopted by the House of Representatives to the effect that there ought to be established: 1, a department of foreign affairs, with a secretary at its head removable by the president; 2, a treasury department, with a secretary at its head, removable by the president; 3, a department of war, with a secretary at its head, removable by the president. Bills were brought in to give effect to this resolution, which passed both Houses, and were sanctioned by the president. The constitution was now completely in operation. Since that time down to the present day it has only experienced a few immaterial modifications—in the mode of voting for president and vice-president; in the substitution of an annual message from the president to Congress instead of a speech delivered in person at the opening of the session; and in the addition of a secretary of the navy, a postmaster-general, and an attorney-general to the president's cabinet. The refusal of Washington and Jefferson, the first and third presidents, to be elected a third time, appears to have had the effect of establishing it as a rule that no president shall continue to hold the office for more than two terms. Even during the preliminary discussions upon the constitution, the two great parties which assumed the names of Democrats and Federalists had ranged themselves in opposition to each other: in transacting the business of the senate, their differences soon became more marked, and their organization more complete. This re-mification of two rival parties throughout all the States is, perhaps, a guarantee for the perpetuity of their union. Having now endeavoured to trace the growth of the Federal Constitution, from its first development in Franklin's scheme for a colonial union, to the commencement of the operation of the Constitution of 1789, it will suffice in a sketch like the present to subjoin a list of the chief magistrates, and to indicate briefly the most characteristic executive and legislative transactions of the government.

PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES.

George Washington	1789	1797
John Adams	1797	1801
Thomas Jefferson	1801	1809
James Madison	1809	1817
James Monroe	1817	1825
John Quincy Adams	1825	1829
Andrew Jackson	1829	1837
Martin Van Buren	1837	1841
William Henry Harrison . .	1841	

President Harrison died a month after his inauguration, and was succeeded by the Vice-President John Tyler.

The first term of Washington's presidency passed off tranquilly. The very authors of 'The Federalist'—the authors of the constitution—took, it is true, the lead in opposite parties; but both felt that their form of government was an untried experiment, and this checked the warmth of all disputants. So strongly was this feeling impressed even upon so unquelling a democrat as Jefferson, that he requested Washington to allow himself to be elected a second time in order to give greater assurance of permanence to their young institutions. The season of tranquillity was usefully employed in completing the framework of government, by creating the departments of state, and organizing the judiciary of the United States. Towards the close of the second term this caution decreased, and the wrangling between the democrats and federalists waxed fiercer. When John Adams succeeded Washington, he was unshielded by the reverence universally paid to his predecessor, and the wrangling of party became bitter in the extreme. Both of the two first presidents belonged, from taste and from principle, to the Federalist party, and the Democrats of course constituted the opposition. Their themes of attack were the alleged affectation of monarchical etiquette on the part of the presidents and their retainers, and the tendency unduly to

favour England, and cherish a feeling of hostility against France. This is apt to appear to us the petulance of democracy, but they were right: there were no materials for making a king or aristocracy in the United States; there was no possible alternative between a military despotism and democratic institutions: it was therefore necessary that as warm a spirit of loyalty to democracy should be cherished in the United States, as of loyalty to kingly power in England. The sense of the nation was with the democrats; Adams was not elected a second time, and Jefferson, the democratic leader, succeeded him. To the stormy period of Adams's presidency, however, America is indebted for the organization of its naval department.

'We will show,' said Jefferson writing to a friend immediately after his election, 'how the ship will sail when laid upon the democratic tack.' The prominent operations during the eight years he held office were:—the extension of the territory, and completion of the arrangements of its progressive settlement, and the organization of the diplomatic and consular service. The danger likely to result from the unequal territorial extent of the colonies had been foreseen by Franklin. The constitution confirmed to each state the territory it already possessed; but indirectly gave to Congress the right of acquiring all new territories for the general government, of persuading the larger states to allow new ones to be erected on part of their territory, and of admitting new states into the Union. The questions which soon arose respecting the title of the United States to navigate the Mississippi soon suggested the expediency of acquiring a title to the lands beyond it. This was accomplished during Jefferson's administration by the purchase of Louisiana from France, which was followed by the cession of Florida by Spain. Jefferson took prompt measures for exploring the new domain, settling boundaries, and organizing territories and states. The continual adoption of new-formed states into the Union, although recommended by the principles of justice, has a tendency to give an undue strength to the uncultivated and rash tempers of the back-woodsmen in Congress; and Jefferson, in his loyalty to democracy, erred on the side of mob-courtiership. It was one of his boasts that, in consequence of his financial arrangements, 'no tax-gatherer would ever enter the house of an American citizen.' The brag was a fallacy—and worse: it encouraged in the popular mind the habit of dwelling exclusively on their rights and neglecting the contemplation of their duties. The power of making it was purchased by a breach of faith to the national creditor; and this example of bad faith, and this encouragement of popular self-will, have borne bitter fruits in the refractory conduct of Maine regarding the north-east boundary, in the lawless conduct of the sympathisers on the Canadian frontier, in the irregular conduct of some senators regarding the Oregon boundary, in the 'nullifiers' of the southern states, and in the 'repudiation' of their just debts by three states and one territory, and the neglect to make arrangements for the honest payment of theirs by four other states.

The efficacy of the diplomatic service as organized by Jefferson, and the adequacy of the naval and military organization for defence, was tried to a certain extent during the eight years' presidency of his successor. But the little war in which the United States were then engaged was a trifle in comparison with the point of international law then raised and still unsettled—the right of search in the form it assumed in the quarrel between Britain and America. The objection to concede the right of search on the part of the Americans arose principally from their fear of the British claim of right to impress British seamen out of any merchant vessels in the time of war. There was another unsettled point involved: the Americans adopt a man as a naturalized citizen after a residence of a certain number of years; Great Britain refused to acknowledge that the citizenship impressed upon a man by his place of birth or parentage was dissolved by such an adoption. The dispute is one of system, not of an isolated principle; the system of the new state sprung from the last social revolution is opposed to the system of the old-established state. As yet America, if not able to establish the principles of international law, involved in her plea upon this complicated question of the right of search, has been able to prevent the opposing principles being forced upon her acceptance. Madison's administration is remarkable also for the progress made under it in the practical enforcement of the views of those who seek to favour do-

medic industry by restrictive enactments: the more so that his own enlightened opinions were hostile to their theory.

The administration of Madison's successor, Monroe, was remarkable only for the efforts of the United States government to encourage the growth of independent states over the whole of America, and to enter into diplomatic relations with them.

The administrations of Presidents Jackson and Van Buren have been principally characterized by the disputes regarding banks, and the relations which ought to subsist between these institutions and the state. This is the branch of political economy which has hitherto been least assiduously cultivated, and with the least satisfactory results. It is therefore no discredit to the American government to say that it has blundered in this matter as egregiously as all other governments have done. But in the United States there was a political element further to complicate the discussion. The Federalists (or Whigs, as the party has of late been called) regarded a national bank as the means of giving to the central government an additional power which they thought it wanted, and they used the National Bank in that way. The Democrats maintained that Congress had exceeded its constitutional powers in chartering a national bank. There was a motley mixture of incompatible opinions in the ranks both of the assailants and advocates of a national bank; and the consequence has been that the banking system of the United States has fallen into a condition of perfect lawlessness and confusion. Another question which has been daily growing in importance during the last few years, is that of domestic slavery. The introduction of the new states has on the whole been unfavourable to the progress of humane and just views of this question, and, as far as the rights of the negro are concerned, the public mind and morals in the United States have lamentably retrograded. Here we close our brief historical retrospect, convinced that there are elements of endurance in the political institutions of the United States, and a capacity of gradual improvement. The character of the citizens, who have alternately formed and been formed by their institutions, is undeniably entitled to respect for its energy, enterprise, and many other excellent qualities; its defects are equally undeniable, and the more strongly felt by Europeans as being alien to the prevailing habits, opinions, and prejudices of Europe. The most glaring of these defects, however, are less attributable to the institutions of the Americans than to their position as settlers in a wilderness.

Territory.—The territory of the United States of North America is bounded on the east by the Atlantic, on the west by the Pacific Ocean. The most southern point is the south termination of Florida, about 25° N. lat. and 81° W. long. of Greenwich. From this point to the mouth of the river Sabine, about 23° N. lat. and nearly 94° W. long. of Greenwich, the United States are bounded by the Gulf of Mexico. The remainder of the southern boundary is an arbitrary line, settled by the treaty concluded between Spain and the United States in 1819, and since confirmed by conventions with the republics of Mexico and Texas, which now occupy the territory formerly belonging to Spain. This line begins on the Gulf of Mexico, at the mouth of the river Sabine; continues north along the western bank of that river to the 32nd parallel of N. lat.; thence due north, till it strikes the Rio Roxo of Nachitoches; thence along the course of that river, west to the 100th degree of longitude west of Greenwich; thence by a line due north to the river Arkansas; thence along the course of the Arkansas to the point on the 42nd degree of N. lat. nearest to its source; and thence along that parallel to the Pacific. The northern boundary has been fixed by treaties with Great Britain, from the mouth of the St. Croix, at the entry to the Bay of Fundy, as far west as the point, at which the 49th degree of N. lat. intersects the ridge of the Rocky Mountains which forms the watershed between the head-waters of the Columbia river and those of the south branch of the Saskatchewan. Beginning at the mouth of the St. Croix, the line ascends that river to its source; from a monument erected at the source it runs north in a straight line till it meets the river St. John; then up along the mid-channel of that river to the mouth of the St. Francis; up the St. Francis to the outlet of the lake Tohennaganick; it then curves round the north-east edge of the basin to Hall's Stream, one of the head-waters

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of the Connecticut; down the mid-channel of that stream to a line surveyed and marked in 1774 as the 45th degree of N. lat.; along that line westward to the St. Lawrence; thence along the middle of that river and of the lakes Ontario, Erie, Huron, and Superior, to Fort Charlotte in 48° N. lat.; thence by Saginaw, Sturgeon, and Rainy lakes to the north-west point of the Lake of the Woods; thence by a line due south to the 49th parallel of N. lat., and along that parallel till it strikes the crest of the Rocky Mountains. From this point to the Pacific the boundary between British America and the United States is yet unsettled. Neither government has yet stated articulately the extent of its claims; but American writers are in the habit of asserting that from the most western point already determined the boundary ought to run along the summit ridge of the Rocky Mountains to 54° 40' N. lat., and thence along that parallel west to the most southern of the Russian settlements on the coast; British writers, on the other hand, maintain that the boundary ought to run from the most western point already determined to the mouth of the Columbia river, in 46° 19'. Neither state can rest its claims upon priority of maritime discovery. If overland expeditions of discovery and settlements by trading companies can yield a title, the boundary claimed by the British appears to be the most equitable, for it divides the territory in part explored by MacKenzie in 1793, and occupied by agents of the North-west and Hudson's Bay companies previous to 1811, from the territory traversed by Lewis and Clarke, in 1803-4, and occupied by the agents of Mr. Astor of New York, in 1811. The features and general conformation of the territory contained within these limits is very imperfectly known: even in the settled districts there is a great want of accuracy and precision in the maps and geographical descriptions. From this censure even the recent maps of Mr. Burr (topographer to the House of Representatives) are not exempted. Some able but partial coast surveys have been executed by the officers of the United States navy. The physical geography of the United States has been given under the heads of the several States, of the rivers Columbia, Mississippi, Missouri, &c.; the mountains Alleghany, &c., the lakes Erie, Ontario, &c. Here it will suffice to remark that this extensive region is naturally divided into three parts, widely differing in their characteristic features, by the Alleghany and Rocky Mountain ranges: in the centre the enormous drainage basin of the Mississippi, and on either side of it the eastern and western sea-board. There is a remarkable parallelism between the physical structure of this part of the northern continent of America and that part of the southern contained between the parallel of the head-waters of the southern affluents of the Amazons and the parallel of the embouchure of the river Plata: the Rocky Mountains correspond to the Andes; the Alleghany range to the mountains of Brazil; and both in the northern and southern continents the parallel mountain-systems are connected by a tract of undulating country of no great elevation, forming a watershed between river-systems which flow respectively to the north and to the south.

Population.—The last census, taken in 1840, enumerates only the inhabitants of the settled districts, the territories and states, and in them only the white and negro populations. The most recent estimate we have seen of the numbers of the aboriginal copper-coloured race within the territory of the United States, rates them at no more than 200,000, mostly to the west of the Mississippi. In the following table the number of square miles each State has been estimated to comprise within its boundaries has been stated, along with the number of inhabitants; and also the year in which each joined or was admitted into the Union.

Education, &c.—In 1833 it was estimated that the proportion of pupils in common schools was, to the whole population,—in New York as 1 to 3.9; in Massachusetts, Maine, and Connecticut, 1 to 4; in all New England, 1 to 5; in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, 1 to 8; in Illinois, 1 to 13; in Kentucky, 1 to 21. According to the Census of 1840 there are in the United States 173 universities or colleges, containing 16,233 students. The editors of the 'American Almanac' (published at Boston) appear to think this an over-estimate: they enumerate 103 colleges with 9936 students. 'By students,' they say, 'with the exception of a few in the colleges of the southern and western states, is meant under-graduates, or members of the

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NAMES OF STATES.	Admitted into the Union.	Extent in Sq. Miles.	POPULATION ACCORDING TO CENSUS OF 1860.			
			Whites.	Free Coloured.	Slaves.	Total.
Maine	1820	32,524	500,438	1,358	..	501,793
New Hampshire	1778	9,491	284,438	587	1	284,574
Massachusetts	1777	7,500	729,630	8,669	..	737,690
Rhode Island	1777	1,340	105,307	3,238	5	108,890
Connecticut	1777	4,764	301,856	5,105	17	309,978
Vermont	1791	10,212	291,218	7,730	..	291,948
New York	1777	46,083	2,378,899	60,027	4	2,438,931
New Jersey	1778	8,320	351,589	21,044	674	373,306
Pennsylvania	1778	44,000	1,676,115	47,854	64	1,724,033
Delaware	1779	2,120	58,561	16,919	2,605	78,085
Maryland	1781	13,950	318,204	62,078	89,737	470,019
Virginia	1777	64,000	740,968	49,812	448,987	1,239,767
N. Carolina	1778	48,000	484,870	22,732	248,817	756,419
S. Carolina	1777	28,000	259,684	8,276	327,658	594,398
Georgia	1778	62,000	407,495	9,783	360,944	698,396
Alabama	1819	46,000	338,185	2,639	282,582	623,306
Mississippi	1816	45,760	179,674	1,806	192,811	374,291
Louisiana	1812	41,220	158,457	26,504	166,482	351,443
Tennessee	1796	40,000	640,627	8,524	183,659	829,210
Kentucky	1794	42,000	590,233	7,317	182,258	779,808
Ohio	1802	39,128	1,564,122	17,342	3	1,581,467
Indiana	1815	37,000	678,702	7,168	3	685,873
Illinois	1818	52,000	472,251	3,599	311	476,161
Missouri	1821	63,000	323,888	1,574	58,240	383,702
Arkansas	1836	55,000	77,174	465	19,935	97,574
Michigan	1836	60,000	211,560	707	..	212,267
Florida T. . . . .	..	48,000	27,943	817	25,717	54,477
Wisconsin T. . . . .	..	100,000	30,749	185	11	30,945
Iowa T. . . . .	..	200,000	42,924	172	16	43,112
D. of Columbia . . . . .	..	100	36,637	8,261	4,694	49,592
Totals		1,263,618	14,189,705	386,293	2,487,353	17,063,351

four collegiate classes, not including such as are pursuing preparatory education, or such as are members of a preparatory department. There are 3242 academies and grammar-schools, containing 164,150 students. As in England, legal and medical education in America is in great measure conducted by bodies external to the colleges or universities; and this is even the case to a considerable extent with theological education. The colleges in general contain only a Faculty of Arts. Several of the 103 enumerated in the 'American Almanac' are not in full operation, and scarcely deserve a place in the list. The libraries of none of them exceed 53,000 volumes, and only 10 have 10,000 volumes and upwards. There are 28 medical schools, 30 theological schools, and 10 law schools in the Union. The schools for law are much less frequented than those for the other learned professions. Of the 103 colleges, 11 are under the direction of the Baptists; 7, of the Anglican Episcopalians; 12, of the Methodists; 8, of the Roman Catholics; 1, of the Universalists: the prevailing religious influence in the rest is, in New England, Congregationalism; in the other states, Presbyterianism. Elementary education in many parts of the United States is more generally diffused than is the case in Great Britain; and the higher branches of education are well taught in some colleges. The principal religious denominations are:—Baptists, 8973 congregations, with 628,000 communicants; Presbyterians, 3744 congregations, with 355,000 communicants; Congregationalists, 1300 congregations, with 150,000 communicants; Episcopalians, 950 congregations, with 55,247 communicants; Roman Catholics, 512 congregations; Methodists, 906,331 communicants; Lutherans, 750 congregations, 62,200 communicants; German Calvinists, 600 congregations, 30,000 communicants; Dutch Calvinists, 197 congregations, 22,515 communicants; Friends, 500 congregations; 1000 congregations, with 150,000 communicants, who designate themselves simply 'Christians'; 15,000 Jews, and a number of Menonites, Moravians, Mormons, New Jerusalemists, Shakers, Tumblers, Unitarians, and Universalists.

To form a just estimate of the science and literature of America, the social position of the nation must be taken into account. Till 1775 the States formed part of the British empire; and in their intellectual discipline and imaginative associations they are Englishmen still. Their older literature is that of England; their modern literature is a sister school formed under the influence of the same

models and examples. It has been too much the custom to weigh the young literature of America against the whole literature of England; it is the current literature of the day in each country that ought to be compared with that of the other. The exertions made in America to preserve the materials out of which its yet brief history must be extracted put to shame states of longer standing and greater resources. The private journals of Congress, the secret debates of the Convention which framed the constitution, the diplomatic correspondence of the Revolution, the journals, correspondence, and other papers of Franklin, Washington, Jefferson, Adams, Jay, Madison, Gouverneur Morris, and others, have either been published or are in the course of publication. It is perhaps yet too early to expect a history of the United States, although Mr. Sparks is understood to be preparing one; but there are many valuable biographies of the distinguished revolutionary characters by Marshall, Sparks, Tucker, and others. Washington Irving's 'History of Columbus and his Contemporaries,' and Prescott's 'Ferdinand and Isabella,' deserve honourable mention. Jonathan Edwards and Franklin occupy a high rank among metaphysicians and moralists. In political economy Cooper (not the novelist) and Tucker have published useful works. The Journal of Professor Silliman and the Transactions of several of the learned societies of the United States bear witness to the zeal with which natural history and science are cultivated. The poetry of Bryant, Mrs. Sigourney, and some others, is characterized by considerable play of fancy, unexceptionable taste, and an elevated yet kindly tone of morals. Miss Sedgwick and Fanny Moore Cooper stand at the head of American novelists: the former, for quiet graphic pictures of domestic life, is equal to any of her fair rivals on this side of the Channel; and the latter is unequalled for the power with which she depicts the elementary strife of the ocean and the interest he lends to his adventures. To the head of miscellaneous literature belong Washington Irving's inimitable 'Knickerbocker,' and the poetical orography of Audubon. There is an extensive reading public in America. Independent of books (and in addition to the works of their own authors all the best English publications are reprinted in the United States as soon as imported), there were published within the Union in 1840—£88 weekly, 1141 weekly, and 125 semi- or tri-weekly newspapers, and 227 literary, scientific, religious, and political periodicals appearing at longer intervals. But the just boast of the United States is in its benevolent institutions; more especially in the judicious yet

indefatigable zeal with which all means have been tried to ameliorate the condition of the blind, the deaf and dumb.

Agriculture, Manufactures, and Commerce.—The raw products of the industry of the United States may be classed under the heads—*Mines, Agriculture and Horticulture, Fisheries, the Forest.* The products of their mines consist of iron, lead, and other metals; coal, kitchen salt, and stone for building. In 1840 there were produced 286,901 tons of cast-iron, and 197,233 tons of bar-iron; 31,497 persons were employed in this branch of industry, and the capital invested in it amounted to nearly 20,500,000 dollars. In the same year 31,239,433 tons of lead were produced by the labour of 1017 men, and the investment of 1,346,756 dollars. The value of the gold collected in the Union was 529,695 dollars; the collection employed 1040 men, and required a capital of 234,345 dollars; the other metals were worth 520,614 dollars, and were raised by the labour of 728 men and a capital of 238,889 dollars. Of bituminous coal, 27,033,191 bushels were raised, and of anthracite 863,489 tons (of 28 bushels each); this gave employment to 4817 men, and set in motion a capital of 6,224,464 dollars. 6,178,173 bushels of domestic salt were produced by the labour of 2965 men, with a capital of 6,008,045 dollars; granite, marble, &c. were quarried to the value of 3,695,884 dollars, by the investment of a capital of 2,540,159 dollars, and the employment of 7859 men. The most productive iron-mines are in Massachusetts, Vermont, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Ohio; lead is most abundant in Illinois, Missouri, and the district of Iowa; gold is confined to Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, and Illinois. Pennsylvania and Virginia are the great coal countries next to them in Ohio. Salt and stones are more equally diffused through settled parts of the Union. The total agricultural produce of the Union in 1840 was as follows:—horses and mules, 35,562,699; neat cattle, 14,071,586; sheep, 10,311,374; swine, 26,301,293; and the estimated value of poultry, 9,314,410 dollars. There were 84,823,272 bushels of wheat, 4,161,904 of barley, 123,071,311 of oats, 18,645,567 of rye, 7,201,743 of buckwheat, 577,531,875 of Indian corn, 35,562,114 pounds of wool, 1,239,592 pounds of hops, 628,331 pounds of wax, 109,208,000 bushels of potatoes, 10,519,118 tons of hay, 95,251 tons of hemp and flax, 219,163,319 pounds of tobacco, 80,841,422 pounds of rice, 750,470,275 pounds of cotton, 61,552 pounds of silk cocoons, 133,110,899 pounds of sugar were made, and 5,068,891 cords of wood sold. The value of the dairy produce of the year was estimated at 33,747,008 dollars; of the orchards, 7,250,904; of the market-gardens, 2,601,196; of nurseries and florists, 565,534. It is estimated that 8553 men were

employed in nurseries and market-garden and kitchen gardens, by a capital of 2,945,774 dollars; 124,731 gallons of wine were made in the course of the year. The fisheries yielded 773,947 quintals of dried and smoked fish; 472,359 barrels of pickled fish; 4,764,708 gallons of sperm-oil; 7,536,778 gallons of whale and other fish oil; whales-bone and some minor articles to the value 1,133,234 dollars. A capital of 16,429,620 dollars and 36,561 men were employed in the fisheries. The forests of the Union yielded lumber to the value of 12,943,507 dollars; 619,106 barrels of tar, pitch, turpentine, and resin; 15,335 tons of pot and pearl ashes; skins and furs to the value of 1,065,869 dollars, and ginseng and minor articles for 526,580 dollars.

The whole capital invested in manufactures in the United States was estimated, in 1840, to amount to 267,730,579 dollars. Of this sum 20,020,869 dollars were invested in the manufactures of metals, granite, &c., bricks and lime: the number of men employed was 33,219; 65,858,470 dollars were in grain, oil, and saw mills; 7,404,592 barrels of flour were manufactured; 60,794 men employed. Capital to the amount of 41,917,401 dollars was employed in building; and 6,989,591 dollars in the making of furniture; these two branches employed 103,504 men. The value of ships and other vessels built in 1840 was 7,016,094 dollars. In the woollen manufactures the capital invested amounted to 15,765,124 dollars, and 31,342 men were employed by it; in the cotton manufactures the capital was 31,102,359 dollars; the number of persons employed 72,119; in the silk manufactures the capital was 274,374; the workpeople were 767; in the flax manufactures a capital of 238,067 dollars employed 1628 persons; and 4,208,991 dollars were invested in mixed manufactures, giving employment to 15,905 persons. Massachusetts alone contained more than one-third of the cotton, and more than one-third of the woollen manufactures. The states next in order in these two branches of industry were New York, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Maryland, and Virginia. Among the agricultural population home-made goods were produced to the value of 29,023,380 dollars. The value of the machinery manufactured during the year was 10,080,511 dollars; 13,001 men were engaged in making it. In the manufacture of tobacco a capital of 3,437,161 dollars was invested, and 8384 persons were employed; in tanning, &c. 15,650,929 dollars, 26,018 men; in manufactures of leather, 12,881,292 dollars; in the manufacture of soap and candles, 2,747,273 dollars, 5641 men; of hats, caps, and bonnets, 4,485,300 dollars, 20,176 persons; glass, 2,084,100 dollars, 3236 men; earthenware, 551,431 dollars, 1672 persons; sugar-

States and Territories.	Value of Imports, 1840-41.			Value of Exports, 1840-41.		
	In American Vessels.	In Foreign Vessels.	Total.	Domestic Produce.	Foreign Produce.	Total.
	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.
Maine	574,664	126,287	700,951	1,077,633	13,939	1,091,563
New Hampshire	61,585	12,116	73,701	10,261	87	10,348
Vermont	216,739		216,739	264,005	13,983	277,987
Massachusetts	18,835,493	1,452,811	20,218,003	7,387,692	4,060,651	11,478,343
Rhode Island	331,929	5,683	337,612	206,276	12,189	218,465
Connecticut	293,237	2,768	296,005	569,348		569,348
New York	66,694,760	9,021,478	75,716,238	24,279,684	8,068,225	32,347,909
New Jersey	1,919	896	2,815	19,166	31	19,197
Pennsylvania	9,846,334	506,244	10,352,578	4,661,863	77,839	4,739,702
Delaware	1,198	8,068	9,266	58,595		58,595
D. of Columbia	53,563	23,608	77,171	764,835	4,496	769,331
Virginia	251,917	23,329	275,247	6,628,910	1,376	6,630,286
North Carolina	214,731	6,629	221,360	363,056		363,056
South Carolina	1,217,953	339,476	1,557,429	6,011,302	31,892	6,043,194
Georgia	269,977	719,030	989,007	3,616,017	490	3,616,507
Alabama	400,354	120,461	520,815	10,069,828	11,465	10,081,293
Mississippi						
Louisiana	8,141,688	2,115,062	10,256,750	32,863,618	1,621,863	34,485,481
Ohio	9,963	1,750	11,713	798,714		798,714
Kentucky						
Tennessee	7,520		7,520			
Michigan	137,604	109	137,713	88,530		88,530
Illinois	34,676		34,676			
Florida	116,732	28,469	145,201	33,658	2,501	36,159
Total	110,221,877	14,724,309	124,946,187	100,382,722	19,469,081	119,851,803

knives, &c. 1,769,571 dollars, 1355 persons; liquors, 9,147,369 dollars, 12,223 men; drugs, paints, &c. 4,507,675 dollars, 1648 men; cordage, 2,465,577 dollars, 4464 men; 5492 men produced hardware to the value of 6,451,967 dollars; 1744 men cast 274 cannons and made 88,073 small-arms. The capital invested in powder-mills was 875,875 dollars; the men employed 496. There were invested in the manufacture of paper 4743 dollars, and 4726 men employed; in printing and binding, 5,873,815 dollars, 11,523 men; in the manufacture of musical instruments, 734,370 dollars, 908 men; of carriages, &c., 5,551,632 dollars, 21,994 men.

The 'American Almanac' for 1843, in its curious and elaborate analysis of the census of 1840, gives a table illustrative of the distribution of capital engaged in commerce through the different states of the Union. From this table it appears that there are in the United States 1408 commercial houses and 2881 commission houses engaged in foreign trade, the joint capital of which amounts to 119,265,367 dollars; that there are 57,565 retail establishments, with a capital of 250,301,799 dollars; and 1793 lumber-yards, with a capital of 9,848,307 dollars, and giving employment to 35,963 lumberers; 17,594 men engaged in internal transportation, and 4808 butchers, packers, &c. To the same publication we are indebted for the preceding table of the exports and imports of each state and territory (as far as ascertained) during the year ending on the 30th of September, 1841.

The deposits of gold and silver at the mint of the United States and its branches in the year 1841 amounted to 2,166,723 dollars; the coinage to 2,240,321 dollars. The aggregate coinage of the years 1831-40 was 26,344,454 dollars, while that of the preceding ten years was only 16,781,047. This gives however but an inadequate idea of the circulating medium of the United States; and unfortunately the state of the banks throughout the Union—partly on account of their own reckless speculations, and partly on account of continual legislative tampering with vague and vacillating views, renders it impossible even to conjecture its real amount and value. The immense extent of navigable river-way and the number and size of the inland lakes materially facilitate the inland traffic of the States. The roads are in most parts necessarily, with a population so inadequate to the extent of territory, indifferent; but surprising efforts have been made to complete the lines of internal water-communication by canals, and a great extent of railways is in actual operation. According to Mr. Klein, the total mileage of railway chartered in the United States, in 1840, was 5978, and 3430 miles were then open and traversed by 475 locomotives. The most recent complete account of the canals only comes down to 1838: according to it the aggregate length of the canals then in operation was 2700 miles. The bankrupt law of the United States, a new law passed in February, 1842, has scarcely come into operation, and already an agitation for its repeal is in progress, which seriously threatens its permanence. The frequent bankruptcies, uncertainty of the law, and spirit of worse than levity with which several states have of late set an example of refusing to pay their debts augurs ill for the commerce of the United States. They have no capital of their own adequate to support their agriculture, manufactures, and commerce in their present extent. Their canals and railroads have been constructed upon credit, and not less than 212 millions of dollars have been lent for this purpose by English capitalists. The claims of English creditors on the States amount to 211,802,791 dollars, and these have been in great part expended upon internal improvements. In addition to this the credits given by English manufacturers to the American importing merchants are so long, that a new debt is always contracted before the old is paid. The average value of the annual imports from England is in reality a standing loan of capital for the Americans to trade upon. Without these advances their manufacturing and commercial activity must shrink and wither, and their economical conduct is endangering their continuance.

Organization of the General Government.—The president is the depository of the executive power of the state: the vice-president is ex-officio president of the senate, and successor to the president should he die during his term of office. The President is elected for four years, and may be re-elected. The electors meet in their respective states, and vote by ballot for the president and vice-president. The list of the ballot in each state is transmitted sealed to the

president, who opens them and declares his successor. The president is commander-in-chief of the army and navy of the United States, and of the militia of the several states when called into active service of the United States; he has power to make treaties, provided two-thirds of the senate concur; he appoints the officers of state, ambassadors, consuls, and judges of the supreme court; he receives foreign ambassadors; he can grant reprieves and pardons for offences against the United States, except in cases of impeachment.

The cabinet consists of five heads of departments and an attorney-general, who hold office during the president's pleasure.

The department of state embraces the departments of home and foreign affairs; at its head is the secretary of state, who conducts all negotiations with foreign powers, and corresponds officially with the United States' ministers at foreign courts and foreign ministers in the United States; publishes and distributes treaties and Acts of Congress; preserves the originals of laws, treaties, and public correspondence; grants passports, preserves the evidence of copyrights, and has charge of the patent-office; and has charge of the seal of the United States. He has under him a diplomatic bureau with three clerks; a consular bureau with two; a home bureau with five; a patent office with a commissioner, examiners, draughtsmen, and mechanics.

The Treasury department is under a secretary, who superintends all the fiscal concerns of the government, and recommends to Congress on his own responsibility measures for improving the revenue. He has under him two comptrollers and five auditors, with their respective clerks, a treasurer's office, a register's office, a solicitor's office, and a land office.

The secretary of war superintends every branch of military affairs, the erection of fortifications, making of topographical surveys, leasing the national lead-mines, and the intercourse with the Indian tribes. Under him are a bureau of Indian affairs, a pension bureau, a quartermaster's bureau, a clothing and equipage bureau, a subsistence bureau, a pay bureau, a medical and surgical bureau, an engineer bureau, a topographical bureau, and an ordnance bureau. There are twelve military geographical departments in the United States; 57 general officers, and 83 medical officers. The officers of engineers are 39, the topographical engineers 36, the ordnance 311. There are two regiments of dragoons, with 1444 men; four regiments of artillery, with 2563 men; eight regiments of infantry, with 5843, and 779 recruits unattached. The aggregate militia of the United States is 1,668,387 men of all grades.

The navy department was separated from the general war department in 1798. The secretary issues all orders to the navy of the United States, and superintends the concerns of the navy generally. A board of navy commissioners was established in 1815, and attached to the office of secretary of the navy: it is intrusted with the ministerial duties of the office. The department of the navy consists of a secretary, the navy-board, and the office of the survey of the coasts of the United States. In the active navy of the United States there are six commodores; seven commanders of navy-yards and two of stations; 68 captains; 11 ships of the line, 15 first-class frigates, 2 second-class ditto, 18 ships of war, 4 brigs, 10 schooners, 4 steamers, and 3 store-ships.

The General Post-Office is under the superintendence of a postmaster-general, who has the sole appointment of postmasters and making of contracts throughout the United States. The revenue arising from the General Post-Office has been principally expended in improving the establishment. Under the postmaster-general are a contract-office, an appointment-office, an inspection-office, and a chief auditor of the treasury for the Post-Office.

The judicial authority of the United States is vested in one supreme court, thirty-five district courts, and nine circuit courts. The supreme court consists of one chief justice and eight associate justices, who hold a court in Washington annually; an attorney-general, reporter, clerk, and marshal. Each district court consists of one judge, an attorney, marshal, and clerk. The circuit courts are composed of one associate justice, and the judge of the district in which it is held. The supreme court has exclusive jurisdiction in all cases to which a state is party, except cases between a state and its citizens; in suits or proceed-

ings against ambassadors, it has appellate jurisdiction from the circuit courts, and authority to issue writs of prohibition to the district courts. The circuit courts have original jurisdiction in all suits of a civil nature at law or equity, concurrent with the courts of the several states, where the value in dispute exceeds 500 dollars, where the United States or an alien is a party, or where the suit is brought by a citizen of one state against a citizen of another. The circuit courts have appellate jurisdiction from the district courts. They have exclusive cognizance of offences against the United States. The district courts have jurisdiction in admiralty and maritime cases, in all suits against consuls and vice-consuls, in some minor offences against the United States, and in causes where an alien sues for a tort in violation of the law of nations.

The legislative authority is vested in a Congress, consisting of a Senate and House of Representatives; it must by law assemble at least once every year, on the first Monday of December. The Senate is composed of two members from each state; they are chosen by the legislatures of each state for six years, one-third of them being elected biennially. The Vice-President is President of the Senate ex-officio, and has a casting vote in equal divisions. The House of Representatives is composed of members from the several states, elected by the people for the term of two years. The representatives are apportioned among the different states according to population. To the present (twenty-seventh) Congress they have been elected one for every 47,700 persons; for the twenty-eighth they will be chosen in the ratio of one representative for every 70,000 persons, and one additional for every fraction of that number greater than the half. The law of 1842 requires that the representatives of each state shall be elected by districts composed of a contiguous territory, no one district electing more than one representative. The Congress has power to raise, maintain, and regulate a navy and army; to declare war and grant letters of marque and reprisals; to constitute tribunals inferior to the supreme courts; to define and punish piracy and felonies on the high seas and against the laws of nations; to frame general laws of naturalization; to establish post-offices and post-roads; to coin money and make laws for punishing forgery; to regulate commerce with foreign nations, the Indian tribes, and among the States; to impose and collect taxes for the common defence and welfare of the United States. All money-bills must originate in the House of Representatives.

(Holmes's *Annals of North America*; *Journals of Congress*; *Diplomatic Correspondence of the American Revolution*; *Hutchinson's History of Massachusetts*; *Marshall's Life of Washington*; *Sparks's Life of Washington*; *Franklin's Memoirs and Correspondence*; *Tucker's Life of Jefferson*; *Jefferson's Memoirs, Correspondence, &c.*; *John Adams's Correspondence*; *Lives of Elbridge, Gerry, Josiah Quincy, H. Lee, &c.*; *Wirt, Life of Patrick Henry*; *Sparks's Life of Gouverneur Morris*; *American Annual Register*; *American Almanac, 1830-43*; *The Federalist*; *Clarke and Lewis, Travels to the Source of the Missouri, &c.*; *Biography of the Signers of the American Declaration of Independence*; *Jay's Life of John Jay*; *Parliamentary Debates, &c. &c.*)

UNIVERSAL AND PARTICULAR (Logic). A proposition is universal when it makes its assertion or denial about every one of the things spoken of; and particular when it makes such an assertion or denial of some as implies that others are left unspoken of. Thus 'all men are mortal' is universal, and also 'no man is perfect.' But 'some men are born in England' and 'some animals cannot live in this climate' are particular. These are the direct logical forms, but it happens commonly that the universal and particular characters are expressed by a great variety of idiomatic turns, and even that forms of expression which, literally speaking, imply universality, are used in a particular sense. Thus 'men do not willingly abandon life' strictly means that all men are unwilling to quit life: nevertheless it would be generally understood to speak of most men—all but a few. Except when speaking of laws of nature or necessary conditions of the mind, few writers have much occasion for universal propositions, and consequently the forms of speech which belong to all, pass into use when the proposition is intended to be predicated only of most.

The particular proposition, in its pure logical form, is of very rare occurrence. The reader must understand that all which is not mentioned is, in the science of logic, consi-

dered as unspoken of: now the particular proposition of common life generally denies of the rest what it affirms of some, or affirms of the rest what it denies of some. Thus he who should say 'some men are mortal' would be held to utter an untruth, because he would be thought to imply that the rest are not; and a naturalist, wishing to state that some species of a certain animal have fur, in order to state just what his argument requires, would think it necessary to say 'some at least,' or to use some other form of speech which would signify that, for anything he said to the contrary, all the other species might have fur also. But the logical proposition is always understood to make all possible admission or allowance as to every matter which is not directly spoken of; and 'some men are mortal' means that nothing whatever is either said or implied about the rest.

The most common form of speech perhaps is the one compounded of the two particular propositions, the affirmative and the negative, of which the emphatic part is expressed, and the rest implied. Thus, two men going into a company, the first expecting to see all dressed in mourning, and the second thinking none would be so, would come away expressing the same fact in sentences of very different meaning. The first would say 'some were not in mourning,' the second would say 'some were in mourning,' both meaning to say 'some were and some were not,' but each giving only that part of the assertion which contained the (to him) unexpected fact. It would be desirable that writers on logic should make a closer analysis of the common forms of speech, and a comparison of them with the strict and true logical forms.

The universal proposition includes all cases in which there is nothing left unspoken of, and therefore contains all propositions in which the subject is an individual, or cannot be divided into parts. Thus, 'Milton was an Englishman' is as much a universal proposition as 'all men are mortal.' It was at one time a matter of discussion whether propositions asserting matter of individuals could be properly called universal; but whether this term were applicable or not, it was always seen that the rules of deduction, applying to such propositions, were precisely those which obtain in propositions about the appellation of which no doubt could exist. But the preceding proposition is not universal because it includes all Milton, but because it includes all *Miltons*: that is, all *Miltons* who can answer to a description which is implied in the word as there used. And if, by the closeness of the implied definition, and the number of conditions which are to be fulfilled, there be left but one of men alive or dead whom it is possible to mean, the proposition is not the less true. Thus, when every A is shown to be B, and every B to be C, it follows that every A is C, even though the description given of A is so close, that there can be found but one object answering to it in the world.

And just in the same manner as *all* may, logically speaking, be only one, so *some*, or those which are spoken of as some, may be only one, or several, or nearly all, or even all. Some As are Bs is logically true (such is the convention of the formal part of that science) when there is only one A which is B; and also when every A is B.

If we look at the specific elements of propositions, we find that, while the subject is defined, as to whether it is universal or particular, by the express addition of words, or by an implication which has the same effect, the character of the predicate follows the nature of the proposition, and depends solely upon whether it is affirmative or negative. In all affirmative propositions the predicate is spoken of particularly; in all negative propositions, universally. Thus, 'As are Bs' in itself does not describe the manner in which A is used: it may be some As or all As; but it does particularise the predicate, B. Here As ('as many as are spoken of, be it some or all) are Bs; each one of these As is a B, but other Bs may or may not exist, about which consequently nothing is affirmed. 'All horses are animals'; all the horses make up as many of the animals as there are horses: under this form the particular character of the predicate is expressed. But if we say 'As are not Bs,' even though only one A should be here spoken of, yet every B is compared with it and rejected. What is meant is, that 'this one A is not any one whatever of all possible Bs.'

Formal logic, though an excellent exercise, is in some respects a dead letter unless the student take pains to trace the numerous idioms of language in which the affirmative

or negative proposition is conveyed. So very nice are the circumstances, frequently of mere position or of context, by which the universal form is distinguished from the particular, that it would be easy to lay down an isolated sentence, of which no one should be able to say which of the two it is. For example, 'homicides are justifiable which are committed in self-defence,' and 'homicides which are committed in self-defence are justifiable.' Though probably the lenning of a grammatical critic would be to the supposition that the first should stand for 'All justifiable homicides are those which are committed in self-defence,' and the second for 'Among the justifiable homicides are, &c., yet no person would be sure of an author's meaning, whichever of the preceding forms he might use, until he had examined the context.

UNIVERSALS. [NOMINALISTS.]

UNIVERSE. This name is generally used, as the word *world* once was, to signify the collection of all created things. To modern language, 'the world' generally refers to the earth only, and the universe to all stars and planets. Before the reception of the Copernican theory, 'the world,' which signifies what we now call the universe, was naturally a synonyme for 'the earth,' which was supposed to be the principal part of the universe, all the other celestial bodies being only satellites. But since the time when other planets have been advanced to the dignity of being separate 'worlds,' the term universe has been gradually introduced into common language. It would almost seem as if this last word might one day become more particular in its meaning, since modern discoveries seem to point out that every nebula [MILKY WAY; HEBBERG] may be a 'universe,' that is, an organization as extensive as the idea which was formed of the universe previously to those discoveries. If such should ever be the case, and if people should speak of thousands of universes as they now speak of thousands of worlds, some new term must be introduced under which to comprehend all those universes.

By the technical term *theory of the Universe* is always understood what is known of the general arrangement of planets, stars, &c., and of their connexion with one another.

UNIVERSITIES, lay corporations, to which, since the twelfth century, the charge of educating the members of what are called the learned professions has in a great measure been confided throughout Europe and the colonies founded by European states. [UNIVERSITY.]

The three oldest learned institutions to which the name University can with propriety be applied are those of Paris, Bologna, and Salerno.

It is impossible to fix a precise date at which the educational institutions of Paris can be said to have assumed the form and name of a university. As for the name (*universitates*), it was not confined in the middle ages to scientific bodies; it was used in a sense equivalent to our word *corporation*. There were 'universities of tailors' in those days. It was long before the name settled down into its present acceptation. The school of Bologna was a 'universitas scholarium,' that of Paris a 'universitas magistrorum,' because the former was a corporation of students, the latter of teachers. The oldest printed statutes of the university of Bologna are called 'Statuta et privilegia scholae Universitatis Juristarum Gymnasii Bononiensis,' and in not a few universities we find an 'universitas juristarum' and an 'universitas artistarum' side by side: from this it appears that 'universitas' at one time approached nearly to the meaning of our word 'faculty.' What we now term a university was long designated indifferently 'schola,' 'studium generale,' or 'gymnasium.' The occasion of this vacillating nomenclature is explained by the history of universities.

The oldest document in which the designation 'universitas' is applied to the university of Paris, is a decretal of Innocent III., about the beginning of the thirteenth century. But as early as 1180 two decretals had been issued by Alexander III., the first of which ordained that in France no person should receive money for permission to teach. The glossa of Vicentius says expressly, that this prohibition was directed against the chancellor of the university of Paris; and the second decretal alluded to exempts the then rector, Petrus Comestor, from the operation of the first; and much earlier than any legislative provisions of popes or kings we find the foundations of the university laid.

To almost every cathedral and monastery of Europe there

had been, from a very early period, attached a school, in which all aspirants to priestly ordination, and such laymen as wished and could afford it, were instructed in the *Trivium* and *Quadrivium*. It appears from the letters of Abelard (died 1142), and from other contemporary sources, that the poorer establishments intrusted the conduct of this school to one of their number called the Scholasticus; and that the wealthier bodies maintained a Scholasticus to instruct the junior pupils in grammar and philosophy, and a Theologus to instruct the more advanced in theology. About the time of Abelard the great concourse of students who flocked to the episcopal school of Paris appears to have rendered it necessary to assemble the two classes of pupils in different localities; the juniors were sent to the church of St. Julian, while the theologians remained in that of Notre Dame. All who had studied a certain time, and undergone certain trials were entitled to be named by the rector of the schools to the grade of teachers. This was done by three successive steps. The candidate was first raised to the rank of master, in which he acted for a year as assistant to a doctor (or teacher); then to the rank of baccalaureus, in which he taught for a year, under the superintendence of his doctor, pupils of his own; lastly, to the grade of independent doctor. The number of students rendered the profession of a teacher at Paris lucrative, and many from all nations embraced it. According to the custom of those unsettled times, they gradually formed themselves into a corporation for mutual support. The corporation consisted of the teachers of all the three grades, and stood under a rector elected by themselves. According to an agreement entered into in 1206, the rector was elected by the residents of the four nations—French, English or German, Picards, and Normans. Before this time, in 1200, Philip Augustus had confirmed the exclusive control of the rector over all students and teachers. The local separation of the artists from the theologians would have been of little consequence, but for the rapid progress which the Aristotelian philosophy made during and immediately after the life of Abelard. The speculations into which studious men were led by the writings of Aristotle necessarily led them to deal with topics which had hitherto been conceived to lie within the exclusive domain of theology. The consequences were frequent and bold attempts by individuals to modify the received doctrines of the church, clamorous about heresy, persecutions, and counter-persecutions. All these contributed to bring about a tacit compromise between the professional theologians and the admirers of speculative philosophy: the former were left in possession of the pulpit and chairs of theology; the latter confined themselves ostensibly to literature and philosophy, and sought to avoid occasioning scandal by rarely overstepping the bounds of abstract inquiry. The progress of this tacit agreement may be traced in the writings of the learned from the time of Abelard down to that of Erasmus; under it grew up a class of literati, who may be called, although many of them took orders, secular scholars. It was the same incompatibility of the free spirit of speculative inquiry with the stability of a dogmatic theology which led to this compromise, that embittered the dispute about the claim of the mendicant orders to establish chairs of theology in the University of Paris about the middle of the thirteenth century. This controversy ended in the secession of the doctors of theology from the university, as it had for some time been called, and their incorporating themselves into a separate college or faculty. Their example was followed not long after by the doctors of canon law and medicine, who formed themselves into separate faculties. These faculties consisted exclusively of the actually teaching doctors (doctores regentes) of these three branches of knowledge. The masters and bachelors remained members of the university proper, which, from the secession of the theologians, canonists, and doctors of medicine, came in time to be called the Faculty of the Artists. From this period the university consisted of seven bodies or sub-incorporations—the four nations under their procurators, and the three faculties under their deans. The rector was the head of the university; he was elected by the procurators of the old university; no doctor of theology, canon law, or medicine could be elected or take part in the election. At first the rector was chosen by the procurators, but latterly by four electors, specially elected

by each nation for that purpose. The Provôt of Paris (so long as that officer retained any authority) was the conservator of the royal privileges in the university; the bishops of Meaux, Beauvais, and Sens, of the papal privileges. In respect to criminal jurisdiction, the university stood immediately under the king, till A.D. 1218, when its members were transferred to the episcopal court of Paris: about the middle of the fifteenth century they were transferred to the Parliament of Paris. In regard to civil jurisdiction the University was originally under the bishop; in 1340 it was transferred to the court of the Provôt of Paris; when the Châtelet succeeded to the judicial functions of the provôt, the university was transferred to that court. The rector, with the procurators and deans, formed a court, which had jurisdiction in all complaints against teachers for incompetency or neglect of duty; and against students for disobedience to their teachers, the rector, or the discipline of the university, and in all cases between students, lodging-keepers, booksellers, stationers, &c. From the decisions of the rectorial court there was an appeal to the university, and from it to the Parliament of Paris. Each faculty (that of the artists included), had its own common school. In the faculty of canonists there were six professors (or doctors regentes); the number in the other faculties varied. At an early period colleges were established within the University of Paris by private families or religious orders. Originally they were intended exclusively for poor scholars, who were to live in them subject to certain rules of discipline. By degrees however, as more numerous and able teachers were employed in these colleges, they assumed the character of boarding-houses for all classes of students. In the fifteenth century the students who did not reside in any college had come to be regarded as exceptions from the general custom, and were nicknamed 'marchants.' The College of the Sorbonne (founded in 1230) was commonly regarded as identical with the theological faculty, because the members of the one were most frequently members of the other also. The promotions however continued to be made by the officers of the university, although the charge of education had been in a great measure engrossed by the colleges. Degrees were conferred in the faculties of theology, canon law, and medicine, by the deans, with the concurrence of the chancellor of the Cathedral of Notre Dame; to the faculty of artists, by the rector, with the concurrence either of the chancellor of Notre Dame or the chancellor of St. Genevieve.

The oldest authentic document bearing upon the University of Bologna is the privilege granted by the emperor Frederic I., at Boncaglia, in November, 1158, to all who travel in pursuit of learning, in which the professors of law are mentioned in terms of high encomium. Bologna is not named in this instrument, but history mentions no other law-school as existing at that early period. The contents of this privilege are twofold: foreign scholars are declared to stand under the emperor's immediate protection, and a special jurisdiction (their teachers, or the bishop of the city) is constituted to judge in all complaints against them. It seems universally admitted that the earliest teacher of civil law at Bologna was Irnerius: he is said to have been originally a teacher of philosophy, but to have acquired such a knowledge of Justinian's compilations that he was invited by the Countess Matilda to expound its doctrines from the professorial chair. Matilda died in 1115: between 1113 and 1115 the name of Irnerius appears in a legal document as 'causidicus' for the countess. From 1116 to 1118 he appears to have been employed in weighty missions, by the emperor Henry V. Under the emperor Frederick 'the four doctors' of Bologna were selected to investigate the rights of the crown, in order to determine how far those claimed by the Lombard towns were usurpations. These circumstances show that the reputation for legal knowledge acquired by the law-teachers of Bologna had proved an introduction to state employment, honours, and emoluments; and this attracted the city in which they taught a large concourse of the most intelligent and aspiring minds of Europe. The reputation of having studied at Bologna was a passport to office throughout Christendom. The earliest statutes and charters of the University of Bologna are compacts entered into by the students for mutual support and assistance, and immunities granted them by the popes and emperors. The University of Paris was originally an association of teachers; it was a corporation of graduates: the University of Bo-

logna was originally an association of students who had repaired from distant lands to avail themselves of the instruction of a few celebrated teachers; it was a corporation of students. Disputes between the magistrates of the city, and between the students and professors, which occurred about 1214, are the first occasions on which we hear of a rector. From the history of these controversies it appears that the students had previously been in the habit of electing the rector, and that the right was confirmed to them for the future. At first there was merely a school of law in Bologna, and the jurists constituted the university, or rather the two universities of the Citramontani and Ultramontani. In course of time teachers of philosophy and medicine settled in Bologna, and the scholars of each class attempted to form a university: their right to do so was successfully contested by the jurists in 1230, but in 1316 they were allowed to elect a rector of their own. They called themselves 'philosophi et medicis,' or 'artistæ.' In 1362 Innocent VI. founded a school of theology at Bologna. From this time therefore there were four universities in Bologna: two of law (which however were so intimately connected, that they are generally spoken of as one), one of medicine and philosophy, and one of theology. Each of these had its own independent constitution. That of the law university is best known, and agrees in its leading features with the others. The 'universities' consisted of the foreign students, who were admitted upon the payment of twelve soldi entry-money, and obliged to renew annually their oath of obedience to the rector and the statutes of the university. The Bolognese students could neither hold offices in the university nor vote in its assemblies. The foreign students were divided into Citramontani and Ultramontani: the former were divided into seventeen nations, the latter into eighteen. The rector was chosen annually from among the students by his predecessor in office, the rector's council, and a number of electors chosen by the nations. A rector was taken from each nation in rotation. The council consisted of at least one representative of each nation: some had two. The university also elected annually a syndic, to act for them in courts of law; a notary; a massarius, or treasurer (chosen from among the town bankers); and two bidelli. The rector claimed exclusive jurisdiction in all civil cases in which one or both of the parties were students, and in criminal cases in which both were students. The professors were elected by the students, to whose body they were reckoned, and all whose privileges they enjoyed, except a vote at elections. They stood under the jurisdiction of the rector, who could fine or suspend them. The degree of Doctor was conferred by those who had previously obtained it; it was held to confer the privilege of teaching everywhere, the power of discipline over the doctor's own pupils, the right to take part in the conferring of all the degrees. At first there were only doctors of civil law: the doctors of canon law appear later, and were long less respected. In the thirteenth century the university began to create doctors of medicine, of grammar, of philosophy and arts, and even of the natural art. Any student who had studied five years might be licensed by the rector to expound a single title, or, if he had studied six years, to expound a whole book of the *Pandects*. He was termed a licentiate; and after he had performed his task, he was declared a baccalaureus. Salaried professors appear in Bologna for the first time about 1279. The doctors taught in their own houses or in halls hired for the purpose: their method of tuition was by lectures, examinations, and disputations.

The history of the university of Salerno is much more obscure than the histories of the universities of Paris and Bologna. Ordericus Vitalis, whose annals close with the year 1141, speaks of Salerno as a place long eminent for its medical schools. Its most celebrated teacher, Constantine of Carthage (died 1087), was a privy councillor of Louis Guiscard. This school was still flourishing in 1224, when the university of Naples was established. All that can be inferred from these scanty notices of the school of Salerno is, that the scientific study of medicine was making rapid strides about the same time that law began to be more systematically studied, and philosophical and literary pursuits to be regarded as the profession of a class whose members might or might not be priests.

A sense of the advantages of general knowledge had led to the foundation of cathedral and cloister schools; a sense of the use of accomplished professional men led to the encouragement of the philosophical and theological schools

of Paris, the law school of Bologna, and the medical school of Salerno. The peculiar constitution of society and government at the period led to the peculiar form of incorporation adopted by the schools of Paris and Bologna. The same social necessities were working under the influence of similar social organization in many different places, and must necessarily have led, even without communication, to similar results. But quarrels which broke out repeatedly between the universities of Paris and Bologna and the civil authorities of these cities, induced the teachers and students at different times to emigrate in a body and settle in other towns. After the breach was healed, they returned, but in some instances celebrated teachers preferred remaining in their new place of settlement, and in others the government created a new university after their temporary visitors had left them. Other universities owed their foundation to the desire of princes, ecclesiastics, or municipal authorities to disseminate learning; and others to a desire on the part of these authorities to procure for their territories a share in the wealth diffused by the resort of numerous foreigners to any celebrated school. Under the influence of motives so various, the growth of universities throughout Europe was rapid. Before the Reformation they were established in Italy, France, the Germanic Empire, the Peninsula, Great Britain, and even among the Slavonic nations east of the Germans. The universities established in Italy previous to the year 1500 were, besides the three already named:—Vicenza, A.D. 1204; Naples, 1224; Padua, 1228; Piacenza, 1248; Arezzo, 1255; Perugia, 1290; Macerata, 1290; Cesena, year uncertain; Rome, 1303; Pisa, 1308; Siena, 1350; Pavia, 1361; Ferrara, 1391; Palermo, 1394; Cremona, 1413; Florence, 1438; Catania, 1445. In France, besides Paris:—Toulouse, 1233; Montpellier, 1180; Orleans, before 1236; Lyon, before 1290; Vienna, uncertain; Pergenau, 1340; Angers, 1364; Aix, 1400; Dole, 1420; Caen (founded by the English government under Henry VI.), 1433; Bordeaux, 1441; Valence, 1452; Nantes, 1463; Bourges, 1464. Within the limits of the Germanic Empire, which then extended over many provinces now incorporated into France, and over the Netherlands:—Prague, 1348; Vienna, 1365; Heidelberg, 1387; Cologne, 1388; Basle, uncertain; Erfurt, 1392; Leipzig, 1409; Rostock, 1419; Louvain, 1426; Greifswalde, 1456; Freiburg, 1457; Trier, 1477; Ingolstadt, 1472; Tübingen, 1477; Mayence, 1477. In Great Britain:—Oxford, before 1149; Cambridge, uncertain; St. Andrews, 1412; Glasgow, 1454; Aberdeen, 1494. In Spain and Portugal:—Salamanca, 1240; Coimbra (originally established in Lisbon), 1290; Valladolid, 1346; Huesca, 1354; Valencia, 1410; Sigüenza, 1471; Saragossa, 1474; Avila, 1492; Alcala, 1499. In the Baltic States:—Upsala, 1470; Copenhagen, 1479.

In all of these institutions we recognise the leading features of Paris or Bologna. All of them, apart from the consideration of their academic character, are privileged corporations, with an independent jurisdiction more or less limited, and the power of making bye-laws. In most of them the division of the members of the corporation into nations prevails. In all of them the faculties of philosophy (or arts), theology, law (civil and canon), and medicine, are more or less fully developed. Some contain within them all the faculties; some only two or more. Almost all have a faculty of arts, which, even where it is politically the most powerful (as in the university of Paris), is regarded as in a great measure preparatory to, and therefore in its scientific character inferior to the others. In the universities of spontaneous growth the privilege of conferring degrees appears to have been claimed only in those faculties which were completely organized; in the factitious universities created by governments, the right of bestowing degrees in all faculties appears to have been claimed, even where some of them only were completely organized. In some of these bodies the students constituted the corporation; in others, the masters or teachers; the former appear to have assimilated themselves to the model-university of Bologna; the latter, to that of Paris. The Italian universities, and the greater part, if not all, of the French universities, except Paris, were corporations of students. The Puritan institutions were adopted in England, the Germanic Empire, and the states on the Baltic. Spanish universities have the appearance of being a compromise between the two principles: in Salamanca the rector was elected by the scholars of the cathedral from among the students, and the rector appointed the professors and fixed their salaries.

This division of the old universities into two classes appears, like everything about those institutions, to have had its origin in the social necessities of the time and countries. The legal faculty predominated in the Italian universities, and the French universities were called 'universités des loix.' The universities of this type will be found to predominate in those countries in which the Roman law prevailed, as contradistinguished from Teutonic Germany and England, and the 'pays coutumiers' of France—in the countries in which the old Roman civilization had never been entirely extirpated, as contradistinguished from those in which the Teutonic invaders formed the majority of the population. In the former there was a civilization apart from the church; in the latter there was no civilization but what came through the church. In the former a secular and independent spirit prevailed: the universities were incorporations of grown men seeking secular learning. In the latter a spirit of clerical domination prevailed: the universities were corporations of teachers seeking to exercise the functions of missionaries.

The universities founded after the beginning of the Reformation adopted the great outlines of the organization of their predecessors: the political incorporation, the privileged jurisdiction and power of making bye-laws, the faculties and modes of conferring degrees which custom had established. But the altered circumstances of society modified considerably their external relations. The territorial divisions of Europe had come to be more sharply defined, and the authority of the sovereign to be more energetically enforced by more perfect civil and military organization. The day of feudal lords, of municipalities and other privileged corporations, each standing upon his or its defence, and acknowledging a limited and precarious subjection to the nominal hege was past; the day of great states, of territorial governments, had come. The same political power could not and would not be conceded to universities that had formerly been given to them. The old were restricted in their privileges; the new never received them. The protracted strife between the Romish and Protestant churches also had its effect: universities, though no longer allowed to lay down the law, were cherished as advocates of a party. Roman Catholic and Protestant universities were erected to do battle for their respective creeds. Lastly, other sciences had had their practical utility recognised, in the same way as the sciences of law and medicine had had theirs at an earlier period. The applications of mathematical science to the purposes of war and navigation had given an impetus to their cultivation: these new practical pursuits never produced a new faculty, but they lent greater importance to the miscellaneous faculty known as the faculty of arts.

The number of universities founded in Europe, from the time of the Reformation down to the French Revolution was considerable. In Italy:—Messina, 1548; Fermo, 1589; Mondovi, 1600; Parma, 1601; Cagliari, 1606 (re-established in 1764); Mantua, 1625; Urbino, 1671; Turin, 1725; Camerino, 1727; Sassari, 1765; Milan, 1766; Genoa, 1783. In France:—Rheims, 1558; Douay, 1561; Besançon, 1564; Pont-à-Mousson, 1572; Strasbourg, 1623; Corte (in Corsica) after 1700. In Germany:—Wittenberg, 1502; Frankfurt (on the Oder), 1506; Marburg, 1527 (and again in 1633); Königsberg, 1544; Dillingen, 1549; Jena, 1558; Helmstedt, 1570; Altdorf, 1578; Olmütz, 1581; Würzburg, 1582; Göttingen, 1586; Gießen, 1607; Paderborn, 1615; Rinteln, 1621; Salzburg, 1623; Osnabrück, 1630; Münster, 1631; Pesth (originally at Tyrnau, thence transferred first to Ofen, and afterwards to Pesth), 1635; Linz, 1636; Bamberg, 1648; Herborn, 1654; Duisburg, 1655; Inspruck, 1672; Halle, 1694; Breslau, 1702; Göttingen, 1734; Fulda, 1734; Erlangen, 1743; Clausen, 1775; Bonn, 1778. In the United Provinces:—Leyden, 1575; Franeker, 1585; Harderwyck, 1600; Groningen (uncertain); Utrecht, 1634. In Great Britain:—Edinburgh, 1582; Aberdeen (Marischal College), 1593; Dublin, 1601. In Spain and Portugal:—Seville, 1564; Toledo, 1518; Compostella, 1532; Baza, 1533; Gandia, 1549; Osuna, 1549; Almagro, 1552; Orihuela, 1552; Oviedo, 1580; Ebro, 1600; Oñate, 1600. In the Baltic States:—Kiel, 1665; Lund, 1668; Abo, 1640; Dorpat, 1632 (transformed to Pernau in 1699). In Poland:—Vilna, 1697; Krakau, 1632. In Russia:—Kiew (in the 17th century); Moskau, 1756.

Many events concurred during this period to lower universities in the public estimation. The extension of elementary and secondary schools had raised the standard

of education among the classes which did not receive a university education. The invention of printing, increasing the facilities of private study, had operated in the same direction. The diminished privileges and restricted jurisdiction of universities had brought them to be regarded merely as schools of a higher order. The increasing number of learned societies raised up a body of non-academical literati, hostile in many instances to the academical; and the public, looking only to the transactions of these societies, forgot that their members were indebted for their training to the universities. The presumptuous spirit of amateur dabblers in science undervalued these institutions; and, in the feverish spirit of innovation which occasioned or accompanied the French Revolution, they too were denounced. In France the old universities have entirely disappeared. In the rest of Europe, as soon as the storms of the Revolution were passed over, they revived; and adapting themselves more to the social necessities of the age, have in many instances started with increased energy on a fresh career of utility. An account of the present condition of the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge, and some others of the more important, will be found in the articles devoted to the towns in which they are situated: here the limits of a work like this admit of no more than a list of existing universities, with the members of their students and professors up to the latest period for which authentic information has been obtained.

ITALY.

	Students.
The two Sicilies	
Catania (1840)	360
Messina	..
Naples (1840)	1,365
Palermo (1840)	800
Papal States	
Bologna (1840)	600
Camerino (1840)	150
Ferrara (1840)	150
Macerata	..
Perugia (1840)	200
Rome (1840)	800
Urbino	200
Tuscany	
Florence (1840)	200
Pisa (1840)	450
Siena (1840)	250
Sardinia	
Cagliari (1840)	240
Genoa (1840)	450
Sassari (1840)	240
Turin (1840)	811
Parma	.. (1840) 410
Modena	..
Austrian Italy	
Padua (1840)	410
Pavia (1840)	1,300

THE PENINSULA.

	Students.
Spain	
Aleida	304
Cervera	573
Ganada	812
Illesca	537
Ovate	270
Orlucla	124
Oviedo	420
Palma	177
Salamanca	418
Saragossa (1828)	1,165
Santiago (1828)	1,050
Seville	867
Toledo	237
Valencia (1828)	1,550
Valladolid (1828)	1,248
Portugal	
Coimbra	1,600

FRANCE.

The phrase 'Royal University of France' is almost equivalent to that of 'national system of education in France.' The governing body is the council of public instruction, of which the minister of public instruction is the president. All educational institutions, from elementary schools upwards, are, with half-a-dozen exceptions, under the direction of this body. Under the councilors are inspectors-general of the university, whose office it is to examine all schools and colleges once a year. The educational functions discharged by Universities in other nations of Europe are vested in twenty-six academies, each of which has a territory of two or more departments allotted to it. At the head of each academy are a rector, two inspectors, and a council: they have the superintendence over all the schools in their districts. The academy includes the faculties; but all the faculties are not organized in every academy, and some have none. There are six faculties of Roman Catholic theology,—at Aix, Bordeaux, Lyon, Paris, Rouen, Toulouse: and two of Protestant theology, one Lutheran, at Strasbourg, and one Calvinistic, at Montauban, under the academy of Toulouse. There are nine faculties of law,—at Aix, Caen, Dijon, Grenoble, Paris, Poitiers, Rennes, Strasbourg, and Toulouse. There are three faculties of medicine,—at Grenoble, Paris, and Montpellier, with seventeen secondary schools of medicine. And there are seven faculties of literature,—Paris, Strasbourg, Bordeaux, Toulouse, Caen, Dijon, and Besançon. The faculties consist of a variable number of professors, one of whom is dean, and a committee of whom examine candidates for degrees. The students sufficiently advanced to study the sciences taught by the faculties are instructed in royal colleges, and are classified according as they reside within or without the walls. The academies are 1—

Students.

	Royal Colleges.	Professors.	Within the walls.	Without the walls.
Aix	1	14	160	230
Amiens	1	12	121	180
Angers	1	12	118	110
Besançon	1	12	110	160
Bordeaux	1	13	170	120
Bourges	1	12	129	120
Caen	1	15	212	290
Caen	2	22	90	160
Clermont	3	42	269	292
Dijon	1	13	88	150
Donai	1	12	131	110
Grenoble	1	14	133	141
Limoges	1	11	88	220
Lyon	1	20	276	264
Metz	1	15	190	240
Montpellier	2	23	199	256
Nancy	1	14	110	260
Nîmes	3	39	305	260
Orléans	2	24	241	286
Paris	7	180	1629	3324
Paris	1	12	57	90
Poitiers	1	15	130	201
Rennes	3	33	346	467
Rouen	1	17	164	491
Strasbourg	1	14	121	263
Toulouse	1	15	112	239

GREAT BRITAIN.

Oxford (resident members in May, 1842)	1613
Cambridge (resident members in Nov., 1840)	1754
London	..
Durham	..
St. Andrews	..
Glasgow	..
Aberdeen	..
Edinburgh	..
Dublin	..

GERMANY.

	Professors.	Students.
Austria		
Götting (1828)	..	321
Innsbruck (1828)	..	352
Lemberg (1833)	..	1311
Olmutz (1833)	..	682
Pesth (1834)	..	1610
Prague (1825)	..	55
Vienna (1839)	..	77
Prussia		
Berlin (1838)	..	94
Boon (1838)	..	57
Breslau (1838)	..	47
Greifswald (1838)	..	28
Halle (1838)	..	53
Königsberg (1839)	..	37
Bavaria		
Erlangen (1840)	..	34
Münich (1840)	..	71
Würzburg (1840)	..	31
Baden		
Freiburg (1840)	..	35

* With the exception of the Italian universities, given above.
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		Professors.	Students.
Baden . . .	Heidelberg (1840)	55	622
Hesse Darmstadt . . .	Gießen (1840)	39	377
Hesse Cassel . . .	Marburg (1840)	38	276
Saxony . . .	Leipzig (1840)	81	925
Hanover . . .	Göttingen (1840)	89	675
Württemberg . . .	Tübingen (1840)	44	729
Mecklenburg . . .	Rostock (1840)	34	115

SWITZERLAND.

		Professors.	Students.
Basel (1838)		114	
Zürich (1833)		200	

BELGIUM.

		Professors.	Students.
Brussels (1837)		210	
Ghent (1837)		202	
Lidge (1837)		379	
Louvain (1837)		350	

HOLLAND.

		Professors.	Students.
Groningen (1840)		274	
Leyden (1840)		614	
Utrecht (1840)		510	

BAL TIC STATES.

		Professors.	Students.
Denmark . . .	Copenhagen (1838)	26	1301
	Kiel (1838)	26	300
Norway . . .	Christiania (1838)	60	600
Sweden . . .	Lund (1838)	50	645
	Upsala (1838)	60	1350

RUSSIA.

		Professors.	Students.
Charkoff (1838)		84	315
Dorpat (1838)		71	563
Helsingfors (1838)		42	422
Kasan (1838)		76	170
Kiew (1838)		88	203
Moscow (1838)		90	611
Petersburg (1838)		73	385
Vladimir		..	..
Warsaw (1838)		..	408

GREECE.

		Professors.	Students.
Kingdom of Greece	Athens	..	..
Ionian Islands . .	Corfu (1839)	10	60

UNITED STATES OF NORTH AMERICA.

As in England and Scotland, the medical and legal professions are in the United States educated principally in distinct schools; and this is in the latter country the case also in a great measure with the students of theology. The colleges or universities contain therefore in general only a faculty of arts.

According to the last census of the United States, there were 173 universities or colleges, with 16,233 students. The 'American Almanac,' for 1843, enumerates 103, with 9936 students; remarking that they are only distinguished from academies by the privilege of granting degrees, and that many of them are so imperfectly organized as scarcely to deserve to be mentioned. By this remark is to be understood rather a high character of the academies than a low character of the colleges in the old States; the imperfectly organized colleges are in the States mostly admitted into the Union. From the list of colleges in the United States given in 'The American Almanac for 1843,' it appears that there are in—Maine, 2; New Hampshire, 1; Vermont, 3; Massachusetts, 3; Rhode Island, 1; Connecticut, 3; New York, 6; New Jersey, 2; Pennsylvania, 8; Delaware, 1; Maryland, 3; District of Columbia, 3; Virginia, 7; North Carolina, 3; South Carolina, 2; Georgia, 5; Alabama, 3; Mississippi, 2; Louisiana, 5; Tennessee, 5; Kentucky, 8; Ohio, 10; Indiana, 3; Illinois, 4; Missouri, 7; Michigan, 3. Total, 103; total of students 9936. As to the religious direction or influence under which these colleges are conducted, see UNITED STATES, p. 14.

There are at present in the United States 28 medical schools, with 172 professors and 2105 students; 39 theological schools, with 102 professors and about 1300 students; and 10 law schools, with 19 professors and 384 students.

Of the condition of the universities in the other republics of North and South America, since the establishment of their independence, there is no authentic information.

(Savigny, *Geschichte des Römischen Rechts im Mittelalter*; Ackermann, *Institutiones Historiæ Medicinæ*; Bulaus, *Historia Universitatis Parisiensis*; Pasquier, *Recherches de la France*; *Edinburgh Review*, June, 1831, art. 'English Universities—Oxford'; Meiners, *Geschichte der Entstehung und Entwicklung der hohen Schulen unserer Erdtheile*; *Quarterly Journal of Education*; Balbi, *Abregé de Géographie*; *American Almanac* for 1843.)

UNIVERSITY. This word is the English form of the Latin *universitas*, which is often used by the best Latin writers. The adjective 'universus' signifies the whole of anything, as contrasted with its parts; the plural 'universi' also is often used to express an entire number of persons or things, as opposed to individual persons or things. The uses of the word *universitas* may be derived from the meaning of *universus*. *Universitas* is used by the Latin writers to express the whole of anything, as contrasted with its parts; thus Cicero speaks of all mankind as '*universitas generis humani*,' and he proceeds to instance individuals (singuli) as the ultimate elements of this *universitas*. It is not necessary in the notion of *universitas* that all the elements should be alike; '*universitas rerum*' is Cicero's expression for the whole of things—for all things viewed as making one whole. The word *universitas* applies either to a number of things, or of persons, or of rights, viewed as a whole. The Roman jurists expressed by the term '*universitas bonorum*' the whole of a property as contrasted with the parts (singulae res) which composed it. Such a *universitas* might be the object of a universal succession, a term which signified the immediate passing from one person to another of all that could be comprehended under such a *universitas* of property. The Roman *hereditas* is an instance of such universal succession.

Rights and duties are properly attached to individuals as their subjects; but a number of individuals may be viewed for certain legal purposes as one person or as a unity. Thus the notion of a number of persons forming a juridical person, or a *universitas*, obtained among the Romans, and *universitas* was a general name for various associations of individuals, who were also indicated by the names of colleges and corpora. The essential character of these *universitates* of persons, viewed as juridical persons, was the capacity of having and acquiring property. The property, when had or acquired, might be applied to any purposes which the nature of the association required; but it was the capacity of the association to have and acquire, like an individual, that was the essential characteristic of the body as a *universitas*; and the purposes for which the property might be had or acquired were no more a part of the notion of a *universitas*, than the purposes for which an individual has or acquires property are part of his capacity to have or acquire.

The universities or corporate bodies at Rome were very numerous. These were corporations of bakers, publicani or farmers of the revenue, of scribes, and others. The name was also applied in the sense above explained to civitates, municipia, and respublice; and also to the component parts of them, as curiae, vici, fora, conciliabula, and castella.

From the Roman words *universitas*, *collegium*, *corpus*, are derived the terms university, college, and corporation of modern languages; and though these words have obtained modified significations in modern times, so as not to be indifferently applicable to the same things, they all agree in retaining the fundamental signification of the terms, whatever may have been superadded to them. There is now no university, college, or corporation which is not a juridical person in the sense above explained; wherever these words are applied to any association of persons not stamped with this mark, it is an abuse of terms which requires no further comment.

The word university, in its modern acceptation, has often been misunderstood. Its proper meaning is explained in this article; and the application of the term to associations of teachers or pupils is explained in the article UNIVERSITIES.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, OXFORD, is said to have been founded in the year 872, by King Alfred the Great; but this story, it is believed, is not older than the fourteenth century. Smith, the historian of the college, has clearly proved that it was erected by the liberality of William of Durham, rector of Bishop-Wearmouth, who died in 1249.

leaving a sum of money to provide a permanent endowment for the maintenance of 'Masters,' with a preference to persons born in the parts nearest to Durham. The first purchase with this bequest was made in 1253, and the first statutes are dated in 1280, which year may be considered as that of the permanent foundation of the College. The chief benefactors since that period have been King Henry IV.; Walter Skirlaw, bishop of Durham; Henry Percy, earl of Northumberland; Robert Dudley, earl of Leicester; the Rev. Robert Gunsey; John Freestone, Esq.; Sir Simon Bennet, Bart.; the Rev. Charles Greenwood; Dr. John Radcliffe; and Dr. John Browne.

The present foundation consists of a master, thirteen fellows, sixteen scholars, some exhibitors, and a bible-clerk.

Of the fellowships, two, founded by William of Durham, are open, with a preference, *ceteris paribus*, to persons born in the parts nearest to Durham. Three were founded in 1409 by King Henry IV. at the request of Walter Skirlaw, with a preference to persons born in the diocese of York or Durham, who are required to take holy orders before they can be admitted actual fellows. Three were founded by Henry Percy, in 1442, for persons born in the diocese of Durham, Carlisle, or York, with a preference, *ceteris paribus*, to natives of the county of Northumberland; and four were founded in 1631, by Sir Simon Bennet, to which those only are eligible who are or have been scholars on his foundation. In 1714 Dr. Radcliffe attached to this college two fellowships 'for persons who are Masters of Arts, and entered on the physick line'; they are tenable for ten years, during half of which time the fellows are required to travel abroad. The appointment to this foundation is vested in the electors for Radcliffe's Librarian.

In 1837 a civil law fellowship was founded in this college by Mary Ann, Viscountess Sidmouth, in honour of her father the late Lord Stowell, some time fellow of this Society. This fellowship is open to all members of the University of Oxford who have passed the examination for the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and is tenable for seven years.

Of the scholarships, six are open to natives only of the county of York, viz.: one founded in 1590, by the Rev. Otto Hunt; three in 1595, by John Freestone, Esq.; and two in 1764, by Dr. John Browne, some time Master of the college. Four, founded in 1631 by Sir Simon Bennet, are open to all persons born in the province of Canterbury. Six are open without any restriction as to place of birth: of these one was founded in 1594, by Mr. Heame or Heron; two in 1596, by the Rev. Thomas Browne, since augmented by the Society; and three were established by the college in 1837 and 1841.

Of the exhibitions, four, founded in 1618, were for natives of Kent, to be elected from the grammar-schools of Maidstone and Rochester; two, founded in 1597, by Robert Dudley, earl of Leicester, are vested in his heirs; and two, founded by Lady Holford, are in augmentation of exhibitions from the Charter-House. There are some others of small value. An exhibition, established in 1840, is annually given to the best proficient in mathematics.

The patronage of this college comprises the rectories of Tarrant Gunville in Dorsetshire, North Cerney in Gloucestershire, Headbourne Worthy in Hampshire, Elton in Huntingdonshire, Checkendon in Oxfordshire, Kingdon in Somersetshire, Beekley in Sussex, and Melsosby in Yorkshire; with the vicarage of Arncliffe in Yorkshire, and the curacy of Flamstead in Hertfordshire.

Among the more eminent persons educated in this college were, Walter Skirlaw, bishop of Durham, already mentioned, Richard Fleming, bishop of Lincoln, Tobie Mattheu, archbishop of York, Archbishop Abbot, George Heene, bishop of Norwich, Leonard and Thomas Digges the mathematicians, Sir Dudley Digges, Sir George Croke, Lord Herbert of Chesham, Dr. Radcliffe, William Ebstot, Carte the historian, Sir Robert Chambers, Sir William Jones, Mr. Wyndham, the Marquis of Hastings, and the late Lord Eldon and Stowell.

The earliest locality in which William of Durham's scholars first assembled was called University Hall, which now makes part of the site of Bransene College. From this hall they removed to the present site in the High-street, according to the most probable conjecture, in 1343.

Little information is now to be recovered respecting the character of the buildings which this Society occupied previous to the reign of Henry VI. About that time the vari-

ous tenements inhabited by the Society were pulled down, and the whole re-edified in a quadrangular form, but without exact proportions, as its progress depended on their funds.

Of the present buildings of this College, forming two courts, the hall was begun in 1640, but was not completed till the reign of Charles II. The chapel was completed in 1665. The Library, on the south side, beyond the principal quadrangle, was finished in 1693. From the eastern side of the principal quadrangle, the smaller court is entered by a narrow passage. The grand front of this College, with two gateways, each with a tower above, extends upwards of two hundred and sixty feet, and is one of the principal ornaments of the High-street. Statues of Queen Mary and Queen Anne stand above the gateways of the courts toward the street, and others of King James II. and Dr. Radcliffe above the gateways within. Some additional buildings toward the High-street have been recently erected, in what is called the Gothic style.

The king is the visitor of this College. The number of members upon the books, at the beginning of the present year (1843) was 240.

(Smith's *Annals of University College*; Chalmers's *Colleges and Halls of Oxford*, 8vo., 1810; Ingram's *Memoirs of Oxford*, 4to., 1837, vol. i.; *Oxford University Calendar* for 1842.)

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, LONDON, had its origin in a project, which was first promulgated in the year 1825, for founding a University in London by means of public subscription. The promoters of this scheme had in view three principal objects. In the first place they desired to bring home to the doors of the inhabitants of the metropolis the means of a complete education—to place the benefits of enlarged mental cultivation for their sons, at the simple cost of the instruction, within the reach of parents who might be deterred from seeking those advantages for their children by the additional expense and risks of residence at the old universities; or who might deem it advisable that youths between boyhood and manhood, while pursuing an academical course of study, should continue under parental control. Secondly, they proposed to afford the opportunity of receiving a university education to the various classes of society in England who, not being members of the Church of England, were excluded in a greater or less degree from Oxford and Cambridge. A third purpose was the establishment in the metropolis of extended and systematic courses of education for professional pursuits—for the Faculties, namely, of Laws and Medicine, and for Civil Engineering.

The proposal was favourably received. In a few months after its announcement, which was in March, the funds sufficient to set the University on foot were raised by subscriptions for 1000 shares, and by a few donations of 50*l.* each. In the autumn the site on which the College now stands was procured; and before the close of the year a Council consisting of 24 members was elected for the management of the institution under the provisions of a deed of settlement soon afterwards executed by the proprietors, and bearing date in February, 1828. A design for the building by the late Mr. Wilkins was approved in the course of that year, and the first stone was laid on the 30th April, 1827, by His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex.

After the lapse of eighteen months, occupied in the erection of the building, in collecting books, apparatus, and other necessary objects, in settling the academical system, and in appointing professors, courses of instruction in the three faculties of Arts, Laws, and Medicine were commenced in the months of October and November, 1828, and the institution before the close of that year was in full operation in all the usual branches of academic learning, except theology.

The system of instruction differed from that in ordinary use chiefly in the frequency of examination, both in the class-rooms and at fixed times during the academical session. It was also distinguished by courses of Lectures, extending through the session, on the Language and Literature of England, and other modern languages, and on History. For the classes in Arts and Laws the session was fixed to commence in the middle of October and terminate at the end of June. For the Medical classes the session was divided into two portions, a winter and a summer term. The former begins on the 1st of October and concludes in April: the latter commences on the 1st of

May and terminates at the end of July. The subjects of instruction were to be treated more extensively than it had been the practice to treat them; and Comparative Anatomy and Pathological Anatomy were for the first time made subjects of courses of lectures in a London school of medicine. All persons above the age of fifteen years were to be admitted without restriction or examination in any of the classes.

The remuneration of the professors was made to depend on the fees paid by the students who entered their classes. A certain amount however, varying according to circumstances, was guaranteed to them for the first three years. If the amount of fees exceed a certain sum, a portion is retained by the college towards defraying the expenses of the establishment.

The omission of the subject of theology from the courses of study in the proposed new University had from the first given rise to much discussion, and it was eagerly seized as a pretext for affixing a stigma on the project, by representing it as a plan to found a University on the principle of indifference to religion; and it was urged against its claims to support, that no system of education in which theology was not comprised would be complete. But it was considered a sufficient answer to these charges, that the institution was intended for the instruction of students as laymen only; to give an education for the ministers of religion as such was no part of the founders' scheme: for young men designed for the Church of England, Oxford and Cambridge existed already, and were sufficient; and to agree on a system of theological instruction for ministers of various denominations was obviously impossible. That the omission of religious instruction was not owing to indifference, appeared from the fact that an earnest but not very judicious attempt to reconcile the introduction of instruction in theology with the principle of the institution—the admission of all classes without the distinction of creed—was the subject of anxious deliberation; and a proposal was at one time entertained and nearly adopted, to give theological instruction in three classes, viz. theology by a member of the Church of England, ecclesiastical history by a member of the Church of Scotland, and Biblical criticism by a member of one of the dissenting congregations. But the impracticability of such an arrangement was foreseen, and it was wisely abandoned. The determination not to be biased by the imputations of their adversaries was the more readily acquiesced in by the many zealous supporters of the London University, who, differing in their modes of worship, agreed in the sincerity of their religious opinions, from the consideration that since it was not proposed to found a College in which young men should reside, but rather a Hall in which they should meet during a certain portion only of every day to receive instruction, it might be safely and properly left to the parents and guardians of students to provide for their religious education and devotional exercises.

It happened indeed that although the most strenuous advocates of the University were found, as was to be expected, among the leading members of the liberal party in politics, headed, as in other recent cases of popular measures which had the extension of education for their object, by Lord Brougham (then Mr. Brougham), and well supported by the most enlightened classes of dissenters, yet the list of contributors to the funds for founding the institution comprised persons, members of the peerage as well as others, of so many various parties, and so considerable a proportion of those who subscribed most largely were men of rank and members of the Church of England, that their names and well-known opinions were sufficient evidence that the aims of the founders were of a catholic, and not of a sectarian or party character. The number of persons who became shareholders was about eleven hundred, and the sum for which they subscribed was upwards of one hundred and sixty-one thousand pounds. The amount of donations was two thousand three hundred and fifty pounds. The number of students who had entered the classes during the first year were five hundred and fifty-seven. Of these two hundred and sixty-nine were for branches of general education, one hundred and twenty-three attended the law classes only, and one hundred and sixty-nine were medical students. The number in the second year amounted to five hundred and ninety-six, but the proportions had varied: the entries to the law classes had diminished, while those of the medical school had

risen to two hundred and fifty-six, and there was an increase in the classes in literature and the sciences.

It will not here be out of place to mention, that as soon as the efforts of its friends had succeeded in raising capital enough for the establishment of this institution, another College, precisely similar in its nature, excepting that it contained classes for instruction in the tenets of the Established Church, was founded in the Strand, under the name of King's College, London, and under the auspices of the bishops and clergy of the Church of England.

In the year 1830 an application was made to the crown for a charter of incorporation for the University of London. In the year 1835 indeed a bill had been introduced into the House of Commons with a view to incorporate the proprietors by act of parliament, but an objection having been raised that it could only pass as a private bill, it had been allowed to drop. The charter as prayed for had gone through nearly all its usual forms, when its progress was stayed by the opposition of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, and no further proceedings towards its completion were taken until the year 1833, when the application was renewed, and the petition of the Council of the University was on this occasion seconded by an address to the throne from the city of London. It was again opposed by the two old Universities, but new adversaries had also taken the field: these were the Royal College of Surgeons of London, and the teachers of medicine and surgery in the hospitals of the metropolis, with other members of the Faculty. The matter was referred to the Privy Council, before whom the case was argued during three days in the months of April and May, 1834. All the opposing parties agreed in one objection to the granting of this charter. It was considered that the conferring on the new institution the title of *University* would invest it with the privilege of granting degrees, as incidental to that title, and against its possessing this privilege they all protested, but the grounds on which their opposition was based differed. The petition presented to the king by the University of Oxford expressed the alarm of that body 'that serious injury would accrue to numerous ancient institutions, and much consequent evil to the public, if a right to confer any academical distinctions designated by the same titles or accompanied with the same privileges as the degrees of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge should be given by royal charter, either expressly or by implication, to a society which had no immediate connection with the established church, and taught no system of religion.' In the argument before the Privy Council it was maintained by their advocate that the king could not grant the charter prayed for: first, because the University would necessarily be subject to visitation by the archbishop of Canterbury, and such visitation was not compatible with the existence of an institution in which the doctrine of the Church of England was not taught. To strengthen this view of the case, not only was the charge against the proposed University of indifference to religion strongly urged, but its supporters were reproached with inculcating infidelity: they do not teach religion, it was argued; therefore they teach no religion; therefore they teach infidelity. Secondly, to grant the charter would be contrary to law—a violation of some of the statutes of the land, and especially of the Act of Uniformity, which required that the Book of Common Prayer should be used by all who officiate in chapels and halls in both the universities; and thirdly, the charter could not be granted consistently with the coronation oath, by which the king is bound to uphold the church establishment. The petition of the University of Cambridge was silent as to the grounds on which its objections to the London University conferring degrees were founded, but these were stated in the arguments of their counsel to be, the want of security that the degree would be properly conferred by a body which, without due authority, had assumed a name to which the privilege is attached. It was urged in support of the prayer against the granting of the charter, that it would be derogatory to the dignity of the crown to sanction by royal authority that which in its commencement was a delusion. The joint-stock character of the association of subscribers to the institution was also objected against it; and it was contended that the motive for desiring to confer degrees was to enhance the market value of the property. The medical and surgical opponents of the charter, both in their petitions and through their counsel, alleged the danger of

injury to their interests as teachers, from the advantage over them which would be enjoyed by the University of London as a school of medicine, if it should receive the power of conferring degrees.

The Oxford objections were easily disposed of: the reply to the reproach for the want of instruction in theology has been anticipated. To the others it was answered:—first (and this proposition was assented to by the Privy Council as indisputable), that a university is a lay corporation, and is not, as a corporation, visitable by the archbishop of Canterbury; secondly, that it was mere casuistry to construe the expression in the Act of Uniformity, '*both the universities*,' to mean all universities that should ever be constituted; and thirdly, that the view taken of the coronation oath was an exploded party sophism which had been treated on several occasions as an absurd fallacy, both by the crown and the legislature. The Cambridge objection, reiterated indeed by all the petitioners against the charter, of the joint-stock character of the association, was met by a reference to the list of subscribers, and to the fact that the benefit of the shareholders was limited to the receipt of 4 per cent. interest on the sum subscribed by them, in case, which was a remote possibility, a fund should arise out of which such interest could be paid. It was reasonably asked, whether this fact, together with the character of the persons who subscribed, and the amount of their subscriptions, was not sufficient evidence that no spirit of mercantile speculation had prompted the undertaking, but that the contributions were to be viewed in the light of an advance of money on loan, not for gain's sake, but for the attainment of an important national object. Guarantees were offered for securing the proper conferring of academical distinctions. The objections peculiar to the College of Surgeons and medical teachers having practically more weight,—touching indeed the so-called vested interests of the petitioners, were not to be set aside so readily. It could not be denied that the institution of the medical school of the University had operated somewhat injuriously to the pecuniary interests of the teachers in the hospitals and other schools of the metropolis: it might be true that its example had put them to the inconvenience of introducing some new regulations for the improvement of medical education generally, and perhaps had imposed on them the necessity of a greater degree of personal exertion than formerly: it could not be denied that the number of students attending the old schools had been reduced, in consequence, in the first place, of the mere entrance into the field of competition of a new school; and in the second, of the preference shown by a large proportion of the young men who were preparing for the practice of medicine or surgery as a profession, for the system of instruction adopted at the University: it was certain that the proportion of University medical students to the whole number of pupils resorting to the twelve schools of London was about one-fifth; that, as compared with particular schools, that of the university was the largest in point of numbers in London, and exceeded by one-half that which stood next to it. The medical professors of the University indeed, impressed with these facts, and aware that the possession by the University of the power of granting degrees in medicine might be considered as placing the other schools of the metropolis under disadvantage, were desirous that the claim to grant medical degrees should be waived; but on the part of the University generally a different view of the question was taken. One of the objects of the founders was to make London a school of medicine worthy of the advantages for such a purpose, which, as a large capital, it presented; and this object would not be accomplished unless, with the means of giving a complete education to the medical student, there existed the power of bestowing on him the usual academical distinctions. To the objections of the College of Surgeons it was answered, that their privileges would not be interfered with; that their diplomas would be sought as before as certificates to the qualification of a *due professional* education merely; while the degree of the University would only be conferred on those who, besides their medical education, had attained a liberal amount of knowledge in the other arts and sciences; and that for this degree the University possessed three great essentials not to be found united in any other school in England, namely, competent means of instruction in Arts, complete arrangements for teaching the Medical Sciences, and opportunities of Clinical Instruction: the great hospitals wanting the

first; the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge being deficient in the last.

After the hearing by the Privy Council of the petitioners for and against the charter, the consideration of the matter was adjourned, and before any decision was pronounced a change in the administration took place. Sir Robert Peel succeeded Lord Melbourne as prime minister in November, 1834, and the question remained in the same position until March, 1835. On the 26th of that month a motion was made in the House of Commons by Mr. W. Tocke for an address to the King praying that a charter of incorporation might be granted to the University of London, containing no other restriction than against conferring degrees in divinity. This motion was carried against the ministry by a majority of 110 members: the ayes being 216, the noes 136. The reply of the King was to the effect, that the Privy Council should be called on without delay for a report of the proceedings in the matter, in order that his Majesty might be enabled to judge what might be the best mode of carrying into effect the wishes of his faithful Commons, and what might be the conditions with which the grant of a charter to the University of London ought to be accompanied.

After this vote in their favour by the House of Commons some months elapsed, and yet no charter had been granted. In the mean time Lord Melbourne and his friends had been restored to power. At length, in August, 1835, Mr. Spring Rice, then Chancellor of the Exchequer, acting for the ministry, who were pressed by the Council of the University to give effect to the vote of the Commons and the promise of the King, communicated to them a proposal to incorporate by charter as a University in London a body of gentlemen of eminence in learning and science, who should have the power of examining candidates and of conferring degrees in Arts, Medicine, and Laws, on students of certain Colleges in London therein named, and others existing throughout the country to be afterwards recognised, as well as the schools of professional education. This university was to be supported by an annual vote of money by Parliament, and the degrees were to be conferred on persons of all religious persuasions without distinction, and without the imposition of any test or disqualification whatever. At the same time a charter was to be granted to the then existing University as a College, and it was to be recognised to the charter to the University as one of the schools entitled to send up students for examination.

This proposal was accepted without hesitation both by the Council and the proprietors at large of the University, to whom it appeared calculated to accomplish, even more comprehensively than the founders of the institution itself had hoped for, the ends they had in view. They therefore readily abandoned all claims to exclusive consideration which they might be held to derive from the vote of the House of Commons in their favour. In carrying this scheme of a University consisting of a Board of Examiners distinct from the Institutions for Education, the government received effective assistance from Mr. Warburton, who had been a member of the Council of the University from its foundation. The Professors also lent their cordial aid to the plan.

The proposal was carried into effect in the following year. In November the great seal was put to a charter creating a University of London, of which a further account is given under UNIVERSITY OF LONDON. Previously, but on the same day, namely, November 28, 1835 (7 Will. IV.), this institution, after an existence of eleven years under the name of 'The University of London,' had received a royal charter of incorporation as a college, with the title of 'University College, London,' for the purpose, as expressed in the charter, 'of the general advancement of literature and science, by affording to young men adequate opportunities of obtaining literary and scientific education at a moderate expense.' In the mean time the course of instruction had been steadily continued by the College, and the classes in the several faculties had arrived at the points at which, with slight fluctuations, they have since remained. At the end of the three years from the opening of the College, the guarantees to the professors ceased, and the income accruing from the portion of fees reserved to it being found inadequate to defray the annual expenses, the place of Warden, to which an income of £2000 a year was attached, was resigned by Mr. Leonard Horner, who held that office, and was abolished. The

sum paid as guarantees to the professors had amounted in 1834 to about £3000. In the year 1832 a plan had been adopted for the improvement of the constitution of the University. A Committee of Management of the Council, consisting of six members, was appointed for conducting the ordinary business of the college, and the professors were divided into three faculties, with the intention that there should be a dean at the head of each. That plan having been embodied in the bye-laws under which the College is at present governed, there is no need of saying more of them here. In January, 1832, an elementary school for the education of boys under the age of fifteen, with a view to prepare students for the College, and to improve the opportunities of education for the children of residents in its neighbourhood, had been established within the building, and placed under the professors of Latin and Greek as head-masters.

In 1834 an hospital erected on part of the ground belonging to the College, by public subscription, chiefly among the proprietors, at the cost of about 10,000*l.*, had been opened, for the purpose of affording the medical students clinical instruction under the superintendence of the professors.

After the acceptance of the charter, no material alteration took place in the academical arrangements, or in the numbers attending the classes. During the seven years which terminated with the end of the session 1842, the average number of students had been as follows: in Arts and Laws, including 16 for the latter, 145; in Medicine, 430. The receipt for fees of students during the seven years had been 61,393*l.*, of which 46,115*l.* were for the Medical classes, and 15,278*l.* for the classes in Arts. In Arts the highest number in any one year has been 150 (1839); the lowest 119 (1837). In 1842 the number was 134. The attendances on the most essential classes have varied during the seven years as follows: Mathematics, between 54 and 91; the last year (1842) the number was 73; Natural Philosophy, 29 to 56; the last year 49; Latin, from 44 to 77; the last year 66; Greek, from 46 to 70; the last year 68. In the Medical Faculty the greatest number of students in any one year has been 407 (1839); the lowest 238 (in the last year). The proportion to the other Medical schools in the metropolis, speaking generally, has been uniformly maintained, and the decrease is accounted for by the fact that a great diminution in the number of medical students throughout the country has taken place. The number of the boys in the junior school are nearly 400 in the course of a year; the numbers in attendance at any one time varying from 300 to 340. In August, 1842, they were 335. The fact that since the opening of this institution upwards of 184,000*l.* has been received by it in the shape of fees for education, affords satisfactory evidence of a public demand for such an establishment.

The ordinary annual expenses of the establishment, not including the payment to professors and teachers, amount to about 3500*l.*; the portion of the fees of college-students and school-pupils taken by the council generally amounts nearly to that sum.

Endowments.—An endowment made to the college in 1836 by Mrs. Mary Flaherty has enabled the Council to establish four annual scholarships of 50*l.* a year for four years, of which one is awarded every year to the best proficient in mathematics and classical learning alternately. The sum placed at the disposal of the Council by this benefactress was 5000*l.* three and a half per cents., and was expressed to be given 'out of zeal for the diffusion of knowledge and the advancement of civil and religious liberty, and in the firm conviction that this cause will in the end be triumphant.' With the accumulations of dividends, which accrued while the question as to the best application of this fund was under consideration, and the addition of somewhat more than 200*l.* by the Council, a fund yielding 200*l.* per annum was created.

A second endowment enjoyed by the college is of the value of 3000*l.* Consols, received at various times, from a benefactor under the title of 'Patriot.' It is placed at the disposal of Lord Brougham, who has applied the dividends to the maintenance of classes by the professors of Latin, Greek, Mathematics, and Natural Philosophy, for the instruction of schoolmasters of unwendowed schools and of others, on the payment of a trifling additional fee. Attendance on these classes for two years is a qualification to be a candidate for degrees at the University of London.

The number of attendants on this class is usually between thirty and forty. This employment of the funds was adopted on the recommendation of Lord Brougham.

The College is entitled to other endowment-funds, only a small portion of which is yet in actual possession, to the amount of about 26,000*l.*

The Constitution of the College, as now regulated by the charter, and bye-laws made in pursuance of it on the 7th of May, 1842, is as follows:—The government of the college is vested in five bodies: 1. General Meetings of the Members of the College (in other words, of the founders of the institution, and the representatives of founders); 2. the Council; 3. the Senate; 4. the Faculty of Arts and Laws; 5. the Faculty of Medicine.

General Meetings.—The members of the college who constitute the general meetings are proprietors and donors. Proprietors are the holders, for the time being, as original subscribers, or representatives of original subscribers, of existing shares in the College—shares on which the full sum of 100*l.* has been paid. Proprietors with the title of *Fellows* may be created by the Council by conferring certain shares at their disposal on students of the College who shall have taken a degree with honours at the University of London, in the proportions of two-thirds of the shares so conferred in one year among the graduates in arts or laws, and one-third among the graduates in medicine. Donors are persons who have given to the College 50*l.* in one sum. The number of existing shares (January, 1843) is 1610; that of individual subscribers for those shares, 1072; that of donors, 38; of members of the College (total of donors and proprietors), 1110. The General Meetings have the power of making bye-laws and regulations respecting all the affairs and concerns of the college; and they elect the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and other members of Council, and the Auditors. Their decision of questions is by the majority of votes of members present. The mode of voting, except at elections, is by show of hands, and, if that be doubtful, by division. No business, except the election of officers, and the reading the annual report of the council, and the annual account of the auditors, can be transacted unless thirty members be present. There must be one General Meeting every year, for choosing the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Members of Council; and at this meeting, on the last Wednesday in February, the Report of the Council of the proceedings of the College during the previous year and the account of the auditors are read. Special General Meetings may be convened by the Council. It is imperative on them to convene such special meetings on receiving requisition so to do in writing, signed by twenty members of the College, also in cases of vacancy in certain essential offices. The President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and six members of Council and one Auditor at least, are elected every year by ballot from among the members of the College. The President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Councillors of the immediately preceding and other former years are re-eligible. The members of Council who are to vacate, in case of the election of new members, are, previously to the election, determined by the Council by ballot. Any member of the College giving due notice, and also the Council, may nominate candidates for all the offices to be filled up. The Council are required to nominate in cases in which the members of the College fail to do so; but if the six members of the Council to be issued by the Council, not more than three can be selected from those appointed to vacate. One Auditor at least, and as many more as may be necessary to make up the full number of four, must be elected every year. If the number be complete, the Auditors themselves, and in their default the Council, appoint one of the number to vacate, and the person so appointed to vacate is not re-eligible for the ensuing year. Members of the Council and Auditors ceasing to be members of the College, or deriving emolument from the College, vacate their offices. A member of Council cannot be an Auditor. A professor or holder of any place of emolument in the College, if elected to a seat in the Council, or to be Auditor, must vacate his former office if he do not resign his new one. No person while a member of Council or Auditor, nor for two years afterwards, can be appointed to a professorship, or other place of emolument in the College.

The Council consists of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and twenty-one other members. The number of the latter is limited to twenty-four, but must not be less

than sixteen. Five are a quorum. The Council has the superintendence and management of the College, with power to regulate the teaching of the various branches of literature and science; to determine the times of opening and closing the academical sessions yearly, and the times and length of the vacations; subject to certain regulations, to institute professorships, lectureships, and teacher-ships, and to appoint and remove professors, tutors, and other instructors; to accept gifts and endowments for promoting particular objects of education, or for general purposes; and to manage and dispose of the income and property of the college, except that without the consent of a general meeting no alienation or mortgage of the real estate can be made. Of gifts and endowments special accounts are to be kept, distinct from the other funds of the College. A session of Council is held once a month; but the ordinary business is transacted by a Committee of Management, which meets every fortnight or oftener, and consists of six (not more than seven) members chosen by the Council by ballot out of their own body, and the President of the Senate: three are a quorum. All communications from the College to the government, or to the University of London, are made by or through the Council.

The Senate was created by the General Meeting, in exercise of the power to pass bye-laws, for the purpose of better regulating the academic business of the College, and of the better maintenance of discipline. It was first established by the proprietors in the year 1832. It consists of the professors of the College, with a President and two Vice-Presidents. The President is chosen annually by the professors by ballot from three members of Council, who are selected by ballot by the Council, and presented to the professors for their choice. The President appoints two other members of the Council to be his Vice-Presidents. The President or a Vice-President and six professors are a quorum for ordinary purposes. The President has only a casting vote. The Senate determines, subject to approval by the Council, the times of commencing the several courses of lectures, the length of the courses, and the days and hours of instruction: it exercises jurisdiction over professors, lecturers, teachers, and students. No professorship nor teachership can be instituted or discontinued, and no professor appointed by the Council, until the respective matters have been submitted to the consideration of the Senate: it also determines, subject to the approval of the Council, to what faculty the professor of a newly-appointed professorship shall belong.

The Faculties.—The Faculty of Arts and Laws consists of the professors of Latin; Greek; English; French; Italian; Hebrew; Arabic, Persian, and Hindostani; Sanscrit; Chinese; Comparative Grammar; History; Political Economy; Philosophy of the Mind and Logic; Jurisprudence; English Law; Mathematics; Natural Philosophy and Astronomy; Architecture; Civil Engineering; Chemistry; Zoology; Botany; and Geology. The head master of the junior school is also a member, *ex-officio*, of the Faculty of Arts. The Faculty of Medicine consists of the professors of Anatomy and Physiology; Anatomy and Practical Anatomy; Pathological Anatomy; Comparative Anatomy; Medicine; Clinical Medicine; Surgery; Clinical Surgery; Midwifery; Materia Medica; Chemistry; Botany; and Medical Jurisprudence. Each faculty is presided over by a dean, chosen by its members, by ballot, from among themselves. The Dean acts as chairman and secretary to his faculty. For transacting ordinary faculty business the Dean and two professors are a quorum, if the faculty consists of less than nine professors; if of more than nine, the Dean and three professors are a quorum. Each faculty has a limited jurisdiction over its own members, over the lecturers and masters made subject to it, and over the students entered to the classes of the respective professors and teachers. Each faculty makes regulations, subject to approval by the Council, for the examination of the classes of the professors and teachers subject to it, and may appoint persons, in addition to the professor or teacher, to examine any class.

Professors, Lecturers, and Teachers.—Before a professorship, lectureship, or teachership is filled up by the Council, the names of the candidates, with their testimonials, must be communicated to the Senate; and the Council can make no appointment until a report of the Senate shall have been made, or the time for making such

report, which the Council may limit to a fortnight, shall have expired. In emergencies the Council may appoint a temporary substitute for a professor without consulting the Senate. The Senate must likewise be consulted before the Council can exercise the power of instituting a new or of discontinuing an existing professorship, or of appointing any person to deliver an occasional course of lectures. A professorship becomes forfeited if the holder be proved, to the satisfaction of the Council, to have paid or agreed to pay a retiring allowance to a professor. On such occasions the Committee of Management of the Council have to investigate the case, and report their opinion on it to the Council. In other cases, whether of unbecoming conduct or of neglect of duty, a professor cannot be removed from his professorship, except after report by the Committee of Management to the Council of the facts of the complaint brought against him, and their opinion that he ought to be removed. Previously to making such report the Committee must have investigated the complaint, and, if the party so require, have referred it for investigation to the Senate, and waited a fortnight for the report of that body; or the Senate must in the first instance have investigated the complaint by a quorum of half their body, and reported the facts and their opinion on them to the Committee. The Council must be convened to consider the report of the Committee by seven days' notice, and a majority, consisting of not less than nine, of the members present and voting on the question, must have voted that the professor be removed. The professors are besides responsible to their respective faculties, to the Senate, to the Committee of Management and to the Council, and subject to admonition from either of those bodies; but the Council and Committee before dealing with a case of complaint against a professor must refer it, if required, to the Senate for investigation and report.

Discipline.—The general maintenance of order among the students of the College is committed to the Senate, subject to the control of the Council; but the students are amenable also in various degrees to the professors individually, the Faculties, the Senate, and a Court of Discipline. Every professor, lecturer, or teacher has the power of suspending a student from attendance on his class for disorderly conduct in the class-room; and if he reports the case to the Faculty, before the next meeting of the class, the student remains suspended until the Faculty, Senate, or Court of Discipline has dealt with the case. A committee, consisting of the professors of Latin, Greek, Mathematics, and Natural Philosophy, may, on the report of the professor of any of those classes, call a student of either of them before it, admonish him, or suspend him for seven days from attendance on all or either of the classes. The Senate and Faculties have the power of punishing a student for disorderly conduct, either in a class-room or in other parts of the College or its precincts, by suspension from attendance on classes; the Faculties, for the whole or part of the then current quarter of a year; the Senate, for the remainder of the academical session. The Senate may moreover exclude students from competition for prizes, certificates of honor, or scholarships.

The Court of Discipline consists of the Committee of Management and the Deans of the Faculties. It has the power of inflicting the same punishments as the Senate, and moreover that of expulsion from the College. Three members of the Committee of Management and the two Deans are a quorum, except for the purpose of expulsion: when such a case is to be considered, the court must be specially convened, and six members must be present, the presiding member having a casting vote; the non-attendance of any member and the reasons for his absence must be recorded.

The Junior School of the college is under the control of Council, and conducted by a head master appointed by them. The appointment of all the assistant masters rests with him; he has the rank and privileges of a professor in the College, and holds his office by the same tenure as a professor.

The Government of the Hospital is conducted under regulations made by the Council of the College, by a General Committee annually appointed by the Council, and a Medical Committee consisting of the Medical Faculty of the College and the Physicians and Surgeons of the Hospital. The fees received from hospital pupils, which amount to sums varying from 2500*l.* to upwards of 3000*l.*, are applied

to the maintenance of the hospital, and to payments in certain cases, not amounting to more than 250*l.* a-year, to some of its medical officers.

The College is situated in the parish of St. Pancras, towards the north end of Gower-street. According to the original design it was to consist of a centre and two wings, forming three sides of a quadrangle. Of these the centre and portions only of the wings have been erected. These extend a length of about 400 feet. The front is of two floors, constructed in freestone, with a Corinthian order of pilasters on the upper story. The grand entrance is by a pseudoprostylo portico, of rich architectural character, of the Corinthian order, having ten columns in front. It is elevated on a lofty stylobate ascended by flights of steps, and leads to an octangular vestibule surmounted by a dome which externally rises behind the pediment of the portico. The vestibule was the ante-room to a grand hall 90 feet by 45, but the latter was destroyed by fire in 1835, and has not been rebuilt. The lecture-rooms are, four semicircular theatres, each 65 feet by 50; four oblong rooms, each 46 feet by 24; with other class-rooms of smaller dimensions. Originally there were two other graduated lecture-rooms, of an intermediate size, situated under the great hall, but they shared the fate of that part of the building. There are two spacious laboratories for chemistry and pharmacy. On each hand of the vestibule on the upper story is a room 120 feet by 50; the one intended for a museum, the other for a library. The former is at present in an unfinished state, the latter has been divided into class-rooms for the junior school. The books of the faculty of arts are deposited in a room intended to be called the small library, which forms the reading-room for the students of that faculty. The library contains about 12,500 volumes. The medical library is distinct, and contains 3000 volumes. The law library contains about 1200. The Chinese library collected by the late Dr. Morrison is preserved in this college: it contains about 10,000 volumes, and is preserved in a room exclusively appropriated to it. The museums of philosophical apparatus, of chemistry, and of natural history, are amply provided for the purposes of instruction. The principal museum of anatomy adjoins the large unfinished museum, and is of the same dimensions as a corresponding room at the other end of the building, mentioned as the small library. The portion of the building on the south side of the portico is devoted to instruction in the subjects of the Faculty of Arts and Laws; that on the north side, to the subjects of the Faculty of Medicine. In the east court of the north end is a spacious well-lighted hall, 95 feet long, 28 wide, and 24 high, for the study of practical anatomy, and adjoining is a laboratory fitted up for the instruction in practical chemistry and in chemical manipulations, distinct from other laboratory pursuits. The sum expended in the purchase of land, in building and furniture, and supplying the museums and libraries, up to 1834, was about 141,770*l.*

Lord Brougham is the President of the College. The Earl of Auckland, who has recently been elected as successor to the Duke of Somerset, is Vice-President, and Mr. John Taylor, F.R.S., is Treasurer. The Secretary to the Council is the executive officer of the College.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON. *Constitution of the University of London.*—The original charter creating a University of London, above mentioned, was made during 'Royal Will and Pleasure'; and, in consequence, if at all legal (which is very doubtful), it would by law have expired six months after the demise of King William the Fourth, who granted it. Queen Victoria was advised to cure this defect, and in the first year of her reign revoked the first charter, and granted a new one, not so determinable. By this second charter, which bears date the 5th December, 1837, and was resealed on the 20th December, the University as it now exists was constituted, with a view, as therein expressed, to the 'advancement of religion and morality and the promotion of useful knowledge, by holding forth to all classes of Her Majesty's subjects, without any distinction whatsoever, an encouragement for pursuing a regular and liberal course of education, by offering to persons who prosecute or complete their studies in the metropolis or in other parts of the United Kingdom such facilities, and conferring on them such distinctions and rewards, as may incline them to persevere in their laudable pursuits; and for the purpose of ascertaining by means of examination the persons who have acquired proficiency in literature,

science, and art, by the pursuit of such course of education, and of rewarding them by academical degrees as evidence of their respective attainments, and marks of honour proportioned thereunto.' By this charter the university consists of a Body of Fellows, including a Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor, who compose a Senate. The king is the visitor, and to the crown is reserved the power of from time to time appointing any number of Fellows; but in case the number shall be at any time reduced below twenty-five, exclusive of the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor, the Members of the Senate may elect twelve or more persons to be Fellows in order to complete the number of thirty-six Fellows, besides the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor. The Chancellor is to be appointed by the crown. The office of Vice-Chancellor is an annual one, and is filled by election by the Fellows from their own body.

In the Senate, six Fellows being a quorum, all questions are decided by the majority of the members present; the chairman has a second or casting vote. The Senate has the power of making regulations respecting the examination for degrees and the granting them, but such regulations require the approval of a Secretary of State. An examination for degrees must be held once a-year at least. The candidates are to be examined in as many branches of general knowledge as the Senate shall consider most fitting. The examiners are to be appointed by the Senate, either from their own body or otherwise. The Senate confers, after examination, the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts, Bachelor of Laws, Doctor of Laws, Bachelor of Medicine, and Doctor of Medicine. At the conclusion of every examination, the examiners are to declare the name of every candidate whom they shall have deemed to be entitled to any of the degrees, and the departments of knowledge in which his proficiency shall have been evinced, and also his proficiency in relation to that of other candidates. The candidate is to receive a certificate under the seal of the University, and signed by the Chancellor, in which the particulars declared by the examiners are to be stated.

A candidate for degrees is entitled to examination on producing a certificate that he has completed the course of instruction required by the University. For degrees in Arts and Laws, the charter empowers University College, London, and King's College, London, to issue such certificates; and it provides that they be issued by such other institutions at any time established for the purposes of education as the crown shall authorize to issue them. As to degrees in Medicine, the Senate is required from time to time to report to one of the Secretaries of State what appear to them to be the medical institutions and schools in the United Kingdom from which either singly or jointly with other medical institutions and schools in this country or in foreign parts it may be expedient to admit candidates for medical degrees. On the approval of such report by the Secretary of State, candidates for degrees are to be admitted to examination on presenting a certificate from any such institution or school. Any institution or school may from time to time be struck out of the report under which they obtain authority to issue certificates.

The Senate of the University, subject to the approbation of the commissioners of the treasury, are from time to time to give directions as to the fees which shall be charged for the degrees to be conferred.

The first examination for degrees under this charter was held in the year 1839. At the end of the year 1842 the graduates of the University were as follows:—Doctors in Medicine, 15; Masters of Arts, 7; Bachelors of Laws, 10; Bachelors of Medicine, 50; Bachelors of Arts, 95. At the same time there were 250 under-graduates, of whom 64 had passed the first examination for the degree of bachelor of medicine, and 156 had passed the matriculation examination.

THE REGULATIONS FOR DEGREES at present in force are as follows:—

ARTS.—A candidate must pass a *Matriculation Examination*. This examination is held once a year, and commences on the first Monday in July. The candidate must have completed his sixteenth year. The subjects of examination are, Mathematics—limited to arithmetic, algebra, as far as arithmetical and geometrical progression and simple equations; and in geometry, the first book of Euclid; Natural Philosophy, limited to such elementary knowledge

as may be attained by attending a course of experimental lectures; the elements of chemistry and of botany and zoology; Classics—one Greek and one Latin subject, announced the year previously, from Homer or Xenophon for the former, and from Virgil, Horace, Sallust, Cæsar, Livy, or Cæcilius, for the latter; the grammatical structure of the English language; and the outlines of history and geography. Candidates will not pass unless they show competent knowledge in classics, mathematics, natural philosophy, and one of the three subjects, chemistry, botany, or zoology. An examination of a much higher character for honours is held subsequently—1, in mathematics and natural philosophy; 2, in classics; 3, in chemistry and natural history. No person who has completed his twentieth year is admitted to this examination.

Degree of B.A.—The examination for the degree of B.A. is held once a year, and commences on the first Monday in October. A candidate must have passed the matriculation examination at least two years previously; he must produce certificates from the authorities of one of the institutions in connection with the University of having been a student during two years at one of such institutions; and also of good conduct, as far as their opportunities of knowledge have extended. The subjects of examination are:—1, In Mathematics and Natural Philosophy—arithmetic and algebra, geometry, plane trigonometry, mechanics, hydrostatics, hydraulics and pneumatics, and astronomy. In Natural History—chemistry, animal physiology, vegetable physiology and structural botany. In Classics—one Greek and one Latin book, announced two years previously; Grammar; History, ancient and modern; Geography; the French or the German language by translation and retranslation; logic and moral philosophy. Candidates must show a competent knowledge in the four branches—1, mathematics and natural philosophy; 2, natural history; 3, classics; 4, logic and moral philosophy. An examination for honours in each subject is held subsequently. No person is admissible to this examination who has completed his twenty-third year, nor, without explanation to the satisfaction of the examiners, who has delayed more than three academical years in proceeding to the examination for the degree of B.A. after passing the matriculation examination. The examination is much more extensive than that for the pass examination. In mathematics and natural philosophy, it comprehends the theory of equations, the differential and integral calculus, the calculus of finite differences; heat, optics, and astronomy. In classics the list of authors takes a far wider range; the examination is not confined to subjects of which notice has previously been given; and the examination comprehends prose composition in Greek, Latin, and English; and in the last of these, original composition upon questions arising out of the classic authors selected for examination; with questions in grammar, history, and geography.

Degree of M.A.—An examination for the degree of Master of Arts also takes place once a year, and commences on the first Monday in May. While in the older universities of this country this degree is conferred almost as a matter of course after a certain period has elapsed from the taking of the B.A. degree, in the University of London the examination is of a stricter character than any of the preceding examinations. Every candidate must have taken his degree of B.A. in the University of London or the University of Durham at least one year previously, and have completed the twentieth year of his age. The examination is in three branches of knowledge—1, classics; 2, mathematics and natural philosophy; 3, logic, moral philosophy, philosophy of the mind, political philosophy, and political economy. A candidate will pass if he show a competent knowledge in one of the three. The examination in Branch 1 includes, besides the Greek and Latin classic authors, prose composition in Greek, Latin, and English; ancient and modern history. That in Branch 2 includes the differential and integral calculus, electricity and magnetism, optics, plane and physical astronomy. That in Branch 3 is left to the discretion of the examiners.

Certificate of Proficiency.—It is proposed from time to time to hold examinations for proficiency in architecture; civil engineering; chemistry; botany; geology; and mineralogy; zoology; geography, political and physical; and navigation and hydrography.

Scripture Examination.—An examination in the Hebrew text of the Old Testament, in the Greek text of the P. C., No. 1620.

New, and in Scripture history, is appointed to take place once a year. Candidates must have obtained the degree of B.A. in the university. The examination to be conducted entirely by means of printed papers. Each examiner has the power of putting a veto upon any question. No question is to be put bearing upon any doctrinal point disputed among Christians: no question is to be put so as to require an expression of religious belief on the part of the candidate; nor is any answer or translation given by a candidate to be objected to on the ground of its expressing any peculiarity of doctrinal view. The subjects of examination are as follows:—1, The Hebrew text of the Book of Genesis; 2, the Greek text of the Gospel of St. Luke; 3, Paley's 'Evidences,' and Butler's 'Analogy'; 4, Scripture history. Candidates will pass who show a competent knowledge in any two of the subjects. The list of the candidates who have passed is to be published. A further examination will be held in the Hebrew text of the Old, the Greek of the New Testament, in the 'Evidences of the Christian Religion,' and in Scripture history, for those who have passed the former examination two years previously. It was proposed by some members of the senate that the first examination should be compulsory on candidates for the degree of B.A., but the proposal was objected to by several members of the senate; and the secretary of state, Lord John Russell, at the instance of the council of University College and the committee of Protestant dissenters, interfered to prevent its being made so, on the grounds, as stated by him, that 'although examinations in the Greek Testament and church history might be so conducted as not to offend any class of Christians, on the other hand it might be so pursued as to force the scholar to a defence or apology for his religious faith.'

Laws: Degrees of B.L.—This examination takes place once a year, and commences on the second Monday in November. Candidates must have taken, at least one year previously, the degree of B.A. in the University, or in one of the universities from which the University of London is authorised to receive certificates; and persons who have taken the degree of Bachelor of Medicine, at least eleven months previously, may in certain cases be admitted as candidates. The examination is in the following subjects:—A. Blackstone's 'Commentaries,' or the three last volumes of Kent's 'Commentaries'; B. Rutherford's 'Institutes of Natural Laws'; or the two portions of Dumont's edition of Bentham's 'Morals and Legislation,' which contain the principles of a civil code and the principles of a criminal code.

An examination for honours subsequently takes place. No candidate who has completed his 20th year is admissible. The subjects are—Jurisprudence, Conveyancing, Law of the Courts of Equity, Law of the Courts of Common Law, Roman Law, the Law of the Admiralty, and Ecclesiastical Courts, and Colonial Law.

LL.D.—Candidates for this degree must have taken that of B.L. two years at the least previously. He will be required to show a practical professional knowledge of the law of the common law courts of England and Ireland, and of one of the four following branches of positive law:—1, Conveyancing as in England and Ireland. 2, Law of the Courts of Equity of England and Ireland. 3, Law of the Admiralty and Ecclesiastical Courts of England and Ireland. 4, Law of one of the English Colonies or dependencies.

Also a knowledge of one of the seven following subjects:—Roman Law; and 'the Science of Legislation as applied—to International Law; to Civil Law; to Criminal Law; to the Law of Evidence; to Judicial Organization; and to Procedure.

MEDICINE.—*Bachelor of Medicine.*—Candidates for this degree are required—1, To have been engaged during four years in their professional studies at one or more of the institutions or schools recognised by the University. 2, To have spent one year at least of the four in one or more of the recognised institutions or schools in the United Kingdom. 3, To pass two examinations.

The First Examination takes place once a year, and commences on the first Monday in August. Candidates must have—1, Completed their 18th year. 2, Taken a degree in arts in the University, or in a university the degrees of which are recognised by the University (those of all the universities of the United Kingdom); or

have passed the Matriculation Examination. 3. Have been students during two years at one or more of the medical institutions or schools recognised by the University, subsequently to having taken a degree in arts or passed the matriculation examination. 4. Have attended a course of lectures on each of four of the subjects in the following list:—(Z) Descriptive and Surgical Anatomy; General Anatomy and Physiology; Comparative Anatomy; Pathological Anatomy; Chemistry; Botany; Materia Medica and Pharmacy; General Pathology; General Therapeutics; Forensic Medicine; Hygiene; Midwifery and Diseases peculiar to women and infants; Surgery; Medicine. 5. Have dissected during nine months. 6. Have attended a course of Practical Chemistry, comprehending certain specified practical exercises. 7. Have attended to Practical Pharmacy sufficient time to have acquired a practical knowledge in the preparation of medicines.

The examination is in Anatomy; Physiology; Chemistry; Structural and Physiological Botany; Materia Medica and Pharmacy, with an examination in Anatomy, if practicable by dissection and demonstration. A subsequent examination for honours takes place: to this no student is admissible if he have completed his 22nd year. The examination is on the following subjects:—Anatomy and Physiology, in which answers may be illustrated by sketches; Chemistry; Materia Medica, and Pharmaceutical Chemistry.

The Second Examination for the degree of B.M. takes place once a year, and commences on the first Monday in November. The candidate must have passed the first examination two years at least previously. He must produce certificates:—1. Of having subsequently to the first examination attended a course of lectures on each of two of the subjects comprehended in the list (Z) above given, for which he did not present certificates at the first examination. 2. Of having subsequently to the first examination dissected during six months. 3. Of having conducted at least six labours. 4. Of having attended the surgical practice of a recognised hospital or hospitals during twelve months, and lectures on chemical surgery. 5. Of having attended the medical practice of a recognised hospital or hospitals during other twelve months, and lectures on clinical medicine. 6. Of having subsequently to the completion of his attendance on surgical and medical hospital-practice, attended to practical medicine in a recognised hospital, infirmary, or dispensary during six months.

Certificates will be received on the subject of midwifery from any legally qualified practitioner, and on the subject of practical medicine from the same, if he have the care of the poor of a parish. The candidate must produce a certificate of moral character from a teacher in the last school or institution at which he has studied, as far as the teacher's opportunity of knowledge has extended. The examination is on the following subjects:—Physiology, including questions in Comparative Anatomy; General Pathology; General Therapeutics; Hygiene; Surgery; Medicine; Midwifery; Forensic Medicine. In the first week, by printed papers; in the second, by *vidæ roce* interrogation. Subsequently an examination for honours takes place on the following subjects:—Physiology and Comparative Anatomy (in which the answers may be illustrated by sketches); Surgery; Medicine; Midwifery; Structural and Physiological Botany.

M.D.—This examination takes place once a year, and commences on the fourth Monday in November. The candidate must have taken the degree of Bachelor of Medicine in the University, or a degree in medicine or surgery at a University, the degrees granted by which are recognised by the Senate; in the latter case he must produce also a certificate of having completed his 23rd year. He must produce certificates of having attended subsequently to having taken one of the above degrees in medicine (a) to Clinical or Practical Medicine, during two years in an hospital or medical institution recognised by the University, (b) or to Clinical or Practical Medicine during one year in an hospital or medical institution recognised by the University; and of having been engaged three years in the practice of his profession, (c) or if he have taken the degree of B.M. in the University, of having been engaged during five years in the practice of his profession (one year of attendance on clinical or practical medicine, or two years of practice are dispensed with in the case of candidates placed in the first division at the second examination for B.M.). He must also produce a certificate of moral character signed

by two persons of respectability. The examination is conducted by *vidæ roce* interrogation as well as by papers. The subjects of examination are—Elements of Intellectual Philosophy, Logic, and Moral Philosophy; Medicine. The examination for honours is on the subjects of Surgery; Medicine; Midwifery.

For degrees of medicine, both B.M. and M.D., candidates who commenced their medical studies in or before January, 1839, and practitioners in medicine and surgery, are admitted to examination on modified terms.

MODE OF EXAMINATION.—The examinations are by printed papers, but the examiners may put *vidæ roce* questions upon the written answers when they appear to require explanation. On the pass examination for Matriculation, and for the degrees of B.A., B.L., B.M., and M.D., the candidates who have passed are to be arranged in two divisions, each in an alphabetical order; but in the medical examinations such candidates only as are admissible to the examination for honours are placed in the first division. Candidates for honours must have passed the previous examinations; and as to the medical examinations, they must have been placed in the first division. After the examination for honours in the respective subjects, and also in the pass examination for the degree of M.A., the candidates who have acquitted themselves to the satisfaction of the examiners are to be arranged according to their several subjects in the order of proficiency: equals are to be bracketed; and in determining the relative position of the candidates, except in the subjects of natural history, the examiners are to have regard to the proficiency evinced by the candidates in the pass examination. After the examination in the Old and New Testament and scripture history, the candidates are to be divided into three classes according to proficiency, and alphabetically arranged in each class. Every examiner is to be present during the time that the candidates are engaged in writing answers to the questions set by him. Every member of the Senate and examiner may be present during the *vidæ roce* examinations, but only the examiners specially appointed to conduct the examination can put questions. All the examiners to whom *vidæ roce* examination is intrusted must be present during the whole time of such examination.

FEES.—The fees for examination, and which are returnable if the candidate does not pass, are as follows:—Matriculation, 2*l.*; B.A., 10*l.*; M.A., 10*l.*; B.L., 10*l.*; L.L.D., 25*l.*; B.M.—first examination 5*l.*, second examination 5*l.*; M.D., 10*l.*; Certificates of Proficiency in Architecture, &c., 10*l.* if the candidate have taken the degree of B.A. in the university; otherwise 20*l.*

SCHOLARSHIPS AND REWARDS.—Candidates for degrees who, in the examination for honours in the respective classes of subjects, or in the pass examination for the degree of M.D., shall have most distinguished themselves, if in the opinion of the examiners they shall possess sufficient merit, may receive the following rewards:—

MATRICULATION: Mathematics; Classics.—In each an exhibition of 30*l.* a year for two years, or during so much of that time as the exhibitor shall continue a student in one of the institutions connected with the University.

In Chemistry and Natural History respectively, a book prize of 5*l.* value.

B.A. DEGREE: Mathematics; Classics.—Each 50*l.* a year for the next three years, with the style of University Scholar.

Chemistry; Animal Physiology; Vegetable Physiology; and Structural Botany—respectively, a prize in books of 5*l.* value.

M.A.: each of the three branches.—A gold medal of the value of 20*l.*

SCRIPTURE EXAMINATION.—To each candidate placed in the first class, a book of 5*l.* value.

B.L.: Jurisprudence.—50*l.* per annum for the next three years, with the style of University Law Scholar.

L.L.D.—A gold medal of the value of 20*l.*

B.M.: First Examination.—Anatomy and Physiology; Chemistry; Materia Medica, and Pharmaceutical Chemistry.—Each, an exhibition of 30*l.* a year for two years. A gold medal of the value of 5*l.* to the first and second candidate in each subject.

B.M.: Second Examination.—Physiology and Comparative Anatomy; Surgery; Medicine.—Each, 50*l.* per annum for two years, with the style of University Medical Scholar.

Also in each of those subjects a gold medal of the value of 5*l.* to the first and second candidate.

M.D.: Pass Examination.—*For the best commentary on a case in Medicine, Surgery, Midwifery*,—each a gold medal of the value of 5*l.*

For a thesis on a subject of the candidate's own choice, a gold medal of the value of 10*l.*

Examination for Honours: *Surgery; Medicine; Midwifery*,—each a gold medal of the value of 5*l.*

EXAMINERS.—Classics, two; Intellectual Philosophy, Logic, and Moral Philosophy, two, one of whom is an examiner in Classics; Political Philosophy and Political Economy, one; Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, two; Chemistry, one; Botany, one; French Language, one; German Language, one; Scriptural Examination, two; Anatomy and Animal Physiology, two; Materia Medica and Pharmacy, one; Midwifery, one; Surgery, two; Medicine, two; Laws, one. Of these seven only are Members of the Senate. The examiners receive salaries, the amount of which, subject to the approbation of the government, is fixed by the Senate.

The expenses of the University were, during the year 1840-41, 506*l.*; the fees received of graduates were 78*l.* In 1841-42 the expenses were 528*l.*; the fees, 98*l.* The loss to the country therefore in each year was about 4300*l.* A reduction has been made in the salaries of examiners, &c., and the probable future expenses will be, for examiners and officers, 3370*l.*; for exhibitions, scholarships, medals, and prizes, 1000*l.*; printing and other contingencies, 700*l.*; total, 5070*l.*—deducting 600*l.*, estimated amount of fees in future, 4470*l.*

The Senate holds its sitting in Somerset House, in apartments formerly occupied by the Royal Academy. The earl of Burlington, appointed Chancellor by the original charter, still holds that office. Mr. Lubbock, now Sir J. W. Lubbock, was the first Vice-Chancellor, and continued to be elected to that post until June last, when, having resigned, Mr. John G. Shaw Lefevre was chosen as his successor, and now fills the office. The executive officer of the Senate is the Registrar.

The institutions empowered to issue certificates to candidates for degrees in Arts and Laws of the university are:—University College, London; King's College, London; St. Catherine's College, Ushaw; Stonyhurst College; Royal Belfast Academical Institution; Bristol College; Manchester New College; St. Mary's College, Oscott; Carlow College; St. Edmund's College, near Ware; Homerton Old College; Highbury College; Colleges of St. Peter and St. Paul, at Prior Park, near Bath; Spring Hill College, Birmingham; Stepping College; College of St. Gregory the Great, Downside, near Bath; Convent of Huntington's College, at Chestnut; Baptist College, at Bristol; Aire-dale College, Undercliffe, near Bradford; Protestant Dissenters' College at Rotherham; Presbyterian College at Catterthorn.

The medical institutions and teachers recognised by the University are—King's College, London; University College, London; the principal hospitals, several private schools, in all seventeen, in London. Two in Birmingham; three in Bristol; the Hull and East Riding of York school; the Leeds School, Liverpool; the school attached to the Royal Institution; the Royal Manchester School of Medicine and Surgery; the Newcastle-upon-Tyne School of Medicine and Surgery; the Sheffield Medical Institution; the York School of Medicine. In Scotland—the University of Edinburgh, and six other schools; in Glasgow, the Portland-Street School of Medicine, the Andersonian Institution, and the College-Street Theatre of Anatomy. In Ireland—fourteen schools of medicine in Dublin; four in Cork; and the Belfast Academical Institution. Also the University of Malta; and the Military Hospital in the Island of Ceylon.

The regulations of the University in full detail are printed in separate publications for each Faculty, and from these the particulars above given have been derived.

UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY. [Rour.]

UNLIMITED. This term is frequently used by mathematical writers, in the same manner as INFINITE, to avoid the entrance of the word INFINITE. It is also used to describe a problem which may have an infinite number of answers, and which is called an unlimited problem.

UNNA, a town in Prussia, in the government of Arnberg, in the province of Westphalia, is situated on the

little river Kottelbeck, in 51° 33' N. lat. and 7° 40' E. long. It is surrounded with a rampart and ditch, and has one Roman Catholic church and 4416 inhabitants. There are considerable breweries, brandy-distilleries, and a manufactory of earthenware.

(Müller, *Wörterbuch des Preussischen Staates*.)

UNONA, a genus of the natural family of Anonaceæ, so called from *unus*, 'one,' the stamens being united with the germens. The generic character is, sepals 3; petals 6, the three inner the smallest; stamens numerous; carpels numerous, one or many celled; many seeded, seeds in a single row. The species consist of trees, large shrubs, or climbing plants, found in hot parts of the world, as India and its islands, Africa, and South America. The bark and fruit of many of the species are aromatic, with some degree of acridity, and are employed as stimulating medicines or as condiments. *U. Ethiopica*, a native of Ethiopia and Sierra Leone, is a tree with ovate lanceolate leaves, which are also acute, smooth, and have the under surface glaucous; it has roundish, torulose, nearly sessile carpels. It has obtained more celebrity than other species, from being supposed to be that which yields the seeds formerly well known under the name of Ethiopic pepper, the *filix-a-Soudan* of Arabian authors. They have been also called Guinea pepper and Negro pepper, in consequence of their having been employed as a substitute for that condiment by the negroes, from their aromatic and pungent taste. They must not be confounded with the Amomum Granum Paradisi, obtained also from the west coast of Africa. *U. aromatica*, another species, which is a native of or introduced by the negroes into Guiana, is however considered by some to be the species yielding the Negro pepper. It has oblong, acuminate, and smooth leaves; peduncles axillary, 1 to 2 flowered; carpels oblong, terete, torulose, nearly sessile. Every part of the plant is aromatic, and the fruit is used as a condiment by the negroes of Guiana. *U. undulata*, a native of Waeco in Guinea, has aromatic fruit similarly employed. *U. Narum* is one of the climbing species, a native of Malabar, which Rheede describes as possessed of medical properties, the roots being so used, as well as a sweet scented greenish-coloured oil obtained from them by distillation. *U. musaria* has been so called from its bark being used for making musical instruments, as is indeed also that of the foregoing species. This is a rambling shrub, a native of Amboyna, &c.; the roots and bark are also used medicinally. *U. tripetala, uncinata, odorata*, &c., natives of the Indian islands, are remarkable for the sweet scent of their flowers. *U. exculenta*, a native of the Indian peninsula, has fruit which is edible. Some species, as *U. glauca*, are valued for their timber. *U. longifolia* is an elegant tree, with smooth, pointed, and undulate leaves, which is much cultivated in some parts of India to form avenues and to afford shade. It is sometimes called *Deodara*, which is properly the name of the celebrated Himalayan Pine, *Pinus* or *Cedrus Deodara*.

UNST. (SHEETLAND, ISLES OF.)

UNTERWALDEN, a canton of Switzerland, and one of the three Waldstätten which began the Helvetic Confederation, is bounded on the north by the Waldstätter See, or Lake of the Four Cantons, which separates it from Schwyz and partly from Luzern, on the west by Luzern, on the south by the Bernese Oberland, and on the east by the canton of Uri. The area of Unterwalden is about 275 square miles. It consists mainly of two great parallel valleys, each about 15 miles in length, running from south to north, and terminating on the southern coast of the Waldstätter See. The eastern valley is drained by the Engelberg Aa, a torrent which rises in the Säenren Alps on the borders of Uri, flows by the abbey of Engelberg, and enters the lake below Stanz. The western valley is drained by the Sarner Aa, the outlet of the little Alpine lake of Luogern, at the foot of the Brünig, near the borders of the Bernese Oberland, and which, after passing through the lake of Säenren, enters a bay of the Waldstätter lake below Alpnach. The lower part of the eastern valley constitutes the district called Nidwald, or 'below the forest,' and the western valley, with the upper part of the eastern valley, forms the district called Obwald. These denominations relate to the Kernwald, or forest of Kern, which lies on the borders of the two districts. The Obwald and Nidwald have formed two separate communities ever since 1150. They both joined Schwyz and Uri in the insurrec-

tion of 1306, and when the first federal union was entered into at Brunnen, in December, 1315, Obwald and Nidwald were recognised as forming together one canton, by the name of Unterwalden. They retained however their separate existence as independent communities, but figured as only one canton, having one vote in all federal affairs, and this arrangement has continued in force to this day.

Unterwalden is surrounded, except on the north side, by offsets of the Alps, which detach themselves from the great central group of the St. Gothard, and divide the basin of the Aar from that of the Reuss. One branch runs along the southern border of the canton, separating it from the Bernese Oberland. The pass of the Jochberg leads from Meyringen in the Oberland to Engelberg and Stanz, and the pass of the Brünig leads from Brienz to Sarnen. Another ridge runs along the eastern parts of Unterwalden and divides it from Uri, forming the summits of the Tölis (10,500 feet above the sea), and of the Wallenstock and Rothstock, each above 8000 feet. Lastly, another offset of minor elevation runs along the western border of Unterwalden, dividing it from the canton of Luzern. Mount Pilatus (about 7000 feet) is the highest summit of this last offset. In the interior of Unterwalden there are no very high mountains, but the surface of the country consists chiefly of hills and terraces, several valleys, and some tracts of plain bordering on the Waldstätter lake. The Unterwalden is chiefly a pastoral country; the pastures are mostly natural. There are about 12,000 cows, 3000 sheep, 6000 goats, 3500 pigs, but very few horses. About 20,000 cwt. of cheese are annually made. The cheese of Unterwalden, of the first or best sort, is much esteemed in Switzerland and Italy. The canton abounds with fruit-trees; little wine is made, and that of a very inferior quality. The honey is excellent. The canton imports corn, wine, salt, manufactures, and colonial articles; it exports cattle, cheese, butter (which is sent chiefly to Luzern), timber, and hides. The canton is not favourably situated for trade, being confined between the Alps and the lake, with no high road passing through it, and none but mountain-passes leading out of it. By the census of 1835 the population was 23,000, of whom 13,120 were in the Obwald, and 10,480 in the Nidwald. All the native inhabitants, who are of age, with the exception of a few heimatloos, who have no political rights, are members of the landsgemeinde of their respective district, Nidwald or Obwald. Each of these two small republics sends a deputy to the federal diet, but their votes, when in accordance, count only for one vote, and if discordant, they of course neutralise each other. Each has its own landammann, its landrath,—in short, its whole administration similar to that of the other small democracies of Switzerland, for which see SCHWYZ. There is no printed code, but a MS. collection of laws, which, together with custom, serve to regulate the judicial proceedings. In 1835 there were as yet no prisons: serious offences are punished by fines, corporal punishment, and in certain cases by death. Each of the two divisions of the canton has an hospital and a poorhouse. A dialect of the Swiss-German is the language of the country. The Roman Catholic is the religion of the whole canton. The Benedictine monastery of Engelberg, whose abbot was once lord of the valley of that name, is more than 3000 feet above the sea: it is a foundation of the eleventh century. It has a library of 20,000 volumes, and several valuable MSS., a collection of medals, engravings, armorial ensigns, and a grammar-school.

The principal towns or villages are—1, Sarnen, the head town of the Obwald, on the northern extremity of the lake of the same name, has a fine town-house, with historical portraits of Nicholas von der Flüe, Anderhalden of Melchthal, who was deprived of sight by order of the governor appointed by Albert of Austria previous to the insurrection of 1306, and of the series of the landammann of Obwald. Sarnen has also a college, a theatre, an hospital, a poorhouse, a public school, several churches and convents, and above 1000 inhabitants. The arsenal of Obwald is on the hill called Jandenberg, where was once the castle and residence of the Austrian governors. 2, Kerns, on the Melcha, an affluent of the Aa, and on the road from Sarnen to Stanz, is a pretty village, with a handsome church and tower, several iron-works, mills, and a cotton-spinning. 3, Stanz, the head town of the Nidwald, situated in a fine plain at the foot of mountains, has a splendid parish church with a noble dome, and a fine square before it, with two foun-

tains, and a statue of Winkelried, the hero of Sempach. The convent of the Capuchins has a considerable library. The town-house contains several paintings, among others one of Nicholas von der Flüe. The arsenal was plundered by the French in 1798, when the greater part of the population was massacred. The population of Stanz itself is about 1200; that of the parish exceeds 4500. Stansstad, which is the port of Stanz, on the banks of the lake of the Waldstätter, is two miles from the town, and carries on considerable trade by water.

The canton of Unterwalden is one of the most interesting districts of central Switzerland, on account of its historical recollections, and also because the inhabitants, owing to their remote locality, have retained more perhaps than those of any other canton their old simplicity of manners and pastoral habits. It has also produced some distinguished men, such as the engineer Müller of Engelberg, who died in 1833, and has left several maps in relief of the mountain cantons, the painter P. M. Deschwanden, the sculptor J. Christen, the organist J. Durrer of Beckenried, and others, besides a number of military officers, either in the service of their own country or in that of foreign states. At present Unterwalden furnishes several companies to the Swiss regiments in the pay of Naples and the pope.

(Lerouche, *Dictionnaire Géographique de la Suisse.*)

UPAS. [ANTIAHUS.]

UPLAND. [SWEDEN.]

UPPERMAL. [HINDUSTAN, N. 214.]

UPPINGHAM. [ROTUNDAIR.]

UPSALA is a town in Sweden, situated in the province of Upland, and in the Län which bears its name, in 59° 51' N. lat. and 17° 30' E. long. It lies in an extensive undulating plain, probably less than 300 feet above the sea-level. The town is rather small: the population, according to Forsell, in 1830 did not exceed 4800 individuals; but it extends over a great area, as there are large gardens to most of the houses. The houses are partly of stone and partly of wood, and mostly two stories high. The streets are wide and straight, especially those which terminate in the spacious square which occupies the centre of the town. The cathedral was erected between 1258 and 1435, and is considered the finest Gothic building in the north of Europe. In this church monuments have been erected in memory of many distinguished persons, among which are those of Gustavus I. and of Linneus. Formerly the kings of Sweden were crowned in this cathedral. The square in which the church stands is surrounded by buildings belonging to the university: there is a library, containing nearly 100,000 volumes, a collection of coins, an anatomical theatre, an observatory, a chemical laboratory, and a very extensive collection of natural objects. There is also a botanical garden. A great number of distinguished naturalists have been professors at this university. Among the most eminent are Waller, Bergman, Linneus, Scheele, and Berzelius. The university was established in 1478, but received its present constitution and a regular income from Gustavus and from Charles Gustavus Adolphus, who are considered as its real founders. The number of regular professors amounts to twenty-four, and that of adjunct professors to fourteen. They all have a fixed salary, either in corn or calculated according to the price of that commodity. The salary of the adjunct professors is only about one-third of that of the regular professors. The number of students who attend the lectures varies between 800 and 1000, but there are usually 400 or 500 more on the books, as many students interrupt their studies by entering some rich family as private tutors, and in this way they procure the means of pursuing their studies with more leisure and better success. The university and its studies are modelled on the German universities, but, by some prudent arrangement, the pernicious effects of the societies among the students which are felt in nearly every university of Germany have been avoided. The Society of Sciences, which was instituted in 1719, has published several volumes of *Transactions*, which contain valuable researches. There are in Upsala a grammar-school, two elementary schools, and several other charitable institutions. There is also a society for promoting agriculture. Many persons belonging to the class of gentry in North Sweden pass the winters in Upsala, on account of the pleasant society which is created by so many well-instructed persons. About six miles south-east of Upsala are the *mora-stones*, at which the electors met for the purpose of

choosing their king when Sweden was an elective kingdom (1140-1520).

(Schubert's *Reise durch Schweden, Norwegen, Lapland, &c.*; Forsell's *Anteckningar Öfver Sverge*; and *Journal of Education*, vol. viii.)

UPTON-UPON-SVERN. [WORCESTERSHIRE.]

UP'PUPA. [UPUPINE.]

UPUPIDÆ, a family of INSESSORES, or *Perching Birds*.

Linnaeus placed the genus *Upupa* between *Merops* [*BES-RATES*] and *Certhia* [*CALERNIS*], among his *Picæ*. In his last edition of the 'Systema Nature' the species of *Upupa* recorded by him are *epopa*, *promerops*, and *parusida*.

Lacépède arranged the genus under his *Passeræux*, between *Glaucopsis* and *Certhia*, in that division which includes the *Passerine Birds* with a bent bill (*Bec arqué*).

Duméril's *Tenuirostres*, or *Leptoromphæ*, form the last family of his order *Passeræux*, and *Upupa* is placed at the end of that family.

Meyer arranges *Upupa* between *Oriolus* and *Cuculus*, in his second order, *Coracæ*.

Illiger's *Tenuirostres* form the third family of his *Ambulatoræ*; *Nectarina*, *Tachydroma*, and *Upupa* are the genera comprised under that family.

Cuvier makes *Upupa* the last genus of his *Tenuirostres*, placing it immediately after the *Cohors* (*Trochilus*, Linn.). Cuvier's *Upupa* comprises the following subgenera:—*Fregulus*, Cuv.; the *Hoopes*, properly so called (*Upupa*); *Promerops*; and *Epimachus*.

Upupa and *Promerops* are arranged by M. Vieillot in his second order, *Sylviolæ*, and in his second tribe (*Ammodactylæ*) of that order, among his *Epopsides*, the twenty-third family of his *Sylviolæ*, which stands between the *Anthomyzæ* and the *Pelmatodes*.

M. Temminck also gives *Upupa* a place among his *Ammodactyles*, and in his 'Manual of European Birds' arranges it next to *Tachydroma*.

In the method proposed by M. de Blainville, and carried out by M. Lherminier, the *Epopsides*, with the genus *Upupa* for the type, form the seventeenth family of the first subclass, or 'Normal Birds,' and stand between the *Woodpeckers* (*Picæ*) and the *Passeræ*.

Mr. Vigors, who places the *Promeropidae*, with a note of interrogation, as one of the three aberrant families of the *TENUIROSTRES*, remarks that the genus *Promerops*, Brisson, appears to be that form of the tribe which approaches nearest to the *FIMBRIATÆ*. Retaining the slender bill of the *Tenuirostres*, it exhibits, he observes, somewhat of the broad base of the bill of the *Fissirostres*, and, at the same time, their gressorial feet. By means of *Merops*, the curved bill of which approaches the structure of its own, it appears, he says, to be immediately connected with that group; but of the limits of this family he was unable to say anything when he wrote. (Linn. Trans., vol. xiv.)

Mr. Swinson arranges the 'subfamily' (family) *Promeropidae* between the *Trochilidae* and the *Paradiidae*. The following is his character of the 'Promeropidae', *Hoopes*:—

Feet syndactyle; the outer toe united for half its length to the middle; bill very long, greatly compressed.

The following genera are comprised under this family—*Promerops*, Brisson; *Upupa*, Linn.; and *Epimachus*, Cuv. (*Classification of Birds*.)

The Prince of Canino (*Birds of Europe and North America*) places the *Upupidae* between the *Aleudidae* and the *Trochilidae*.

In 1840 M. Le Baron de la Fresnaye read to a meeting of the Zoological Society of London his observations on the situation which the genus *Upupa*, in his opinion, should occupy in the classification of birds, judging from the form of the feet and from the habits of the species.

The following is a translation of this author's observations:—

'It is surprising, now it is generally known that the classification of species and genera based solely upon the form of the beak is often unnatural and vicious, that modern authors should have continued to unite, as did the old authors, the genus *Upupa* with that of *Epimachus* or *Promerops*, and that they should constitute with these genera a little family under the name of *Promeropidae*.

'It is evident that authors have been guided solely by the structure of the beak in such an association, and if

the feet of these genera be compared, we are struck with the enormous difference which exists in their conformation, and consequently, of necessity, with the habits of the species.

'The Hoopoe, in fact, in the shortness of its fore-toes, in the almost straight form of the claws, and particularly in the claw of the hind-toe, we perceive has evident affinities with the Larks (*Alaudæ*) and other conirostral ground-birds. Like them also, the Hoopoe seeks its food on the ground, and especially on humid and newly disturbed land. It is often seen in grazing-lands where it seeks its food in the excrement of cattle, in which coprophagous insects abound. Its long and very slender beak is well adapted for pulling out the larvae of these insects from the small holes in which they live and undergo their transformations: it serves well likewise to divide and disperse the excrement when dried by the sun.

'It is seen that the Hoopoe, with its feet formed like those of the Larks, also essentially resembles those birds in its curatorial habits, but that it seeks its nourishment only on the ground, and in humid lands, such as pasture-land.

'If, on the other hand, we consider the form of the feet of the species of *Promerops*, with which the Hoopoe is usually associated, it will be seen that there exists a very essential difference in these organs. The feet of the *Promerops* are as remarkable for their thickness as those of the Hoopoe (though fitted for walking) are for their slenderness. In the first of these genera the toes are strong; the external toe is elongated as well as the back toe, as in all those birds which are essentially perchers and which procure their food upon trees, whether it be in the manner of the species of *Meliphaga*, *Parusina*, or *Dendrocopætes*.

'As in these genera likewise, the claws in *Promerops* are very strong and much arched. The birds of this genus, in fact, appear to us to be *Cinnyridæ*, but on a large scale.

'The genus *Upupa*, as at present constituted, consists only of two or three species,—one from Europe, an African species, and one from India: in these there is so great a similarity in form, colouring, and habits, that upon a cursory view they might be mistaken for one species.

'This genus therefore does not, as in most other genera, present certain species which recede from the type and form a transition between it and other genera, with which it is then natural to group them.

'From these considerations the genus *Upupa* appears to us to be one of those isolated genera, like many others in the class, which cannot be naturally placed in any other group, but which ought to be regarded as constituting by itself a family or subfamily, under the name of *Upupidae* or *Upupina*, its situation being in the section *Tenuirostres*; and if it be only regarded as a subfamily, it is with another subfamily of the cursorial *Tenuirostres* it should be grouped, which division should contain the genera *Upucerthia* of M. Isidore Geoffroy St. Hilaire, and some other genera peculiar to Chili, described by Killitz and by Mr. Gould in the 'Voyage of the Beagle,' and the species of which, in the form of their beak and feet, as well as in their curatorial habits, afford a positive analogy with our genus *Upupa*, from which this genus *Promerops* is so isolated.' (Zool. Proc.)

Mr. G. R. Gray makes the *Upupidae* (*Upupa*, Linn.), the first family of the *Tenuirostres*, consist of the following subfamilies and genera:—

Subfam. 1. *Upupina*.

Genera: *Upupa*, Linn.; *Fregulus*, Less.; *Fulculia*, J. Geoffr.; *Nemorophaga*, Gould; *Selucides*, Less.; *Craspedophaga*, G. R. Gray; *Phloria*, Sw.

Subfam. 2. *Promeropina*.

Genera: *Promerops*, Brisson; *Rhinopomastus*, Smith; *Epimachus*, Cuv.

The *Upupidae*, in Mr. Gray's arrangement, are immediately succeeded by the *Nectarinidae*.

Our limits will not permit us to notice particularly in this article more than the genera *Upupa*, *Promerops*, and *Epimachus*.

Upupa. (Linn.)

Generic Character.—Bill very long, slightly arched, slender, triangular, compressed; nostrils basal, internal, ovoid, open, surmounted by the feathers of the forehead; feet with three anterior toes; the external joined to the middle toe up to its first joint; one posterior toe; claws short and slightly curved, that of the hind-toe nearly straight; tail

squared, composed of ten feathers; wings moderate, fourth and fifth quills the longest; tongue very short, triquetral.

Example, *Upupa epops*.

Description.—*Old Male*.—Two parallel rows of long feathers form an arched crest upon the head; these fea-



Bill of Hoopoe.

thers are of a ruddy buff colour, terminated with black; head, neck, and breast, vinous buff; upper part of the back vinous grey; on the back a large transverse band; wings and tail black; on the wings are five transverse bands of yellowish white, and on the tail is a very large white band, about the middle of the feathers; at about three-fourths of the length of the quills is a large white band; abdomen white, with some longitudinal spots on the thighs; bill flesh-colour at its base and black towards the point; feet and iris brown. Length, 12½ inches.

Female less than the male, her crest shorter, and the tints of her plumage less vivid.

The *Young* when they leave the nest have the bill short, nearly straight, and slightly cylindrical towards the point; the feathers of the crest short and often terminated with black, without the white spot which is immediately below it in the adult; the white band of the tail nearer to the rump; the plumage washed, as it were, with ash-colour; the bands on the wings less distinct and more yellowish, and a greater quantity of longitudinal spots upon the belly and thighs.

This is the *Upupa* (Epops) of the Greeks (Aristot., *Hist. Anim.*, i. 1; ix. 11; ix. 15, 40; Aristoph., *Birds*, 228, *et seq.*; Pausanias, x. 4); *Upupa* and *Epops* of the ancient Italians (Pliny, *Nat. Hist.*, x. 29; xxx. 6; Ovid, *Metam.*, vi.). In Ovid's lines descriptive of the transformation of Terentia the bird is drawn to the life:—

Verberis in volucres, et stans in vertice cristis.
Promissi moliturum pro longis exaspit ungues.
Nuncius Epops volens, facies sermone videtur.
Tremens, though grief and haste to be reveng'd,
Shakes the like fite, and to a bird is chang'd.
Fix'd on his head the crest'd plumage appears;
Long is his beak, and sharpest'd as a spear.—Ovid.

It is the *Baba*, *Upupa*, *Gallo del Paradiso*, *Galletto de magio*, *Pubula*, *Bubbola*, *Pupita*, and *Upupa* of the modern Italians; *Hupe*, *Huppe*, *Pupit*, *Hupet*, and *Lupope* of the French; *El abubilla* of the Spanish; *Wiedehopf* of the Germans; *De Hooppe* of the Netherlands; *Hazfegel* of the Swedes; *Herfugel* of the Danes; *Snoerd Kaura* of Seopoli; *Dung-bird* and *Hoopoe* of the modern British; *Y Goppog* of the ancient British.

Geographical Distribution.—As far north in the summer as Denmark, Sweden, and Russia, and southward in continental Europe, in Germany, Holland, France, Spain, and Italy. It has been seen both at Gibraltar, Ceuta, and in Egypt (where it breeds); it is probably an inhabitant of the whole of North Africa. It has been also observed at Madeira, Hushuk, and Trebizond, from which last locality it has been sent to this country.

It is generally found in the British Islands in autumn; but Hoopoes have been known to build and hatch their young in us.

Habits, Nidification, &c.—In the *Magazine of Natural History* it is stated that on the Bordeaux side of the Garonne and near the city are large spaces of marshy ground, intersected by broad ditches and creeks terminating in the river, where poplars and willows are planted for the sake of their twigs used for tying the vines. These trees being topped become very stout, and as they decay at the centre in a few years, they are attacked by numerous

insects, particularly the *Formica fuliginosa*. Here the Hoopoes are frequently seen examining the rotten wood and feeding on the insects which abound therein. It is further remarked, that the Hoopoe flies low and seldom, unless disturbed, its food being so abundant as to require but little search, and that it breeds in a hollow willow about the end of May, the young coming out in June.

Indeed they breed, generally, in hollow trees, and, notwithstanding the accounts of the disgusting materials which they were said to use, noticed by Aristotle in one of the passages above quoted and in the old quatern herein-after given, form a nest of a few dried grass-stalks and feathers, laying eggs ranging from four to seven in number, of a pale lavender grey, about an inch and a half long and about eight lines broad.

In a state of nature the Hoopoe is much upon the ground during the day, generally in moist situations, where it may meet with its insect food. Bechstein gives the following interesting account, written by M. von Schuuroth, in his *Cage Birds*: "With great care and attention I was able last summer to rear two young hoopoes, taken from a nest which was placed at the top of an oak-tree. These little birds followed me everywhere, and when they heard me at a distance showed their joy by a particular chirping, jumped into the air, or, as soon as I was seated, climbed upon my clothes, particularly when giving them their food from a pan of milk, the cream of which they swallowed greedily; they climbed higher and higher till at last they perched on my shoulders, and sometimes on my head, expressing me very affectionately; notwithstanding this, I had only to speak a word to rid myself of their company, they would then immediately retire to the stove. Generally, they would observe my eyes to discover what my temper might be, that they might act accordingly. I fed them like the nightingales, or with the universal paste, to which I sometimes added insects: they would never touch earth-worms, but were very fond of beetles and May-bugs; these they first killed, and then beat them with their beak into a kind of oblong ball; when this was done, they threw it into the air, that they might catch it and swallow it lengthwise; if it fell across the throat, they were obliged to begin again. Instead of bathing, they roll in the sand. I took them one day into a neighbouring field, that they might catch insects for themselves, and had then an opportunity of remarking their innate fear of birds of prey, and their instinct under it. As soon as they perceived a raven, or even a pigeon, they were on their bellies in the twinkling of an eye, their wings stretched out by the side of their head, so that the large quill-feathers touched; they were thus surrounded by a sort of crown, formed by the feathers of the tail and wings, the head leaning on the back with the bill pointing upwards: in this curious posture they might be taken for an old raven. As soon as the bird which frightened them was gone they jumped up immediately, uttering cries of joy. They were very fond of lying in the sun; they showed their content by repeating in a quivering tone "ree, ree, ree;" when angry their notes are harsh, and the male, which is known by its colour being redder, cries "hoop, hoop." The female had the trick of dragging its food about the room; by this means it was covered with small feathers and other rubbish, which, by degrees, formed into an indigestible ball in its stomach, about the size of a nut, of which it died. The male lived through the winter; but not quitting the heated stove, it became so dry that the two parts separated, and remained more than an inch apart: thus it died miserably. This was a melancholy end for the poor pet, and might, we think, have been avoided with a little care, tame as the bird was, and therefore accessible.

Mr. Yarrell has recorded the manners of a Hoopoe in the possession of Mr. Bartlett, the preserver of birds in Museum Street. "This bird," says Mr. Yarrell, "is quite tame, and, when excited, the high crest falls flat over the top of the head and covers the occiput; it takes a meal-worm from the hand very readily, nibbles and pinches it between the ends of the mandibles, then putting it on the ground, strikes it several blows with the point of the beak; when the insect is apparently dead or disabled it is again taken up, and by a particular motion of the head, which is thrown backward, and the beak opened, the meal-worm drops into the gape of the mouth and is swallowed. The call for another is a sharp note; but it also utters at times a sound closely resembling the word *Hoop*. Hoop, Hoop, but breathed out so softly, but rapidly, as to

remind the hearer of the note of the Dove. This bird constantly rubs himself in the sand with which the bottom of his large cage is supplied, dusting himself like the larks, but takes great care to shake off any sand or gravel that may adhere to his food, which is raw meat chopped and boiled egg. He hides superfluous food, and resorts to his hoard when hungry. When allowed to come out of his cage, he takes short flights about the room; but would not be considered a bird of great power on the wing; yet the bishop of Norwich has recorded that "one approached a vessel in the middle of the Atlantic, and kept company with it a good way, but did not settle on board, which it probably would have done had it been tired."

At the moment of settling on the floor of the room, Mr. Bartlett's bird bends the head downwards till the point of the beak touches the floor, after which, as well as occasionally at other times, the long feathers forming the crest are alternately elevated and depressed in a slow and graceful manner, the bird assuming an appearance of great vivacity, running on the ground with a very quick step. M. Necker, in his "Mémoirs on the Birds of Geneva," says Hoopoes fight desperately, and leave the ground covered with their feathers. (*British Birds*.)

Pennant, after stating that the Hoopoe breeds in hollow trees, and feeds on insects, which it picks out of ordure of all kinds,* thus continues:—"The ancients believed that it made its nest of human excrement; so far is certain, that its hole is excessively fetid from the tainted food it brings to its young. The country-people in Sweden look on the appearance of this bird as a presage of war—"

*——— *Facies armata videtur!*

and formerly the vulgar in our country esteemed it a fore-runner of some calamity. . . . The Turks call it *Tir Chausou*, or the messenger-bird, from the resemblance its crest has to the plumes worn by the Chausou, or Turkish couriers.

The old quatrain in the *Portraits of Oycneux* thus alludes to the disgusting materials which the ancients believed to enter into the composition of the Hoopoe's nest, and the migratory habits of the bird:—

* *Dolens on creux avec fange et crotte,
La hoopoe fait ses nids et sa maison,
Mais quand d'hiver arrive le moment,
Elle s'en va chercher la tendresse.*

Utility to Man.—He who would inquire into the medicinal uses of the Hoopoe according to ancient credulity must refer to Pliny, Aldrovandus, Jonston, &c., our limits forbidding us to notice these absurd, but amusing fables. The flesh of the bird in autumn is said to be well flavoured.



Hoopoe.

Proseropus. (Briss.)

Generic Character.—Bill with the under mandible, at its

* Pliny has noticed it as '*obovata parva avis*.' (*Nat. Hist.*, ii. 29.)

base, thicker than the upper; the margin acute. Nostrils corneous; the aperture lateral and oval. Hind claw curved. Tail long, emarginate. (Sw.)

Example, *Proseropus erythrorhynchus* (*Upupa erythrorhynchus*, Lath.).

Description.—The whole plumage varying with metallic blue and green. The bill coral red.

Locality, &c.—This brilliant bird, the *Proseropus Moysur* of the French, lives in small troops in South Africa (interior of the Cape of Good Hope). It is said that there is a variety from Senegal, which has two large white stripes on the wings and on the external tail-feathers.



Proseropus erythrorhynchus.

Epimachus. (Cuv.)

Generic Character.—Bill resembling that of *Proseropus*, but the margins are obtuse and somewhat inflexed. Wings, tongue, and feet unknown.* Tail very long. Side feathers of the body greatly developed. (Sw., 1837.)

Cuvier remarks that the *Epimachus* have, with the bill of *Upupa* and *Proseropus*, scaly or velvety feathers which cover a part of their nostrils, as in the *Birds of PARADISE*: they come, he observes, from the same country, and like those birds shine with the brilliancy of their plumage. The feathers of the sides are also, he adds, more or less prolonged in the males; and the birds which come from New Guinea, and are rare in cabinets, are often deprived of their feet, which is an obstacle to their certain classification.

Example, *Epimachus magnus* (*Upupa magnus*, Gm., *Upupa asperba*, Lath.).

Description.—Body, generally, black or brownish-black; tail graduated, thrice as long as the body (Lesson says three feet in length, French); feathers of the sides elongated, raised, curved, glittering on their edges with steel-blue, azure, and emerald-green, like precious stones; the

* But see Bonaparte's description, post. that of Lesson, &c.

head and the belly lustrous also with steel-blue, &c. In truth language fails to convey any just idea of the magnificence of this species: we shall, however, let Sonnerat, who figures the bird, and who wrote in 1776, speak for himself.

"There does not perhaps exist," says Sonnerat, "a more extraordinary bird, or one more aberrant from the idea, after which Nature has wrought in this genus, than the Grand Promerops of New Guinea. It is four feet in length from the extremity of the bill to that of the tail. Its body is delicate, slender, and, although it is of an elongated form, appears short and excessively small in comparison with the tail. To add to the singularity of this bird, Nature has placed above and below its wings feathers of an extraordinary form, and such as one does not see in other birds: she seems, moreover, to have pleased herself in painting this being, already so singular, with her most brilliant colours. The head, the neck, and the belly are glittering green; the feathers which cover these parts have the lustre and softness of velvet to the eye and to the touch; the back is changeable violet; the wings are of the same colour, and appear, according to the lights in which they are held, blue, violet, or deep black, always however imitating velvet. The tail is composed of twelve feathers, the two middle are the longest, and the lateral ones gradually diminish: it is violet or changeable blue above, and black beneath. The feathers which compose it are as wide in proportion as they are long, and shine both above and below with the brilliancy of polished metal. Above the wings, the scapulars are very long and singularly formed; their barbs are very short on one side and very long on the other. These feathers are of the colour of polished steel changing into blue, terminated by a large spot of brilliant green, and forming a species of tuft or appendage at the origin of the wings. Below the wings



Pipilo macurus: Grand Promerops.

spring long curved feathers directed upwards. These are

black on the inside, and brilliant green on the outside. The bill and the feet are black." (*Voyage à la Nouvelle Guinée*.)

Locality.—M. Lesson states that he procured several individuals of this beautiful species on the coasts of New Guinea, where it appears to be common.

URAGUAY. [BANDA ORIENTAL.]

URAL is the name of a river which runs along the eastern boundary-line of Europe, and divides it from Asia. It originates in the Southern Ural, at the foot of Mount Kalyan, near 55° N. lat., at an elevation of 2132 feet above the sea-level. It first runs south about 200 miles in a straight line to the fortress of Orskaya, where it turns to the west, in which direction it passes south of the town of Orenburg, and continues to flow about 300 miles in a straight line to the fortress of Ural'sk. Near this place it again turns to the south, and reaches in that direction the Caspian Sea after a course of 300 miles, measured in a straight line. The whole course of the river, when its numerous windings are included, probably does not fall short of 500 miles, and may exceed that amount. It may be compared as to its length with the Rhine. The first 60 miles it runs in a narrow valley, between the principal chain of the Ural Mountains, the Ural Tau on the west, and the Ilmcnes Mountains on the east. The last-mentioned chain sinks down to the level of the plain south-east from Verkh-Ural'sk, where the level of the river is still about 1248 feet above the sea, and where it begins to be navigable for small boats. South of Verkh-Ural'sk the Ural flows along the eastern base of the table-land of Sakmara, and on the east of it extend the steppes of the Kirghises. At Orskaya, where the river turns westward, its level is about 500 feet above the sea. From this place it may be navigated by large barges, as it has no rapids and a considerable depth; but the want of timber in the adjacent countries, and other circumstances, prevent the river being much used for navigation. Below Orskaya the Ural flows in a bottom from one to three miles wide, which is enclosed by higher grounds rising from 60 to 100 feet above it. These higher grounds are the edges of the steppes which extend south of the river. The bottom is chiefly covered with woods, composed of alder, ash, willow, and lime-trees, but in many parts there are extensive meadows. The greater part of it is annually inundated, and only a few tracts, which are not subject to be overflowed, are cultivated or converted into gardens. In its middle course the Ural is joined by the Sakmara from the north and the Ilek from the south. On the banks of the last-mentioned tributary, about 15 miles above its mouth, is a great mountain of rock-salt, which was formerly worked. In the lower part of its course, or south of Ural'skaya, the river is enclosed by steppes, and flows in a bottom varying in width from half a mile to two miles and a half. This bottom is partly covered with wood and partly with swamps: it is annually inundated in its whole extent. About forty miles from its mouth the Ural divides into two channels, of which the eastern preserves the name of Ural, and the western is called Mokroi Backsai. Lower down the Ural again divides into two channels, of which the western is called Ural, and the eastern Bukharka. The last-mentioned channel is the most convenient for vessels, and on its banks are the fortress and town of Guriew. The islands forming the delta of the Ural river are covered with salt-swamps, and entirely unfit for cultivation or pasture. The population of this district derive their subsistence from the fisheries. The quantity of fish which is annually taken in the river is nearly equal to that which is caught in the Volga. The fish ascend the river to the fortress of Ural'sk, when their course is stopped by a weir. The same kinds of fish frequent the Ural which are taken in the Volga, but it is said that some of them are of larger size. *Belugas* (*accipenser huso*) have been taken weighing 1000 lbs., and yielding 200 lbs. of caviar; and sturgeons weighing 200 lbs., and yielding 40 lbs. of caviar. Besides the caviar and isinglass, a great quantity of fish are sent to various parts of Russia. In summer the fish is salted, but in winter it is exported in a frozen state.

(Pallas, *Reisen durch verschiedene Provinzen des Russischen Reiches*; Georgi, *Beschreibung des Russischen Reiches*; Erdmann, *Beiträge zur Kenntniss des Innern von Russland*.)

URAL MOUNTAINS. The Ural Mountains extend along the eastern border of Europe, which is divided by that range from Asia. The whole of the range lies

within the dominions of Russia. Its most southern extremity is on the banks of the river Ural, where that river runs from east to west, near 51° N. lat., and on both sides of 55° E. long. The most northern extremity reaches the Arctic Ocean on the Straits of Waigatz, and terminates opposite the island of Nova Zembla, which is considered by geologists as a continuation of the range. This most northern point is in 70° N. lat. and near 60° E. long. As the highest portion of the range is near the meridian of 60° E. long., or at least at no great distance from it, and as it therefore extends from south to north, it is classed among the meridional ranges of mountains.

The length of the range is about 1250 miles and more than that of the Appalachian Mountains in North America, if taken in the widest extent: but in width it is inferior to that chain. It is only towards the southern extremity, near 53° N. lat., that the ridges spread over a tract which is about 100 miles wide, but farther north it narrows to less than half that space, and nearly in the centre, between 56° and 60° N. lat., the mountain-range is hardly 20 miles across. Farther north it grows wider, but this portion of the mountains is very imperfectly known. According to a rough estimate, based on the most recent maps, the whole area of the Ural Mountains does not much exceed 120,000 square miles, or not more than the extent of the surface of the British Islands. The general elevation of the range is not great, none of the summits rising to more than 6800 feet above the sea, and the highest parts of the range often fall short of 2000 feet. The eastern slope of the chain is rather rapid, as it descends with steep declivities to the great plains of Asia, which are contiguous to its base. On the west the mountains do not immediately border on the great plains of Eastern Europe, but are separated from them by a hilly tract from 20 to 40 miles wide, whose general level decreases gradually as it approaches the plains. The whole range of the Ural Mountains may be divided into three portions, the Southern, Central, and Northern Ural; and this division is founded on the physical character of the mountains.

The *Southern Ural* extends from the banks of the Ural River to $55^{\circ} 30'$ N. lat. There are indeed hills of moderate elevation south of the river, but they are isolated and cannot be considered as a continuation of the range. On the northern side of the river, where it runs from east to west, the high ground approaches its banks so as to leave only a comparatively small tract of low and level ground along its course. The ascent of these high grounds is very much broken and rapid, but not long, as in general the summit of the high ground is only from 600 to 700 feet above the surface of the river. When this elevation is attained, it is found that the country extends in a kind of table-land, which gradually rises higher, and near 53° N. lat. may be from 1200 to 1800 feet above the surface of the sea. This tract is called the table-land of the Sakmara, from an affluent of the Ural river which drains nearly the whole of it. On the east the table-land declines with a steep descent to the river Ural, where it flows from north to south, but on the west its slope is very gentle, and it is connected with the low ridge called Obolski Sirt, which traverses the steppe which is farther west, and terminates on the banks of the Volga, opposite Kamyshin (between 50° and 51° N. lat.). The surface of the table-land is very much broken, and in many parts there are rocky hills of moderate elevation, but they do not constitute ridges except on the banks of the small river Ick, an affluent of the Sakmara, where on the most recent maps a continuous ridge of hills is marked. A considerable portion of the table-land is wooded and well stocked with animals, which supply the Bashkires with a part of their subsistence. There are some large swamps.

On the north side of the table-land of Sakmara are two ranges of mountains, of which the eastern is called the *Irendik Mountains*, but farther north it takes the name of *Ural-Tau* (or *Girdle Mountains*). It runs north by east to $55^{\circ} 30'$ N. lat. In a few places it contains elevated summits, for instance, near its southern extremity, east of Lake Tol-kash, where it is more than 2900 feet above the sea; but in general the summit is a level plain about 2000 feet high and seven or eight miles wide: it is mostly covered with swamps. The western chain has no general name. It rises in the most southern bend of the river Bielaya, which flows first to the east and afterwards to the west of it, and runs nearly north-east, gradually approaching the Ural

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Tau. Near its southern extremity, which is less than 50 miles distant from that of the Ural Tau, it does not rise much above the general level of the table-land of Sakmara; but as we proceed farther north it increases in elevation, and exhibits several high summits, among which are the Yaman-Tau, at the source of the Bielaya, and the Iremel-Tau, north of it. The last-mentioned mount is the highest in the Southern Ural, and rises more than 4700 feet above the sea-level; and snow is found in some ravines near its summits all the year round. The whole western chain is thickly wooded, but many of the slopes are nearly inaccessible, owing to the deep swamps on their sides. Wild animals are very numerous, especially bears, deer, and elk. The valleys between the ranges are either destitute of trees and covered with thick grass, or swamps. In some places however there are extensive woods, consisting of fir, birch, larch, elms, and lime-trees: there is also oak, but on account of the wetness of the soil the wood is unfit for economical uses.

The two chains just mentioned approach one another at the place where the rivers Ural, Bielaya, and Ai, an affluent of the Ufa, originate, but they do not join. They run parallel to one another from $54^{\circ} 30'$ to $55^{\circ} 30'$ N. lat., being hardly 10 miles distant from one another. The eastern, which preserves the name of Ural Tau, is a continuous range, but not so high as the western, which is composed of three ridges, called from south to north Oorengai Tau, Tagannai Tau, and Yeorma Tau. Between these ridges are depressions, through which the rivers flow westward to the Ufa and Bielaya. The Oorengai Tau is stated to rise 3000 feet above the sea-level, the Tagannai to 3500 feet, and the Yeorma to a still greater elevation. The Ural Tau does not rise in these parts above 2000 feet, and is frequently much lower. Its summits are also less precipitous than those of the western chain. The valley between the two chains is about 1000 feet above the sea-level, and occupied by a considerable number of insulated hills. In this valley are the principal mines of Slatoust.

A third range lies farther east, and runs parallel to the Ural Tau, but is not connected with it. Between $55^{\circ} 30'$ and $54^{\circ} 30'$ N. lat. it is not inferior to the Ural Tau in elevation, but in advancing farther south it decreases considerably in height, and terminates between 54° and 53° in isolated hills. It bears the name of *Ilmenets Tau*, and appears to be sterile and destitute of trees, but its resources have not yet been examined.

The *Central Ural* extends from $55^{\circ} 30'$ to 56° N. lat. Near the source of the river Ufa the ranges which we have noticed hitherto disappear entirely, and no elevated ridge or summit is to be seen. This part of the Ural Mountains may be considered as a wide swell, which begins on the west on the banks of the river Kama, an affluent of the Volga, and rises continually but gradually for 50 or 100 miles more, until it attains its highest level, whence it extends in an uneven plain, and then descends on the eastern side, likewise with a rather gentle but much shorter slope. The lower edge of the western slope at the town of Perm, on the Kama, is only 378 feet above the sea-level, the highest point on the road leading from Perm to Ekatarinburg between Bilimbayevsk and Reschetuk, is 1638 feet, and Ekatarinburg, on the plain east of the eastern declivity, is 868 feet above the sea-level. The wide western slope presents hardly any other inequalities except those produced by the rivers which, descending from the crest of the mountain system, run to the Kama, and have worn out deep channels. The higher ground between the water-courses consists of undulating plains, which in most parts are covered with swamps destitute of trees, but in other places are overgrown with woods, which however do not present the vigorous growth which is observed in the forests of the Southern Ural. This part of the Ural Mountains is better known than any other, as it is traversed by the great commercial road between Russia and Siberia, and most of the mines which are worked are in this portion of the range.

Between 56° and 61° N. lat. are the mountains called the Ural of Verkhotoor, which some writers consider a part of the Central Ural, and others as attached to the Northern Ural. In these parts the higher portion of the range is covered with rocky mountains, which usually form elevated summits. The most southern of these summits is the Pawdinskot Kamen, which, according in some

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authorities, rises to the height of 6820 feet above the sea; but, according to others, only to about two-thirds of that elevation. This summit is near the village of Pawdinskoi, west by north of Verkhoturov, and on the north of it are other summits, which rise to between 5000 and 6000 feet above the sea. The low depressions by which these summits are separated from one another are very swampy, but generally covered with woods, which also extend over the lower declivity of the summits, whilst the higher part is above the line of trees, and presents either bare rocks, or, where it is covered with soil, swamps of great depth. Though none of these summits appear to be covered with snow all the year round, masses of ice are found even at the end of the summer in the ravines which furrow the northern declivities.

The Northern Ural occupies that portion of the range which extends from 61° to 70° N. lat. It is very little known, being rarely visited by the Russians themselves, who call it the barren Ural, in opposition to the Central and Southern Ural, which are rich in mines and covered with wood, whilst the Northern Ural consists of rock destitute of trees. These rocky masses are nearly always covered with clouds, and composed of large pieces of broken rocks, which are apparently unconnected. The lower tracts between them are occupied by moors or covered with mosses. There are forests of large pines as far north as 63° N. lat., but farther north the growth of these trees is stunted, and near 65° N. lat. they disappear. This tract of the mountain-system is only visited in summer by the Vogules and Samoyedes. It does not seem to rise to a great elevation, and where it terminates on the Arctic Ocean it is composed of broken rocks covered with swamps.

The Ural Mountains abound in ores more than any other mountain-range in the eastern continent, so far as it is yet known. It is probable that a very small portion of this wealth has been discovered, as most of the mines of this mountain-system have been opened within the last seventy or eighty years; and hardly a year passes without new deposits being discovered.

(Pallas, *Reisen durch verschiedene Provinzen des Russischen Reiches*; Georgi, *Bemerkungen auf einer Reise in die Russischen Reiche*; Hofmann and Helmersen, *Geognostische Untersuchungen des Süd-Ural Gebirges*; Kupffer, *Vogeler des Oural*.)

It has been observed that the Ural slopes much more gradually on the western than on the eastern side. The northern portion is bare and naked; the basis is granite, and the superior stratifications are limestone and quartz, and many erratic blocks are scattered over the surface. The central and southern portions abound in wood, chiefly pines, cedars, larches, and other natives of a northern climate; but the oak and ash are found in the south-western parts. There are many rich valleys and fine pastures, where great numbers of cattle are bred. Numberless rivers abounding in fish issue from both sides of the chain, the principal of which are the Sooya, the Isset, the Tobol, the Emba, the Ural, the Belais, the Kama, and the Petchora. There are seven passes over these mountains: the first that are the most easy to cross are—the road from Perm to Ekaterinburg; that to Petropavlovskaja, and the three roads to Orenburg. Besides the principal fair, which is held annually at Irkut, for the productions of the mines and manufactures of Siberia, the chief staple place in the interior is the fair at Nischnei-Novgorod; and for the communication with foreign countries the harbours of Petersburg, Archangel, and Inganrog.

Mention has been made in several preceding articles (EKATERINBURG; ORENBURG; PARM; RUSSIA, Mineral Productions of) of the quantities of iron, copper, gold, and platinum obtained from the mines of the Ural, but the continually increasing quantity of gold obtained in the Russian empire seems to require more especial notice, which we are enabled to give from authentic and official sources.

The iron and copper mines of the Ural Mountains had long been considered among the most valuable sources of the national wealth, when, in the middle of the eighteenth century, it was discovered that gold-mines also existed there; and in 1754 an essay was first made to work them. The quantity obtained was small. The first mines discovered and worked were those of Oukloussa, on the banks of the Isset, and those of Beresof, 15 miles north-east of Ekaterinburg.

For several years the result of the working of the mines was far from being so advantageous as it has since become: up to 1830, inclusive, the quantities of gold procured by washing the sand of the district of Ekaterinburg never exceeded 10 poods in one year; but since 1823, when works were opened in the districts of Bogoslovsk, Gorochnagodatsk, and Zlatoust, the annual produce of the mines of the Ural has rapidly increased. The largest quantity obtained in one year was in 1831, since which there was a decrease to 270 poods in 1836; subsequently it has fluctuated, but on the whole increased. From 1754 to 1822 inclusive, the total quantity of gold obtained appears to have been about 300 poods; but from 1822 to 1841, both years inclusive, the total amount was 4996 poods and 11 pounds: viz. 3043 poods 33 lbs. from the works of the crown, and 2452 poods 14 lbs. from those belonging to private persons, the principal of whom are the families Demidoff, Jakowleff, Stroganoff, and the mercantile house of Gubin.

But besides the gold of the Ural mountains, a very large and constantly increasing quantity has been obtained since 1829 from Eastern Siberia. In the 16 years from the beginning of 1823 to the end of 1838 there were produced—

I. Gold with a mixture of silver (about 88 per cent. of pure gold) from the mines and washings.

	Poods lbs.	Poods lbs.
A. From the Crown works:—		
a. In the Ural Mountains	1592 14	
b. In the district of the Altai	111 19	
c. In the district of Nertschinsk	3 5	
Total from the Crown works	1706 28	
B. From the private works:—		
a. In the Ural Mountains	2543 24	
b. From the interior of Siberia	466 6	
Total	3009 30	
General total	4716 28	

II. Raw platinum from the Ural chain:—	
a. From different Crown works	29 0
b. From the private works	1230 4
Total	1259 4

The gold-mines (or rather auriferous sands, from which the gold is procured by washing), discovered since 1823, extend along the whole northern declivity of the mountains that bound Siberia on the south, from the Ota to beyond Nertschinsk, especially on the eastern side of the Kusnetzk range, which extends on the east side of the Altai from Sandypohoi northward, past Kusnetzk to the Kija, in the tract between the Upper Tom and the Upper Tschulym, on the Yenisei near Minusinsk and Abakansk, thence eastwards to the Kan and the Brussa, and along the whole upper course of these tributaries of the Yenisei, farther on the south-west side of Lake Baikal and of the Angara, which issues from it, as also on the east side of the Jablonoi Chrebet, in the valley of the Schulka, above and below Nertschinsk. Now as gold is found as well to the west of the Ural Mountains towards Perm as about Udsak, near the sea of Ochotzk, we see that an auriferous zone, though interrupted here and there, included between the 50th and 60th degrees north latitude, traverses the whole of the ancient continent in a line which is one-half longer than the greatest breadth of Africa. The quantity of gold obtained in the interior of Siberia is progressively increasing, for in 1840 it amounted to 252 poods, which is 62 poods more than in 1839. In 1841 there was a further increase, as follows:—

I. In the Ural Mountains:		Poods lbs.	Poods lbs.
a. From the Crown works		134 83	
b. From private works		168 33	
Total		303 26	
II. In the rest of Siberia:			
a. From the crown works		37 0	
b. From private works		318 0	
Total		355 0	

In the whole empire 658 26

To these must be added—

	Poods Rb. Poods lbs.
Gold from the silver in the mines	31 20
Total	690 0
Platinum:—	
In the Crown works	3 13
In the private works	105 7
Total	108 20

Hence it appears that while the quantity of gold produced in the Ural Mountains remains nearly the same, that obtained in the interior of Siberia is rapidly increasing, having been, in 1839, 190 poods; in 1840, 252 poods; and in 1841, 355 poods. It is therefore not improbable that within a few years the gold obtained in the whole empire will amount to 1000 poods in a year.

The copper, iron, and salt produced in the Ural Mountains are of great importance and value. [Peters.] A variety of other mineral productions are also found there, among which there are topaz, iridium, malachite, the onyx, topaz-emerald, beryl, and agate. Diamonds have been found within these few years (first in 1829), but few in number and of small size: they were of very pure water.

A peculiarity in the Russian mineral productions is worthy of notice, viz. the extraordinary size of some specimens. Thus, in 1825, there were found 25 lumps of pure gold, weighing together 2 poods 26 lbs.; one of them was 14 lbs. weight. Afterwards a lump weighing 24 lbs. was found; and on the 7th of November, 1842, a lump weighing 87 Russian pounds was discovered. Pieces of platinum have been found which weighed 10, 19, and 20 lbs.

In the collection of the Institution of the Mines at St. Petersburg, is the celebrated specimen of malachite from the Ural, which is 3 feet 6 inches high, and nearly as broad: it is of a beautiful emerald-green colour, and is valued at 525,000 rubles. A very pure beryl, of a bright green colour, weighing six pounds, was found at Ekatarinburg.

[Russian Official Journals; Stein, *Handbuch der Geographie und Statistik*, edited by Hirschmann; Cunnach, *Lehrbuch der Geographie*; Hassel, *Handbuch der Erdbezeichnung*; das *Russische Reich in Europa*; Schubert, *Handbuch der Allgemeinen Staatskunde*, vol. i.; das *Russische Reich*; Brockhaus, *Conversations Lexicon*; Adolph Erman, *Reise durch Nord-Arien*; Rose, *Reise nach dem Ural*, dem *Altai*, und *durch das Kaspische Meer*, von Alexander von Humboldt, G. Ehrenberg, and Gustav Rose, vol. i., 1837; vol. ii., 1842. These volumes contain the mineralogy and geology, by Mr. Rose.)

URAMIL. When a hot saturated solution of thionate of ammonia is treated with hydrochloric acid in excess, the mixture is converted into a semifluid mass. The uramil thus obtained is in the form of plumose acicular crystals, which are permanent in the air, and become of a pink colour when heated; they are insoluble in cold and but slightly soluble in boiling water. The alkalis ammonia, potash, and soda dissolve uramil, and acids precipitate it from them unchanged. The solutions in ammonia and potash become of a purple colour by exposure to the air, and deposit green acicular crystals of a brilliant metallic lustre. If potash solution be boiled, ammonia is evolved and uramile acid is formed, and dilute acids produce similar decomposition. It is soluble in concentrated sulphuric acid, and is precipitated from it by water; by concentrated nitric acid it is resolved into alloxan, with the evolution of hyponitrous acid, and the formation of nitrate of ammonia.

Uramil is composed of—

Five equivalents of hydrogen	5
Eight equivalents of carbon	48
Six equivalents of oxygen	48
Three equivalents of azote	42

Equivalent 143

URAMILIC ACID. This is obtained by decomposing uramil: when a saturated solution of thionate of ammonia in cold water is added to a small quantity of sulphuric acid, and the mixture is evaporated by a gentle heat, uramile acid is slowly deposited.

The properties of this acid are, that it has the form of four-sided prisms, which are transparent and of a glassy

lustre, or in the state of fine silky needles; it is soluble in about six to eight parts of cold and in three parts of boiling water; its acid properties are feeble. This acid loses no weight when heated to 212°, but becomes of a slight pink colour.

It forms soluble crystalline salts with ammonia, potash, and soda. It consists of—

Ten equivalents of hydrogen	10
Sixteen equivalents of carbon	96
Fifteen equivalents of oxygen	120
Five equivalents of azote	70

Equivalent 296

URANIA, a genus of plants belonging to the natural order Musaceae. This name, which is that of one of the Muses, was given rather fancifully by Schræber to this genus, on account of its natural order. The name which the plant bears in Madagascar is *Ravenala*. This genus has but one species, the *Urania speciosa*, which is a native of Madagascar. It has a superior, coloured perianth, consisting of three petals; a two-leaved sepal, and one of the leaves bind; a 3-celled many-seeded capsule, and the seeds in two rows covered with an aril. The flowers are arranged upon a spadix, which are nodding, very similar to the bananas, which belong to the same family. The leaves are arranged in a fan-shape. The seeds of this plant are said to constitute a wholesome food. In its cultivation in this country it requires a strong heat and an abundant supply of moisture. It must be propagated by seeds, which will grow freely in a loamy soil, if planted when they are recently imported. It may be numbered amongst the most splendid of our hothouse plants.

URANIC ACID. [URANIUM.]

URANIENBURG, built in 1576 as an observatory for the astronomer Tycho Brahe, is now in ruins. It is situated in 55° 55' N. lat. and 12° 41' E. long., in the small and fruitful island of Hven or Ween, in the Sound, opposite Landskrona. It formerly belonged to Denmark, but was ceded in 1658 (37 years after Tycho's death) to the Swedes, who destroyed Uranienburg. [BRAND', TYCHO.]

URANITE. [URANIUM.]

URANIUM, a metal discovered by Klaproth, in 1789, who named it after the planet Uranus, the discovery of which had previously occurred in the same year: the mineral from which it was first obtained is called *pitchblende*, and this we shall presently describe. We shall not state the properties which are attributed to this metal by its discoverer, because some very late researches by M. Péligot have rendered it more than probable that what Klaproth considered as metallic uranium was in fact an oxide of that metal.

M. Péligot obtained this metal by decomposing its chloride by means of potassium, a process which had been successfully adopted for procuring aluminum and magnesium: the metal so separated is partly in the state of a black powder, and partly agglomerated; by carefully detaching the portions which adhered to the sides of the crucible, plates of a metallic lustre, comparable to that of silver, were obtained; these were susceptible of being filed, but possessed a certain degree of malleability, and had evidently undergone incipient fusion. Uranium is very combustible; at a moderate degree of heat, in contact with the air, it burns with a remarkably white and shining light; the combustion occurs at so low a temperature, that it may take place on paper without causing it to burn. If small particles be shaken from the filter on which the metal in powder has been collected, portions so minute as to be scarcely visible burn with brilliant sparks on coming near the flame of a candle. When heated in a capsule, uranium burns brilliantly, and is converted into a deep green-coloured oxide, the bulk of which is considerably greater than that of the metal employed.

Uranium does not appear to suffer any alteration by exposure to the air, nor does it decompose water at common temperatures, but when put into diluted acids it dissolves in them with the evolution of hydrogen gas.

We shall now describe such minerals as contain uranium:—

Pitchblende, Pitchblende, Oxide of Uranium.—This, as already noticed, is the mineral from which the metal was first obtained by Klaproth. It occurs in amorphous and reniform masses, and also pulverulent. Structure granular, compact. Fracture uneven, conchoidal. Hardness: scratches

phosphate of lime, is scratched by felspar. Colour greyish, brownish, and iron-black. Lustre imperfect metallic. Specific gravity 6.408. Before the blowpipe infusible *per se*, but colours the exterior flame green; with borax it fuses into a dull-yellow glass, which becomes green in the reducing flame. In powder, it dissolves slowly in citric acid.

Pitchblende occurs in Saxony, Bohemia, &c., and in Cornwall.

Analyses by Klaproth (4) and Pfaff (2)—

	(1)	(2)
Oxide of uranium	86.5	84.52
Oxide of iron	2.5	8.24
Silica	5.0	2.02
Sulphuret of lead	6.0	4.20
Oxide of cobalt	0.0	1.42
	100	100.4

This mineral is evidently a mere mixture of oxide of uranium with other substances, and, besides those above enumerated, Arfwedson found the oxides of arsenic, zinc, and copper in the pitchblende of Joachimsthal.

Uranite, Uran Mica, Calcereo-phosphate of Uranium.—Occurs crystallized. Primary form a square prism. Cleavage parallel to the terminal planes, very distinct. Fracture foliated. Hardness: scratches sulphate of lime, and is scratched by the carbonate. Colour lemon or golden yellow, and yellowish-brown. Lustre adamantine. Transparent, translucent. Specific gravity 3.12 to 3.33.

It is found in veins in granite at St. Symphonien near Autun, and at St. Yrieux near Limoges in France, and also in several places in Saxony.

Analysis of a specimen from Autou by Berzelius—

Phosphoric acid	14.63
Oxide of uranium	59.37
Lime	5.66
Silica and oxide of iron	2.65
Magnesia and oxide of manganese	0.19
Barytes	1.51
Water	14.90
Fluoric acid and ammonia—traces	

99.11

This mineral appears essentially to consist of the phosphates of uranium and lime.

Chalcocite, Green Uranite, Cupreo-phosphate of Uranium.—This mineral agrees with the preceding in crystalline form, but differs in colour, it being grass or emerald green, owing to the presence of phosphates of copper instead of phosphate of lime.

It occurs in Cornwall, was first shown to contain uranium by the Rev. Mr. Gregor, and analysed afterwards by R. Phillips (1) and subsequently by Berzelius (2): the results of the experiments gave as its composition:—

	(1)	(2)
Phosphoric acid	16.0	15.56
Oxide of uranium	60.0	60.25
Oxide of copper	9.0	8.44
Water	14.5	15.05
Stony matter	0.5	0.70

100

Carbonate of Uranium, Uran Bloom, Uranosine.—Occurs in small indistinctly crystalline flakes. Lustre but slight. Colour bright yellow.

Occurs in silver-veins at Joachimsthal in Bohemia, forming a coating on pitchblende.

Sulphate of Uranium.—This occurs as a thin botryoidal yellow-coloured coating over the surface of the minerals on which it is found. It is friable and soils the fingers. Partially soluble in water, and the remainder in nitric acid: both solutions contain sulphate of uranium, and are of a yellow colour.

Occurs at Joachimsthal in Bohemia.

Sulphate of Uranium and Copper, Johannite.—Occurs crystallized. Primary form an oblique rhombic prism. Crystals very minute. Fracture imperfect conchoidal. Hardness 2 to 2.5. Taste slightly bitter. Partially soluble in water. Colour deep grass-green. Streak paler. Lustre vitreous. Translucent. Specific gravity 3.19. It occurs at Joachimsthal in Bohemia, and has not been quantitatively analyzed.

Having now described the properties of uranium and the

minerals which yield it, we proceed to consider the compounds which it forms with other bodies.

Oxygen and Uranium.—According to M. Pélitot, there exist, or may be formed, three oxides of uranium: the protoxide, formerly considered as metallic uranium; that prepared by calcining the nitrate, known by the name of deutoxide of uranium, or urous acid; lastly, the peroxide, uranic acid, which enters into the composition of the yellow salts. Besides these oxides, it is stated, by the chemist above named, that there are two suboxides of uranium produced by the decomposition of the subchloride by ammonia, and an oxide intermediate as to protoxide and peroxide of uranium, which is formed when the oxide obtained by calcining the nitrate is submitted to the action of oxygen.

Suboxide of Uranium.—When ammonia is added to a solution of subchloride of uranium, a brown precipitate is formed, which undergoes various changes of colour and composition by absorbing oxygen. In the first instance it is probably composed of—

Three equivalents of oxygen	24
Four equivalents of uranium	240
Equivalent	264

Its extreme instability however renders its analysis very difficult. It decomposes water, to combine with its oxygen to form the apple-green suboxide, the analysis of which is equally difficult.

Peroxide of Uranium, formerly regarded as metallic uranium. This may be prepared by several processes; one of the best consists in decomposing the yellow oxalate of uranium by hydrogen: the process requires several precautions. Prepared in this manner the protoxide is extremely pyrophoric, the access of air causing it to burn with feeble incandescence and converting it into black peroxide: it is of a cinnamon-brown colour. When the protoxide of uranium is obtained by reducing the double chloride of potassium and uranium, not by means of hydrogen, it is obtained in crystalline scales possessing a high degree of lustre, and being then in a higher state of aggregation, it is not pyrophoric; and when procured by decomposing the nitrate, the protoxide is of a maroon colour. When thus prepared in the dry way, it is not acted upon either by hydrochloric or sulphuric acid when diluted; but dissolves in the latter, when concentrated: nitric acid also dissolves it, but nitrate of peroxide of uranium is obtained.

This oxide may likewise be obtained in the moist way, and then it is soluble in dilute acids: it is precipitated in the state of hydrate, by adding ammonia to the green solution of chloride of uranium; the precipitate is of a reddish-brown colour, which by ebullition becomes black and dense, probably because it is dehydrated. It may also be procured by putting fragments of marble into the green solution of chloride of uranium.

It is composed of—

One equivalent of oxygen	8
One equivalent of uranium	60

Equivalent 68

Deutoxide or Black Oxide of Uranium is obtained by calcining the nitrate at a high temperature. It is not decomposable by heat; when added to acids they do not directly combine with it, but a mixture of salts of the protoxide and peroxide is formed. This oxide has been usually called the protoxide: it is composed of—

Five equivalents of oxygen	40
Four equivalents of uranium	240

Equivalent 280

Tritoxide of Uranium, or Olive Oxide.—When any of the preceding oxides are submitted at a low red heat to the action of oxygen, the olive-coloured oxide is formed. It has a velvety appearance, and when strongly heated it loses oxygen and is converted into the black oxide, and when acted upon by acids there is formed a mixture of yellow and green salts, in which the salts of the peroxide exist in the larger proportion, and this is an advantageous process for preparing them.

It consists of—

Four equivalents of oxygen	32
Three equivalents of uranium	180

Equivalent 212

Peroxide of Uranium, or Oxide of the Yellow Salts.

This oxide, which is of all the most important, and obtained with the greatest facility, has not hitherto been obtained in a separate state: when nitrate of uranium is decomposed with a gentle heat, an orange-coloured subsalt remains, which by the application of a stronger heat becomes olive and then black oxide; when an alkali is poured into a saline solution of this oxide, the yellow precipitate formed retains alkali in combination; even uranate of ammonia resists the prolonged action of boiling water and also of a vacuum; by heat the ammonia and water are not expelled till peroxide itself undergoes decomposition.

This oxide consists of—

Three equivalents of oxygen	24
Two equivalents of uranium	120
Equivalent	144

Chlorine and Uranium.—The protochloride is obtained by passing a current of dry chlorine gas over an intimate mixture of equal parts of any oxide of uranium and charcoal submitted in a glass tube to a high temperature. The chloride of uranium formed appears in the state of a red vapour, and condenses in the cool part of the tube in very regular octohedrons of a metallic lustre, and of a black or green colour according to their size.

Chloride of uranium is volatile, and attracts water so strongly that it very soon becomes fluid by exposure to the air, the moisture of which also decomposes it. It consists of—

One equivalent of chlorine	36
One equivalent of uranium	60
Equivalent	96

Subchloride of Uranium.—This compound is obtained by passing a current of dry hydrogen gas over the chloride of uranium moderately heated in a glass tube. The residue of this operation is of a deep brown colour, in fine filaments which are but slightly volatile at the temperature at which it is formed; it is very soluble in water; the solution is purple at first, but in a few seconds it becomes green; it gives out hydrogen gas, and at the same time deposits a red powder, which is very probably oxide of uranium, yielded in consequence of the transformation of this substance into chloride of uranium. It is composed of—

Three equivalents of chlorine	108
Four equivalents of uranium	240
Equivalent	348

Sulphuret of Uranium of a black colour may be obtained by adding the alkaline sulphurets to solutions of uranium, or by passing the vapour of sulphuret of carbon over the oxide at a high temperature.

We shall now briefly notice some of the oxy-salts of uranium.

Sulphate of Protoxide of Uranium.—This salt is obtained by adding sulphuric acid to the protochloride of uranium, and heating the mixture, by which hydrochloric acid is expelled, and sulphate of uranium remains; by dissolving the residue in water, and evaporating the solution, green prismatic crystals of the sulphate are formed.

It frequently happens that the crystals possess a silky lustre, are greenish, and but slightly soluble in water; in this case they contain excess of base. This salt yielded by analysis—

Sulphuric acid	28.0
Peroxide of uranium	46.1
Water	25.9
	100.0

Oxalate of Protoxide of Uranium.—This salt is of a greenish-white colour, and very slightly soluble in water either cold or hot. It may be prepared by mixing solutions of oxalic acid and chloride of uranium; the precipitate formed is to be repeatedly washed with boiling water, in order to dissolve the yellow oxalate of the peroxide, which is more soluble, and which is first precipitated. The protoxalate of uranium, after being dried, may be exposed to the air without undergoing any perceptible change.

It is composed of—

Oxalic acid	28.5
Peroxide of uranium	51.2
Water	20.3
	100.

Nitrate of Peroxide of Uranium.—This salt is easily obtained in fine regular crystals. It is composed of—

Nitric acid	21.5
Peroxide of uranium	57.1
Water	21.4
	100.

This salt is of a yellowish colour, effloresces in vacuo, and loses half its water of crystallization.

Uranium forms a considerable number of double salts, which we have not thought it requisite to describe.

Peroxide of uranium is employed in colouring glass, to which it imparts a fine lemon yellow.

According to the experiments of Dr. Elsner, ultramarine must contain sulphuret of iron as well as sulphuret of sodium, and he has given the mean of several analyses of artificial ultramarine, of natural lapis lazuli, and of an artificial product by Varentz:—

	Capit. Lazuli.	Artificial, from Meissen.	Dr. Elsner.
Potash	..	1.75	..
Soda	9.09	21.47	40.5
Alumina	31.67	23.30	29.5
Silica	45.50	45.00	40.0
Sulphur	0.95	1.68	4.0
Lime	3.52	0.02	..
Iron	0.86	1.06	1.0
Chlorine	0.42	..	..
Sulphuric acid	5.89	3.83	3.4
Water	0.12	..	..

URANUS, the name which is now universally given to the planet discovered by William Herschel, while engaged in the telescopic comparison of a large number of stars, as stated in his life. On the evening of Tuesday, March 13, 1781, between ten and eleven o'clock in the evening, while engaged in examining some small stars in Gemini, he saw one which appeared to have a more sensible amount of diameter than the others. A higher magnifying power rendered this circumstance still more perceptible: and micrometrical comparisons with neighbouring stars soon showed that the object of attention was in motion. It was accordingly announced to the Royal Society as a comet, and speedily became an object of attention to the continental observers. As soon as a sufficient number of observations were obtained, attempts were made to calculate an approximate orbit upon the supposition that the body was a comet, and revolved in a nearly parabolic curve. No success attended this first effort, and it was gradually seen, first, that if a comet at all, it was one which never approached so near the Sun as Saturn; next, that a nearly circular orbit would better represent the observations than a planetary one; and finally, that the supposed comet was a planet, resembling the ancient planets in every point in which it was possible to compare them.

The name given by Herschel to his new planet was Georgium Sidus, in honour of the reigning king, George III. But this name gave no satisfaction to astronomers: Laplace and others contended that the name of the discoverer should be borne by the planet; and many were found to adopt this suggestion. But the general feeling was that neither the king of England nor his astronomer was altogether in his right place, as coming after Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn; and after Neptune, Astræa, and Cybele had been severally suggested without success, Uranus (at the proposal of Bode) was adopted. The last name was appropriate, in as much as Uranus is the father of Saturn in mythology, as Saturn is of Jupiter, and Jupiter of Mars; but what will be done if a new planet should be discovered still more distant than Uranus?

The planet Uranus looks like a star of the sixth magnitude, and requires a considerable magnifying power and favourable circumstances to be observed. As soon as it was known to be a planet, a reference to old catalogues showed that it had been seen and noted as a star five times by Flamsteed, once by Bradley, once by Mayer, and twelve times by Lemonnier, the last of whom (says M. Arago) must have been the discoverer of the planet, if he

had only arranged his observations so as to look at all those of the same star at once.

The early observations of Herschel gave the planet a perceptible ellipticity of form; and he thought at first that it was surrounded by a ring, but subsequently found out that this appearance was due to the telescope. But on the 11th of January, 1787, he saw several little stars about the planet; and the next day found two of them gone. By the 9th of the next month he had fully established the existence of the second and fourth satellites, had obtained their approximate times of revolution, and had ascertained that their orbits made a considerable angle with the ecliptic. It was not till the end of 1797 that he announced the existence of four more satellites, one of them nearer to the planet than either of the first two, and one between those two. Of these four new satellites, there is nothing to be said except that Herschel only saw them with great difficulty, and on the occasions when circumstances were very favourable; and that no one else has ever been able to see one of them, except Mr. Lamont, of the observatory of Munich, who saw the sixth satellite in October, 1837. But both Sir John Herschel and Mr. Lamont have carefully observed the second and third satellites; and the times of revolution which they assign to these satellites agree very well with those given by W. Herschel himself. Many have doubted the existence of the four other satellites, but those who know the writings of Herschel, and remember that if there be anything more remarkable in the history of observation than the power of the instruments which he put together, it is the skill with which he used them, will pause before they doubt of results which he announced with great deliberation,* and which, after all, only add one more to the cases in which a planet very distant from the sun has a considerable number of satellites.

The following are the periodic times of the best known satellites, the second and fourth, according to W. Herschel, Sir J. Herschel, and Mr. Lamont:—

	W. Herschel.	J. Herschel.	Lamont.
	d. h. m. s.	d. h. m. s.	d. h. m. s.
Second	8 16 56 5	8 16 56 31.3	8 16 56 28.5
Fourth	13 11 8 59	13 11 7 12.6	13 11 7 0.3

and the mean distances from the planet, in semidiameters of his equator, are stated by W. Herschel to be 17.022 and 22.752.

The remaining satellites, the existence of which depends on the sole authority of their discoverer, have their periods and distances, the latter also in equatorial semidiameters of the planet, given by him as follows:—

	Period.	Distance.
	d. h. m.	d. h. m.
First	5 21 25	13 129
Third	10 23 4	19 845
Fifth	38 1 48	45 567
Sixth	107 16 40	91 008

The orbits of all these six satellites differ in two material particulars from those of every other body in the solar system. They are nearly at right angles to the plane of the ecliptic (78° 58'), and their motions are retrograde, or from east to west. As far as has yet been ascertained, their orbits are nearly circular, and the motions of their nodes and variations of their inclinations, if any, very small.

The only circumstance which is known of the physical constitution of Uranus is one noticed by W. Herschel, namely, that the satellites and small stars in the neighbourhood of it disappear when they come very close to the planet, but in a manner which cannot depend on the atmosphere of the planet, since the phenomenon happens whether the satellite is before or behind it. No probable cause has been assigned for these disappearances.

The apparent diameter of Uranus is about 4", and changes very little; the real diameter, that of the earth being 1, is about 4.3, which gives a bulk of 80 times that of the earth. The mean density is about 1.1-10ths of that of the sun, or one-fourth of that of the earth; and the mass of the planet is about 1-17918th of that of the sun. It is not known to revolve about its axis. Its light and heat are those of the earth as 3 to 1000.

Elements of the Orbit of Uranus.

Epoch 1801; January 1, 0^h mean astronomical time at Greenwich.

Semimajor, 19.18239, that of the earth being assumed as the unit.

Excentricity, .04607938; its secular variation not yet known. Inclination of the orbit to the ecliptic, 46° 28' 44"; its secular increase (or increase in 100 years), 3".

Longitudes from the mean equinox of the epoch (1) of the ascending node, 72° 59' 33" 3; its secular increase (combined with the precession), 1416"; (2) of the perihelion, 167° 31' 16" 1; its secular increase (combined with the precession), 5250"; (3) of the planet (mean), 177° 48' 23" 0.

Mean sidereal motion in 365 $\frac{1}{4}$ days, 15425" 64; sidereal revolution, 30680 8208296 mean solar days.

URAO, a variety of sesqui-carbonate of soda [Sonnum], which occurs in Colombia.

URATIA, a genus of plants of the natural family of Leguminosæ, so named by Desvaux, probably from *uræ*, 'a tail,' from the long, tufted, cylindrical racemes, which when the flower has dropped are not unlike the tails of some animals. The calyx is deeply 5-cleft, with setaceous segments. Legume, with a few ovate single-seeded joints, bent back into plate, and nesting within the calyx. The species are chiefly natives of India: *U. picta* is found both in that country and on the coast of Guinea, and *U. lagopoides* both in India and China. They form herbs, rarely shrubs, with simple, trifoliate, or imparipinnate leaves, with the leaves and leaflets supported by stipules and stipeles. Several are highly ornamental, but require heat for their cultivation.

URBAN I. succeeded, A.D. 222, Calixtus I. as bishop of the Christian congregation at Rome, under the reign of the emperor Alexander Severus. It was about this time that Minucius Felix wrote at Rome his dialogue entitled 'Octavius,' in defence of Christianity. [MINUCIUS FELIX.] We have no biographical particulars concerning Urban, except that he died, some say a martyr's death, in the year 230, and was succeeded by Pontianus.

URBAN II., Otto, bishop of Ostia, and a native of France, succeeded Victor III. in the Papal chair, A.D. 1084, being elected in a council held at Terracina. Guibert, antipope, under the name of Clement III., who had been set up by Henry IV. of Germany, in opposition to Gregory VII., was still acknowledged as pope by a part of the Christian world, and he had possession of some strongholds in the city of Rome. But in the following year the people of Rome, encouraged by Pope Urban, rose against the antipope and obliged him to evacuate the city. Meantime a marriage was negotiated, through Pope Urban, between the Countess Matilda, who was the great supporter of the pope against Henry and Welf, son of the duke of Bavaria, and grandson of the Marquis Alberto Arzo II. of Este. Henry of Germany, alarmed at this alliance, which strengthened the power of the pope, went to Italy with an army, and scourged the territory of Mantua, which belonged to Matilda, who was obliged to take refuge with her husband in the Apennines of the Modenese. Mantua surrendered to Henry. The people of Rome, excited by Henry's success, turned against Pope Urban, and recalled the antipope Guibert, A.D. 1091. In the following year Henry continued to devastate the territories of Matilda, and the Papal party was evidently on the decline, when the countess contrived to induce Conrad, eldest son of Henry, who was with the army in Lombardy, to revolt against his father by holding before him the prospect of becoming king of Italy. It appears that Conrad was dissatisfied with his father's brutal conduct towards himself as well as towards his step-mother Adelaide. However this may be, Pope Urban received Conrad with great kindness, and caused him to be crowned king at Milan, A.D. 1093. The pope, who had been at Anagni and other places, also regained possession of Rome, except the castle of St. Angelo and the Lateran palace, in which the antipope kept garrisons; the antipope himself was staying with Henry at Verona. In the following year the keeper of the Lateran palace gave it up to Urban for a sum of money, and some time after the pope repaired to Tuscan, where he was met by the Countess Matilda. About this time Henry's wife Adelaide, who was kept in confinement by her husband at Verona, contrived to escape, and sought the protection of the Countess Matilda, and there

* Sir John Herschel ('Astronomy,' Col. Cyc.) speaks with little confidence on this point, having perhaps consulted the position in a manner in which a succession of ill-luck might exist against his judgement. 'It is attended by satellites, two at least, perhaps five or six (p. 266). * Two undoubtedly exist, and four more have been suspected' (p. 266).

she disclosed all the particulars of her husband's brutality towards her. In 1066 Pope Urban assembled a council at Piacenza, at which two hundred bishops were present, as well as Queen Adelaide, who made a solemn exposure of her husband's conduct towards her. The antipope and his adherents were excommunicated. There were also present envoys from the emperor Alexius Comnenus, requesting assistance against the Turks. It was in this Council that Pope Urban first proclaimed the Crusade, but the furtherance of that object was put off till the next Council, which the pope convoked at Clermont in France, in the autumn of the same year, and where multitudes took the Cross amidst the general exclamation of 'Dieu le veut,' 'God wills it.' In the following year, 1096, Pope Urban assembled two more Councils at Nîmes and at Tours for the same object, and various bodies of the Crusaders, the principal of which was commanded by Godefroi de Bouillon, set out on their march through Germany and Hungary towards Constantinople. Another corps under the orders of Hugh, brother of Philip I. king of France, took the road by Italy, and were met by Pope Urban in Tuscany, who gave them his solemn blessing. They then proceeded to Rome, from whence, with the exception of the castle of St. Angelo, they drove away the antipope and his partisans. They then proceeded to Apulia, from whence they crossed over to Greece. Pope Urban returned to Rome, where he celebrated the Christmas festivals with great splendour.

In the following year, 1097, Henry IV. left Italy, where his party was reduced very low, and returned to Germany. Thus Pope Urban and the Countess Matilda at last obtained their object. His rebel son Conrad, who had married a daughter of Roger, count of Sicily, was acknowledged king of Italy, although his power was little more than nominal, as the great feudatories, such as Countess Matilda, the Margraves of Este, Montefusco, Suse, &c., acted as sovereign princes, and the great towns of Lombardy and Tuscany had already established their independence.

In the year 1098 Pope Urban repaired to Campania, where the Norman princes, Roger, duke of Apulia, his uncle Roger, count of Sicily, and Richard, count of Aversa, were besieging Capua, which had revolted against Richard. The pope endeavoured to induce the citizens to capitulate, but not succeeding, he repaired to Beneventum. Capua having at last surrendered, Duke Roger, and his uncle the count of Sicily, went to Salerno, whither Pope Urban went also to have an interview with Count Roger, who was about returning to Sicily. It was on this occasion that the pope appointed by a bull the count and his successors perpetual apostolic legates in Sicily. This was the origin of the immunities of the church of Sicily, which were afterwards a subject of dispute between the kings of Sicily and the see of Rome, and for the maintenance of which a court, called the Tribunal 'de Monarchia,' was established.

From Salerno Pope Urban repaired to Bari, where he held a Council, which was attended by one hundred and eighty-five bishops, including several Greek prelates. The controversy about the word 'filioque,' in speaking of the proceeding of the Holy Ghost, which the Greeks rejected, was agitated, and Anselm, archbishop of Canterbury, supported with much eloquence and erudition the part of the Western Church. The Greeks however would not give up the point. From Bari Pope Urban returned to Rome, where he celebrated the Christmas festivities. He also succeeded at last in obtaining possession of the Castle St. Angelo. About Easter in the following year, 1099, he held another Council at Rome, in which the antipope Guibert and his adherents were again excommunicated, and the sentence of the church was pronounced against those priests who lived in a state of concubinage. In the following July Pope Urban died, just about the time that the Crusaders took possession of Jerusalem, and was succeeded by Paschal II. Urban II. was a man of considerable abilities and activity; his personal character appears to have been generally esteemed. By his perseverance and timely policy, and through his connection with the Countess Matilda in the north, and the Norman princes in the south, of Italy, he confirmed and strengthened the Papal supremacy which Gregory VII. had laboured to establish.

(Muratori, *Annali d'Italia*, and the authorities therein quoted.)

URBAN III., Uberto Crivelli, archbishop of Milan, succeeded Lucius II., in November, 1185. He strove hard to send assistance to the Christians in Palestine, who were hard pressed by Salah-ed-deen, and he repaired to Venice for the purpose. But he fell ill and died at Ferrara, in October, 1187, after a pontificate of less than two years.

URBAN IV., James, Patriarch of Jerusalem, a native of Troyes, in France, succeeded Alexander IV. in 1261. Manfred was then on the throne of Sicily and Apulia, and was the acknowledged head of the Guibelines of all Italy, whilst the popes were at the head of the Guelph party, hostile to Manfred and the whole house of Swabia. (MANFRED.) Urban persevered in the policy of his predecessors, and went even farther in his determined hostility against Manfred. He summoned him to appear before him to answer numerous heinous charges which he stated against him, and as Manfred refused to appear, unless accompanied by a sufficient escort for his own protection, the pope excommunicated him as a tyrant, a heretic, and an enemy of the Holy Church. Manfred sent troops to attack the Papal state, and the pope proclaimed a crusade against Manfred, and induced Robert, count of Flanders, to come to Italy with a number of French knights and men-at-arms, who, after defeating the Guibelines of North Italy, and restoring the ascendancy of the Guelph party, marched against Manfred himself, who was encamped on the frontiers of his own kingdom. But one of those insurrections, so frequent among the people of Rome in the middle ages, obliged Urban to recall the count of Flanders in order to support him against the insurgents. This gave some respite to Manfred, but Pope Urban, who was determined in his purpose, sent a legate to Charles, count of Provence and Anjou, brother of Louis IX. of France, offering him the crown of Sicily and Apulia as a fief of the Roman see. Charles accepted the offer, and his brother, Louis IX., gave also his consent, though with reluctance, as that good king had great doubts concerning the justice of the measure. From this fatal convention originated all the wars of the Anjou for centuries after, for the possession of Naples and Sicily, and the subsequent invasions of Italy by the French kings, who derived from the house of Anjou their pretensions to the crown of the Two Sicilies. Charles was making his preparations for attacking Manfred, when Pope Urban fell ill and died, at Perugia, in 1264, and was succeeded by Clement IV.

URBAN V., Guillaume de Grimoard, a Frenchman, and abbot of St. Victor of Marseille, succeeded Innocent VI., A.D. 1362. Like his predecessor, he took up his residence at Avignon, leaving to the legate Albornoz to defend the temporal interests of the Roman see in Italy. (ALBORNOS, GIL. DE.) Bernabò Visconti, lord of Milan, a brutal but determined man, who opposed his own subjects and encroached upon all his neighbours, paying no more regard to churchmen than laymen, was excommunicated by the pope for having usurped several territories of the Roman see. In 1364 however a reconciliation took place, and Bernabò was relieved from the censures of the church; but the reconciliation did not last long, as Bernabò was too restless to remain at peace. In 1367 Pope Urban took the resolution of restoring the pontifical court to Rome, to which he was urged by the Romans themselves. Petrarch also wrote him several hortatory letters to the same purpose. Urban landed on the coast near Corneto, and from thence repaired to Viterbo, where Cardinal Albornoz had prepared everything for his reception. After some time the pope proceeded to Rome, in the month of October, escorted by Niccolò of Este, marquis of Ferrara, Amadeus, count of Savoy, Malatesta, lord of Rimini, and other great feudatories, and by the ambassadors of the emperor, of the king of Hungary, and of Queen Joanna of Naples, and a numerous retinue of men-at-arms. He was met outside of the gates by the Roman clergy and people, who accompanied him in the midst of acclamations to the Basilica of the Vatican. The pope found the city of Rome in a very dilapidated condition, many churches, palaces, and houses in ruins, a population scanty and poor, and other marks of the long absence of a central government and court. Nearly the whole of Italy was at that epoch in a deplorable condition. The various princes and republics were continually at war with each other, and kept for the purpose, at a great expense, mercenary bands of Germans, Hungarians, English, Bretons, and other foreigners, led by their respective condottieri, who committed all kinds of atrocities.

ties in the territories which they scoured. Ambrosio Visconti, one of the numerous bastard sons of Bernabò, who was desolating the Abruzzi at the head of several of these bands, amounting to nearly 10,000 men, was defeated by the troops of Queen Joanna, united with those of the pope. Most of Ambrosio's men were killed, either in or after the fight, and 600 of them were taken prisoners to Rome: the pope caused 300 to be hung, and the rest were sent to Montefiascone, whence having attempted to escape, they were hung likewise. Similar scenes occurred in Lombardy and in Tuscany, where Florence, Pisa, and Siena were continually making incursions into each other's territories by means of the mercenary bands. And yet this is the age represented by some historians as one of independence and prosperity for the republics of Tuscany.

In 1308 Joanna, queen of Naples, and Peter, king of Cyprus, went to Rome on a visit to Pope Urban, who received them most kindly. In the month of April the emperor Charles IV. went to Italy with a large force, which was joined by the troops of the pope and of Queen Joanna, for the purpose of chastising Bernabò Visconti, who paid no more respect to the emperor than to the pope. But all these preparations ended in nothing; Charles signed a truce with Bernabò, some say after receiving from him a sum of money, dismissed most of his troops, and then proceeded through Tuscany to Viterbo, where he met the pope, and they proceeded together to Rome, where Isabella, Charles's wife, was crowned empress by the pope with great solemnity.

In the following year, 1309, John Palaeologus, emperor of Constantinople, resided to Rome, where he abjured those peculiar tenets of the Eastern church in which it differs from that of Rome, and acknowledged the supremacy of the pope over the whole Christian church. The great object of the journey of Palaeologus was to obtain the assistance of the Western states against the Turks, in which however he did not succeed. The pope was not always at peace in his own dominions. He was obliged to send an army against the people of Perugia, who had revolted, and the people of Rome proved at times restive, which probably induced the pope to reside chiefly at Viterbo and Montefiascone. In 1370 Urban determined to return to Avignon. The reason alleged for this was to mediate between the kings of France and England, who were at war. But Petrarch, who greatly lamented this step, attributed it to the importunities of the French cardinals, who preferred the easy life which they used to lead in their own country, to the formality and discipline which were enforced at Rome. In the month of September the pope embarked at Corneto, and returned to Provence, but shortly after his arrival at Avignon he fell ill, and died in December of the same year. He was generally regretted for his personal character, his disinterestedness, charity, and pious zeal. He was succeeded by Gregory XI. A life of Urban V., in Latin, is inserted in the third volume of Muratori's *Rerum Italianarum Scriptores*.

URBAN VI., Bartolomeo Prignano, archbishop of Bari, was elected, after a stormy conclave, in April, 1378, to succeed Gregory XI., who had again restored the Papal see to Rome. Of the sixteen cardinals who were at Rome, twelve were French and four Italian. The former wished for a French pope, but the people of Rome assembled tumultuously, crying out that they would have a Roman pope, and the magistrates of the city sent envoys to the cardinals in conclave assembled entreating them to elect, if not a Roman, at least an Italian pope. As none of the four Italian cardinals was thought fit for the office, it was at last agreed to elect the archbishop of Bari, a native of the kingdom of Naples, who happened to be at Rome at the time. But before his election was made known, the impatient populace broke into the hall of the conclave and the frightened cardinals ran away. The following day, 9th of April, peace being restored by the magistrates, the cardinals assembled again, and confirmed the election of the archbishop of Bari, who then accepted the Papacy, and assumed the name of Urban VI. He was solemnly crowned on the 18th of April, attended by the sixteen cardinals who were at Rome, and who communicated the news of the canonical election of the new pope to the other cardinals, who were still at Avignon, as well as to all the kings, princes, and republics of Christendom. There appears therefore to be no truth in the subsequent allegation of the French cardinals, who began the schism,

that the election had not been free, and was a fiction arranged with the consent of Prignano himself, in order to escape from the violence of the Romans. It was not until the following July that the French cardinals, having one after the other left Rome on the pretence of the summer heats, assembled at Anagni for the purpose of revoking the election of Urban, and they invited the Italian cardinals to join their convention. One of the latter, Francis Tebaldeschi, cardinal of S. Pietro, fell ill, and died in the following August, after making a solemn declaration that Urban had been legally elected, and that he acknowledged him as the true successor of St. Peter. The true reason of the secession of the French cardinals, besides their original desire of having a French pope residing at Avignon, was that Urban, who had the character of an austere, zealous churchman, but destitute of all spirit of charity or conciliation, began his pontificate by assuming a haughty, haughty tone towards the cardinals, upbraiding them with their dissolute lives, their simoniacal practices, and threatening them with severe measures of reform, which were certainly wanted, but which, after the inveterate habits of relaxed discipline contracted during the long absence of the Papal court from Rome, could only have been effected gradually and with caution. As it was, Urban by his intemperate conduct, instead of a reform, effected a schism in the church. He also contrived to offend, by his imprudent words and uncourteous behaviour, Joanna of Naples, his natural sovereign, who had sent her husband, Otto of Brunswick, with a splendid retinue to congratulate him on his exaltation. The consequence was that Queen Joanna, as well as King Charles V. of France, gave their countenance to the French cardinals at Anagni, who on the 9th of August declared Urban to be a usurper, and excommunicated him. On the 20th of September they elected as pope, Robert, cardinal of Geneva, a man notorious for his clerical habits, and for the atrocities which he had committed at the head of the bands of foreign mercenaries in the Romagna, and especially at Cesena, a few years before. He assumed the name of Clement VII., but he is placed in the list of antipopes; for although Urban's subsequent conduct was far from laudable, there is no doubt of his having been legally and canonically elected.

Pope Urban, seeing himself forsaken by all his cardinals, for even the few Italian cardinals had left him, promoted twenty-six ecclesiastics, mostly persons of merit, in the rank of cardinal, and excommunicated the others as rebels against the head of the church. Thus began the great Western schism, as it is called, which lasted nearly half a century, and was the occasion of the famous Council of Constance. France, Savoy, and Naples sided with the antipope Clement; the rest of the Catholic world with Urban. Both issued bulls and decretals; both conferred livings and sees, causing thereby great contention and confusion in church and state. Clement took up his residence at Avignon. Urban remained at Rome, where, in 1379, he proclaimed a crusade against the antipope and Queen Joanna, and took into his pay the mercenary troop called the Company of St. George, commanded by Alberico da Barbiano, an Italian condottiere, who defeated, near Marino, in the Campagna, the Breton company or troop in the service of Queen Joanna. In the following year Pope Urban deposed the queen, by a bull, as being schismatic, heretic, and guilty of high treason, and released her subjects from their allegiance. He also excommunicated and deposed the archbishop of Naples for having acknowledged the antipope, and he appointed another in his place. Lastly, he wrote to Louis, king of Hungary, and offered him the kingdom of Naples. Louis, being old, gave up his claims to his cousin Charles of Durazzo, who, having raised an army in Hungary, went to Italy in 1381, and after being crowned at Rome by Pope Urban, marched to Naples, which he occupied without much fighting, and took Queen Joanna prisoner, and some time after put her to death. Urban had stipulated with Charles that he should give to Francis da Prignano, surnamed Rutillo, the pope's nephew, the duchy of Capua, with Nocera, and other territories; and as Charles, now settled in the throne of Naples, delayed performing his promise, the pope set out for Naples, and saw his nephew put in possession of his duchy in 1383. From Naples Urban went to Nocera, where he remained for a long time with no apparent object. There he had disputes with King

Charles, and also with the cardinals of his retinue, who, tired of their uncomfortable and forced residence at Nocera, began to express their opinion of the wayward obstinacy and strange caprice of the pontiff. A series of questions were published about that time by Bartolino, a jurist of Piacenza, about the propriety of appointing curators to the pope in case he showed neglect or incapacity in the performance of the duties of his high office. It was reported to Pope Urban that six of his cardinals had discussed these questions and held the affirmative, and in fact that there existed a conspiracy to arrest him and condemn him as a heretic. Urban became furious at this report, which appears to have been greatly exaggerated; and in January, 1383, he had the six cardinals seized and loaded with chains, and gave them in charge to his nephew Buttillo, who put them to the torture. One of them, the bishop of Aquila, was induced, by the acuteness of the pain, to acknowledge all that he and his colleagues were accused of. Meantime the pope, dissatisfied that King Charles still kept a garrison in the fortress of Capua, which place had been given to Buttillo, the pope's nephew, reproached him for not fulfilling this and other conditions of the investiture, and threatened to resume the kingdom as a fief of the Roman see. King Charles sent a force, under the great constable of the kingdom, to besiege Nocera, upon which the pope excommunicated Charles, and he used to show himself daily on the town-walls, and then at the sound of a bell he loudly repeated his anathemas against Charles and against his troops that were encamped around the town. At last the pope was relieved from siege by Sanseverino and other barons, and escorted to the coast of Piestum, where he embarked on board a Genoese squadron which lay in waiting, and went to Genoa, taking along with him the cardinals as prisoners, except the bishop of Aquila, who died or was put to death on the road. The others were privately put to death by Urban's order in Genoa; some say that they were drowned in sacks, others that they were strangled in his own palace. The citizens of Genoa were highly offended at this abuse of authority, and Urban left Genoa for Lucca, where he spent the Christmas of 1385. Meantime Charles of Durazzo was murdered in Hungary, whither he had gone to claim that crown, and his infant son Ladislaus was proclaimed at Naples. He had a competitor in Louis II. of Anjou. Pope Urban, being applied to by the queen-dowager, countenanced the claims of Ladislaus, whilst Louis of Anjou was supported by the antipope Clement, who gave him the investiture at Avignon. The kingdom was divided between the two parties. Pope Urban, having raised troops, removed from Perugia, where he then was, to Ferentino, near the frontiers of Naples, but on the way he fell from his mule and was much bruised. He was carried to Rome, and died in October, 1389. His violence, which bordered upon frenzy, his excessive pride, his obstinacy, his cruelty, his worldliness, disgraced his pontificate, and were the cause of many crimes and many calamities. His character and doings bear considerable resemblance to those of Boniface VIII. Theodore von Niem, who was Urban's familiar and an eye-witness of his deeds at Nocera, has given many particulars in his *Historia de Schismate sui temporis*. Thomas, bishop of Acerno, wrote *Opusculum de creatore Urbani VI.* Muratori, in his *Annals of Italy*, gives several other authorities for his account of Urban's pontificate. He was succeeded by Boniface IX.

URBAN VII., Gio. Batista Castagna, born at Rome, of a Genoese family, was elected after the death of Sixtus V., in September, 1590, and died a few days after. Gregory XIV. was then elected in his place.

URBAN VIII., Cardinal Maffeo Barberini, succeeded Gregory XV. He was born at Florence in 1568, of a noble family, and after studying with great success at Rome, where his uncle Francesco Barberini filled an office in the Papal administration, he was promoted successively to several important offices, was made referendary of justice, protonotary of the Papal court, legate in France to Henri IV., cardinal bishop of Spoleto, legate of Bologna, and lastly pope, and was crowned in September, 1623. He displayed from the beginning of his pontificate a liberal mind, being generous, affable, fond of literature, and of classical studies, in which he was well versed, and well acquainted with state affairs. He found the court of Rome involved in the tedious and perplexing affair of the

Valtellina, which, from being originally a war of religion between the inhabitants of that country and the Grisons, had become an intricate political question, in which the courts of France, Spain, Austria, Savoy, and Rome took a lively part, and which endangered the peace of Europe. [VALTELLINA.] Urban, whose policy was rather comprehensive than narrow, was not inclined to add to the already overgrown Spanish power in Italy, and he leaned rather to the side of France, but he was obliged to manoeuvre and conceal his real sentiments, until the treaty of Monçon, in March, 1626, between France and Spain, set the question at rest, at least for a time. The next affair of importance was that of the duchy of Urbino, a fief of the Roman see, whose duke, Francesco Maria II. della Rovere, was nearly eighty years old, and had lately lost his only son, who left no male issue. Pope Urban induced the duke to make a donation, *inter vivos*, of his duchy to the see of Rome, after securing for himself a competent income. Thus that fine country, which stood between the Papal provinces of the Marches and Romagna, was incorporated with the Papal state in 1626. Next came the war about the succession to the duchy of Mantua, between the emperor Ferdinand and the court of Spain on one side, and the French on the other, which lasted several years, and which spread desolation all over North Italy and brought in the plague into Lombardy. Pope Urban endeavored repeatedly to restore peace to Italy, but did not succeed till 1631, by the treaty of Cherasco, concluded between the king of France, the duke of Savoy, and the emperor. Meanwhile the great war, called 'the Thirty Years' War,' was raging in Germany, and Gustavus Adolphus, at the head of the Protestant party, was in the full tide of success. Italy began to feel alarmed, and several princes urged Pope Urban to assist the emperor by all the means at his disposal as the head of the Catholic world. Urban however showed himself rather cool on the subject; he did not feel very friendly towards the house of Austria since the war of Mantua, and once in full consistory he imposed silence on and ordered away Cardinal Borghia, the Spanish ambassador, who was remonstrating loudly with him on his duties as pontiff.

In 1633 Giacinto Centini, nephew of Cardinal Centini of Ascoli, wishing to see his uncle pope, betook himself to sojourn in company with other infatuated men, in order to effect the destruction of Urban. The absurd conspiracy being revealed, the judges, who themselves believed in magic, made it a capital case: Centini was beheaded, others were burnt, and others sent to the galleys. In the same year, Galileo, being summoned to Rome by the court of the Inquisition, was obliged to abjure solemnly his solar system, after which he was allowed to return to his country-house near Florence. In 1633 war broke out again in Italy between the French and the dukes of Savoy and of Parma on one side, and the Spaniards, who ruled in Lombardy, on the other. Pope Urban, in order to allay the storm, sent to Paris the nuncio Giulio Mazzarino, a young man of abilities, who was then pushing forwards in the world. This embassy was the beginning of the extraordinary fortune of Mazzarino, for Cardinal Richelieu found him to be a man after his own mind, and took him into his confidence; but the ostensible object of Mazzarino's mission, that of peace-making, was forgotten or set aside, and the war continued in North Italy.

In 1642 the Papal state itself was the scene of a petty war. Odoardo Farnese, duke of Parma, was possessed also of the duchy of Castro and Ronciglione, a fief of the Roman see. The Barberini, nephews of Pope Urban, were at variance with the duke upon matters of precedence, and they also wished to have the duchy of Castro for their own family. The duke made preparations for defence. The Barberini persuaded their uncle, who was old and infirm, to take military possession of the duchy of Castro. The duke of Parma made a defensive alliance with the duke of Modena, the grand-duke of Tuscany, and the republic of Venice, against the ambition of the Barberini, who, disposing at their pleasure of the Papal treasury and influence, had moved an army to the northward to attack the state of Parma. Several combats took place on the banks of the Po between the Papal troops, commanded by Cardinal Antonio Barberini, and the troops of Modena and Venice. The troops of Tuscany also took part in this desultory but destructive warfare, which lasted till 1643, when by the mediation of France peace was made and

Pope Urban promised to restore the duchy of Castro to the duke Farnese on the latter making an humble apology. Vittorio Siri wrote a diffuse history of this war, called 'Guerra di Castro.'

On the 20th of July, 1644, Pope Urban VIII. died, after a pontificate of nearly twenty-one years. He was succeeded by Innocent X. Urban encouraged learning and the arts; he founded the college of Propaganda; he completed the aqueduct of the Acqua Felice; built the country residence of Castel Gandolfo, enlarged and embellished the Quirinal palace, and increased the Vatican library. He was himself a good classical scholar, and no mean Latin poet. The principal charge against him is his weak partiality towards his nephews, who abused his old age and credulity. (Muratori, *Annali d'Italia*; Botta, *Storia d'Italia*.)

URBANIA. [PESARO E URBINO.]

URBINO, a town of the Papal state, in the administrative province of PESARO E URBINO, is situated partly on a hill which is an offshoot of the Tuscan Apennines, dividing the valley of the Metauro from that of the Foglia. It is about 20 miles from the coast of the Adriatic. Urbino is a walled town, and has several fine buildings, among others the ducal palace, now the government-house, of very good architecture, which contains a collection of ancient inscriptions and sculptures, the palace Albani, the cathedral, and several other churches and convents. Urbino is an archbishop's see: it has a college, an academy of sciences and literature, and about 4500 inhabitants. They show at Urbino the house in which Raffaele was born. (Calindri, *Saggio Statistico dello Stato Pontificio*; Rampoldi, *Carograpia dell'Italia*.)

Urbino was for three centuries the capital of a principality with the title of duchy, and some of its dukes figure in a conspicuous manner in the history of Italy, especially as patrons of learning. The court of Urbino was at one time the most refined in Italy. The family of the counts of Montefeltro founded the dukedom of Urbino in the fourteenth century. Guidobaldo, the last of the Montefeltro line, having no sons, adopted Francesco Maria della Rovere, nephew of pope Julius II., who succeeded him as duke of Urbino in 1508. In 1626 his descendant, Francesco Maria II., being old, and his only son having died without male issue, gave up his dominions, which were a fief of the Roman see, to be incorporated with the Papal state, agreeably to a written cession which he made to Pope Urban VIII. The duchy of Urbino comprised the towns of Pesaro, Fano, Fossombrone, Sinigaglia, Gubbio, Cagli, San Leo, Castel Durante, since called Urbania, and about 300 villages or hamlets scattered over a very pleasant territory.

Urbino is the birthplace of Raffaele, Bramante, Barocci, and other distinguished artists; of the military engineer Paeletti; of Bernardino Baldi, Fabretti, and other men of learning; and of Pope Clement XI., and several cardinals of the Albano family.

URBINO E PESARO. [PESARO E URBINO.]

URCEOLA, a genus of plants of the natural family of Apocynaceae, so named by Dr. Roxburgh from *urceolus*, 'a pitcher,' in consequence of the form of its corol. The genus *Urceola* is confined to the Malayan peninsula, and the islands of Sumatra and Penang; but as it is by some botanists considered not to differ from the *Vahia* of Madagascar, the genus may have a wider distribution. It has the only small, 5-partite. Corol urceolate; tube elongated, ventricose, 5-lobed. Stamens 5, anthers sagittate. Folioles 2; seeds numerous, globose. The species *U. elastica*, or Cautouche-vine, is shrubby and twining, climbing over trees to a great extent, sometimes as much as 200 paces; with oval opposite leaves, and terminal panicles. From wounds made in the bark of this plant there oozes out a milky fluid, which on exposure to the open air separates into an elastic coagulum, and watery liquid apparently of no use. After the separation takes place, this coagulum is not only like American caoutchouc, or Indian-rubber, but possesses all the same properties as first ascertained by Dr. Roxburgh. (*Asiat. Res.*, v. 17.) He states that a ball of it externally has the appearance of American caoutchouc; when cut into, it is of a light brown colour, till the action of the air darkens it. This ball, measuring 9½ inches in circumference, and weighing 7½ ounces, in simply falling from a height of 15 feet, rebounded about 10 or 12 times, which is of itself an indication of the goodness of

the caoutchouc. Dr. Roxburgh also found that slips of it were capable of bearing a greater degree of extension and contraction than the American. When they broke, the elasticity was so great, that each end returned to its respective mass. The least pressure with the finger and thumb united different portions as perfectly as if they had never been separated: this property of caoutchouc has been considered a much more modern discovery.

This plant was first discovered by Mr. Howison, a surgeon, who states, in the same volume of the 'Asiatic Researches,' that, in cutting their way through the underwood of Penang, they were much surprised on finding their cutlasses covered with a substance which had all the properties of American caoutchouc. Mr. Howison says that the milk which is obtained by making incisions into the stem yields about two-thirds of its own weight of caoutchouc. It is curious to observe how many of the modern applications of this remarkable substance were anticipated by this gentleman, such as the making of waterproof boots, the coating of gloves and stockings with the juice, &c.; as he says, 'Besides an effectual clothing for manufacturers employed with the mineral acids, which had long been a desideratum, this substance under different modifications might be applied to a number of other useful purposes in life, such as making hats, greatcoats, boots, &c. for sailors, soldiers, fishermen, and every other description of persons who from their pursuits are exposed to wet stockings; for invalids who suffer from damp; bathing-caps, tents, coverings for carriages of all kinds, for roofs of houses, trunks, boxes, &c.' (*Asiatic Res.*, v. p. 164, 1798.)

URCEOLARIA, a genus of crustacean Lichens, belonging to Fée's family Lecanoreae. The characters of this genus are as follows: thallus crustaceous, spreading, adnate, uniform; the apothecia, reproductive organs, are orbicular, with the disk concave, coloured, and immersed in the crust; the border of the apothecium is formed of the crust, and has the same colour. Hooker, in his 'British Flora,' enumerates six British species of *Urceolaria*. They are generally found on rocks, and stones and walls. Two of the species, *U. arcuposa*, the common, and *U. cinerea*, the grey *Urceolaria*, are used for dyeing. The *U. ochroleuca* is frequently of a pale brick colour, sometimes dark, and differs little from *U. cinerea* but in this respect; Hooker attributes its colour to the oxide of iron, which it takes up in the places where it grows. This agent is found also to tinge other species that grow in the same districts. A species called *U. aculeata*, a native of Tartary, is used as an article of diet.

URCHIN, SEA. [ECHINODERM.]

UREA is a principle proper to the urine of man and quadrupeds, and perhaps of all animals. It was first detected by Rouelle, and afterwards more fully examined by Fourcroy, Vauquelin, and Prout. In its solid and pure state, urea crystallizes in the form of long prismatic needles, which are white, transparent, having somewhat the lustre of mother-of-pearl, with a taste approaching that of nitre, and none at all of the fluid which furnishes it. It is neither sensibly acid nor alkaline. The specific gravity of the crystals is 1.35. It fuses at 250° into a colourless fluid, and at a higher temperature is converted into ammonia, cyanide of ammonia, and dry solid cyanuric acid. It is soluble in its own weight of cold water, and still more soluble in hot water. Alcohol of specific gravity 0.816 dissolves one-fifth of its weight of urea at 60° Fahr. It is very sparingly soluble in ether and turpentine. The caustic alkalis decompose urea, and with the assistance of heat convert it into carbonate of ammonia. The nitric and oxalic acids combine with urea, forming salts more or less insoluble.

The following process is, perhaps, the best for procuring this principle in a separate form:—Evaporate urine to the consistence of a strong syrup, and then add pure concentrated nitric acid, until the whole mass becomes more or less solid. The crystalline matter which is now observable consists of nitrate of urea. This must be washed from adherent impurities in ice-cold water, and then pressed between bibulous paper to dry. These crystals are now to be dissolved in lukewarm distilled water, and neutralised with carbonate of barytes. This mixture is to be evaporated to dryness, and alcohol boiled on the dry mass. In this way the urea may be extracted from the barytic salts. It may be obtained in colourless crystals, by digesting the alcoholic solution with animal charcoal, then filtering, and

allowing the urea to crystallize by spontaneous evaporation of the alcohol.

(*Analysis of Blood and Urine*, by G. O. Rees; *On Stomach and Urinary Diseases*, by Dr. Prout, p. lxxii., 3rd edition; and *Turner's Elements of Chemistry*, Part iii., p. 798, edited by J. Liebig and W. G. Turner.)

UREDO (from *uro*, to burn), a genus of Cryptogamic plants belonging to the natural order of Fungi, and to the division Hypodermi of Fries. Included in this division are also the genera *Acidium*, *Puccinia*, *Podisma*, and *Gymnosporangium*. This division of plants is important and interesting, both in a botanical and economical point of view. These productions are interesting to the botanist, as they seem to stand on the verge of the vegetable kingdom, or that point where the individuality of a lower organic being is lost in its dependence on a higher. Viewed economically they are of the utmost importance, as producing or being indicative of the fatal diseases of corn, known by the names of smut, brand, bunt, rust, mildew, blast, brand-dew, dust-brand, scorch-blast, brand-bladders, pepper-brand, canker-brand, burnt-ear, &c.

All the *Hypodermi* (from *tro*, 'under,' and *derma*, 'skin') are known by having their sporidia, or spore-cases, free or stipitate, and situated beneath the cuticle of living plants. On examining any one of the productions thus constituted, it will be found that the part of the plant on which they are placed has lost its natural colour and other characters. The cuticle, under which they grow, is discoloured, frequently raised, and bursts in the process of time. The bodies called sporidia, which constitute these productions, are cellular bodies, having an ovoid or elliptical form, and are frequently seated on a kind of receptacle. The tissue around these bodies is frequently modified in character and appearance, sometimes approaching that of the bodies themselves. The sporidia, or cells, are generally filled with granules, which are supposed to be the sporules of the plant. Having these appearances, many botanists have denied that these cells furnished with inferior granules are truly individual plants, but that they are transformed cells resulting from disease in the tissue in which they occur. Fries, who has paid more attention to cryptogamic plants than any other writer, defines the *Hypodermi* as plants having no proper vegetation, the sporidia arising from the anamorphosis of the cells of living vegetables. Unger, a German botanist, has also written a very elaborate work on the nature of these subcutaneous fungi, in which he traces their origin to a development of tissue in plants under the influence of disease. He calls them the *exanthemata* of plants, and attributes their formation to a diseased condition of the stomates, which he calls the organs of respiration of plants. He says they are always produced by external circumstances that would derange the function of stomates; and, by a lengthened series of observations on a large number of species of these plants, he found that the development of the diseased tissue always commenced in the tissue under the stomates. The external circumstances which he found most favourable to the development of these productions, were—1, a very humid state of the atmosphere, long-continued; 2, an epidemic state of the atmosphere, in which these bodies are produced over large districts; 3, a want of sufficient light; 4, alternations from hot to dry and moist weather; 5, long-continued hot and dry weather; 6, a want of a due supply of air; 7, the cuticle becoming covered with dust, &c.; 8, accidental mutilations; 9, change of climate; 10, undue supply of moisture. There is no doubt that under all these circumstances the bodies in question are most abundantly produced, but the question as to whether the cells with granules are individual plants or diseased tissue cannot thus be settled. Is there any evidence to prove that the granules contained in the cells are capable of producing other cells? As this is an important practical point, we shall quote the evidence that is brought forward in support of this view. If the granules are capable of reproducing the cells, then the cells must be regarded as the sporidia, and the granules as sporules of a plant which has an independent existence. Bauer instituted a series of experiments, in which he diffused the granules of a *Uredo* in water, and poured it over the soil in which wheat was growing, and it was found that the wheat became attacked with *Uredo*. Fée collected some leaves of a *Rosa centifolia*, which were entirely covered with *Uredo rubigo*; he took three rose-trees of the same species, the leaves of

which showed no trace of *Uredo*, and having put them in separate boxes, removed them from the neighbourhood of the affected plant, but still kept them in a similar aspect. One part of the rose-leaves covered with the *Uredo* was mixed towards the end of the winter with the mould in the box of one of the rose-trees, and the remainder subsequently used in the manner to be detailed. When the second tree was in full vigour and near blossoming, some of the affected rose-leaves were frequently shaken over the soil to detach the sporules of the fungi, the remaining portion of which continued attached to the leaves. The branched rose-leaves were then steeped in water, and the third rose-tree watered with the mixture during the whole of the spring. The three insulated plants exhibited nothing particular until the autumn: then the rose-tree in whose soil the brand-bearing leaves had been mixed became profusely covered with the *Uredo*, the other two still remaining free; but the succeeding season the whole three plants were branched with myriads of *Uredines*. These experiments seem to prove that the *Uredo* has the power of reproducing itself, and that the means by which the sporules are introduced into the plant are its roots. It is not however improbable that they may sometimes be introduced to the plant through the stomates, and thus account for Unger's observation of their constant presence in this part of the plant. Although there seems to be little doubt from the above and other experiments that the sporules of these fungi may be introduced into plants by the soil, yet there can be no doubt, from the observations of Unger and others, that when plants are in a state of disease produced by external circumstances the fungi are developed most rapidly and in greatest numbers; and indeed it is a question altogether as to whether some disordered action of the tissues of the plant does not always occur previous to the development of any of the species of fungi.

The species of the genera of *Puccinia*, *Acidium*, and *Uredo* are exceedingly numerous. In fact they seem to vary with every plant they attack, and have thus given rise to specific names according to the plants on which they are found, as *Puccinia Primulae*, *Acidium Berberidis*, *Uredo Violarum*, &c. This fact might lead to the supposition that many of these recorded species are merely varieties produced by the same sporules being developed in different plants. Few experiments have been made on this subject, although some late inquiries of Professor Henslow have proved the identity of two species, before supposed to be remote, viz. *Puccinia graminis* and *Uredo rubigo*. He also states his belief that two other species, *Uredo Roseae* and *Aegium mucronata*, are identical. The *Uredo rubigo* is the species which produces the disease called rust, whilst the *Puccinia graminis* [*Puccinia*] is found on plants affected with mildew. The distinction between *Uredo* and *Puccinia* is that the latter possesses pedicels and its sporidia are elliptical, whilst those of *Uredo* are round, without pedicels. In specimens of blighted wheat Henslow found both these forms of sporidia, and not only what were supposed the peculiar forms of each genus, but all intermediate ones. Previous to this observation the two forms of sporidia were frequently found together, but were thought by Berkeley and others to be still separate plants.

As the diseases of corn indicated by these fungi are of most importance, we shall describe these particularly. Under the head of BURNED-EAR, a diseased state of wheat in which the *Uredo segetum* (*U. carbo*, De Cand.) appears, this disease, which is also known by the names of smut and dust-brand, has been described.

Uredo Caries, De Cand. (*U. foetida*, Bauer), is found on wheat: the sporidia are included within the ovary of the fruit, the sporidia are exactly spherical, rather large, globose, and black. When this plant appears on wheat it is said to have the Bunt, Smut-balls, or Pepper-brand. The sporidia may be detected in the young seed in the very earliest states of the flower-bud, and when perfectly ripe it occupies the whole interior of the grain, but does not burst the skin, so that the grain retains the character of being perfectly sound. The sporidia are frequently mixed with delicate fibres, which seem to constitute the mycelia of the plant. Henslow calculates that a single grain of wheat may contain more than 4,000,000 of sporidia. Each of these sporidia probably contains millions of sporules, hence some idea may be formed of their minuteness, as well

as their capacity for spreading themselves in every direction. Another peculiarity of this fungus is that it has a very disgusting smell, and the consequence is that flour made from grains containing it cannot be eaten. Flour thus spoiled is however sold to gingerbread-makers, who have found out that mixing it with treacle conceals its disagreeable odour. It does not appear to act injuriously when taken. In raising wheat for seed the greatest care should be taken that none affected with the smut-fungus is used, as it seems proved that where the spores of the fungus are present in the seed sown they will grow up with the plant, and be developed at the period of its ripening its fruit. Many remedies have been proposed for getting rid of the spores from wheat about to be sown. Washing with clean water has been found effectual, and with lime-water much more so, but of all applications a solution of sulphate of copper (blue vitriol) seems to answer best. The following is a good instance of the effect of dressing wheat:—Mr. John Woolnough, of Boyton, sowed a large field in alternate breadths with wheat taken from a good sample without dressing, and wheat that had been dressed. Long before the corn was ripe the difference was most distinguishable. Upon those stretches sown with dressed wheat it was difficult to find any branched ears, whilst the others were so branched as to make him determine to carry the corn at separate times to different places. (*Ann. Trans.*, vol. v.)

Uredo rubigo and *linearis* form yellow and brown oval spots, and blotches of an orange and yellow colour upon the stem, leaf, and chaff of corn, and various grasses. The sporidia of *U. linearis* are more oblong than those of *U. rubigo*, but they are frequently found together. When these plants are present the disease of the corn is called Rust, Red-rug, Red-robin, and Red-gum. This is the plant which Henslow believes to be identical with the *Puccinia graminis*, which occurs in corn affected with mildew. The mildew and the rust are often confounded together by farmers, and, as shown by Henslow, there is no difference in the essential character of the plant which is the offspring of the disease. Some beautiful drawings of the *Puccinia* by Bauer, with an account of the mildew, were published by Sir Joseph Banks in 1805. There are also some admirable delineations of the plants of both smut and rust by Bauer, in the 'Penny Magazine' for 1833. Rust and mildew are not so certainly prevented as smut, although there is reason to believe that the spores of the *U. rubigo* are taken less up by the roots, in the same manner as those producing smut. As a dressing, the use of the lime-water or sulphate of copper should never be neglected; although it may not always prevent rust, yet there are instances recorded in which undressed wheat has had rust, when dressed wheat from the same sample has not had it.

Connected with the question of blight in corn is one that has produced much discussion, and that is, how far the Barberry (*Berberis vulgaris*) is the cause of it. There is a very general impression amongst farmers that the barberry-bush produces rust in corn, and there are numerous well-authenticated instances of blight occurring in the vicinity of barberry bushes and hedges. Botanists, not seeing how this could occur, have generally treated the fact as a coincidence, and acquitted the barberry altogether of the crime of producing blight; but the evidence of blight occurring as the consequence of the presence of the barberry is constantly increasing. One of the best explanations of this curious circumstance is, that the barberry itself is subject to the attacks of a fungus, the *Æcidium berberidis*, similar to that which produces the disease in wheat. The specific characters of the two however are very different, and it is only by having recourse to the supposition that many of the recorded species of *Æcidium* are merely varieties changed in character by change of position, that such an explanation of the fact can be admitted.

Besides the species of *Uredo* mentioned, corn and all other plants are subject to the attacks of a large number of these fungi. On whatever plant they are found they are indicative of disease, and the produce of the plant will not be so great as when in a state of health. Sir H. Davy found that a thousand parts of good wheat yield, on an average, 955 parts of nutritious matter, whilst specimens from mildewed wheat yielded only from 650 to 210 parts in the same quantity.

The recorded species of the genera of *Hypodermii* are almost as numerous as the plants on which they are found. The following analysis of the character of the genera will assist in their distinction:—

HYPODERMII.

Sporidia not having a sac.

Sporidia stalked.

Stalks united. Podisoma.

Stalks free. Puccinia.

Sporidia free. Uredo.

Sporidia in a sac. Æcidium.

For further information on the subject of this article the reader should consult Henslow's papers 'On the Diseases of Wheat,' in the second volume of the *Journal of the Royal Agricultural Society of England*; *The Penny Magazine*, 1833; Unger, *Die Erantheme der Pflanzen*, Wien, 1823; Sir Joseph Banks's *Account of the Cause of Diseases in Corn*, with drawings by Bauer, 1805; London's *Cyclopaedia of Agriculture*; Metzger's *Girtearten*; Berkeley, in Smith's *English Flora*, vol. v., pt. ii.; Burnett's *Outlines of Botany*; also articles BRAND, BUNTKRAUT, Puccinia.

URENA, a genus of plants of the natural order Malvaceae, so named from *uren*, the name of one of the species on the coast of Malabar. The genus is characterised by having a 5-lobed calyx, which is girdled by a 5-lobed involucre. Anthers numerous on the top of the tube. Stigmata 10; carpels 5, forming single-seeded capsules, generally embellished from prickles, which are rayed at the apex. The species form small shrubs, which are indigenous in India and the Indian islands, China, Mauritius, South America, and the West Indies. *U. scaberrima* is said to be found both in India and Brazil. The flowers of all are red, but few of the species are sufficiently ornamental to be worth cultivation, with the exception of *U. speciosa*, figured by Dr. Wallich, *Pl. As. Ror.*, t. 26. The leaves of the several species are either undivided, or slightly or profoundly 3-5-lobed, and furnished with glands on the veins on the under surface. Like other Malvaceous plants, the species of *Urena* abound in strong and serviceable flax-like fibres, which are well fitted for conversion into cordage. *U. lobata* and *sinuata* are specially mentioned as employed for this purpose in India.

URETHRA. (BLADDER.)

URFÈ, HONORÉ D', author of the pastoral romance 'L'Astrée,' an anti-Gallican satirist might call him the French Sir Philip Sydney. He was born in 1567, the younger son of a noble family originally from Saxia, and allied with the houses of Lascaris and Savoy. There is a perfect harmony between his life and the timely sentiment of his romance. In 1583, when studying in the college of Tournon, he composed a drama, which was acted by himself and his schoolfellows, he playing the part of Apollo, 'in a wide taffety robe of crimson and orange, his head surrounded by sunbeams.' On leaving college he obtained a company of fifty men, and served bravely in the wars of Henri IV., whose party was embraced by the family D'Urfè. In 1598 or 1599 he married Diane de Châteauneuf Morand; this lady had been married in 1575 or 1577 to Anne d'Urfè, elder brother of Honoré, then in his twentieth or twenty-second year; it was a juvenile passion, so ardent on both sides, that their parents found difficulty in preventing their marrying before the lady was of marriageable age. After more than twenty years of married life Anne d'Urfè and Diane were divorced by mutual consent, and Honoré married the lady in order that her estates might not go out of the family. Diane's passion for the chase kept her continually surrounded by numbers of large dogs, which she allowed to share her own and husband's sleeping apartment. Stunk out of his bed by his wife's canine attendants, Honoré retired to a small property which he owned in the neighbourhood of Nice, and amused himself with the composition of 'L'Astrée,' the first part of which was published in 1610, and received so favourably, that a second part appeared in 1612, and two more in 1618. Honoré d'Urfè died in 1625, of a breast complaint; his secretary Baro compiled a conclusion to the work from his master's manuscripts. For upwards of half a century 'L'Astrée' enjoyed an unmeasured popularity; it was a storehouse of subjects for the playwright, the painter, and the engraver. La Fontaine placed it next to the works of Muret and Rabelais. The best editions of 'L'Astrée' are that of Paris, 1637, and that of Rouen, 1647; Honoré

d'Uri a so published 'La Syreine; avec d'autres Pièces,' 1611 and 1618; 'Épîtres Morales,' 1598, 1623, and 1620; and 'La Sylvainne, Fable bocagère.' His brother Anne, after getting rid of his wife, declined the order of St. Esprit offered him by Henri IV. in 1598, for his warlike services, and took priest's orders in 1599. He died in 1621, with the reputation of a gentleman and scholar. When young he composed one hundred and fifty sonnets in honour of Diane de Châtenu Morand, which remained in MS.; in maturer years he wrote hymns which he published in 1608. He also published, in 1592, 'Deux Dialogues: l'Honneur et la Vaillance.'

URI, one of the cantons of the Swiss Confederation, is bounded on the north by Schwyz, west by Unterwalden, Bern, and the Valais, south by the group of the St. Gothard, which separates it from the canton Ticino, and east by the cantons of the Grisons and of Glarus. Uri consists chiefly of a great valley, about thirty miles long, through which flows the river Reuss, which has its sources on Mount St. Gothard about 6000 feet above the sea, and flows northwards until it enters the southern extremity of the Waldstätter lake. The southern branch of the lake is called the Lake of Uri, being enclosed for a length of about six miles within the territory of that canton. Several minor valleys branch out right and left from the valley of the Reuss: the principal are the Göschenenthal, the Meyenthal, the Schächenthal, and the Maderanerthal. The Romsdahl, properly so called, begins at the narrow defile of Schellinen, above which is the Urmersthal, a high valley which runs from north-east to south-west nearly at right angles with the Romsdahl, being parallel to the main ridge of the St. Gothard. It is in the Urmersdahl that the several streams which contribute to form the Reuss unite into one bed.

The surface of the canton of Uri is mostly covered with ridges of the Pennine Alps, several of which exceed 10,000 feet in height. There is a tract of open country, called Bodengemeinden, in the lower part of the valley of the Reuss, near the shores of the Waldstätter lake, where are the communes of Altorf, Flüelen, Seedorf, Attighausen, and Schaddorf. Uri is essentially a pastoral country: there are about 11,000 head of horned cattle, about the same number of sheep, and 15,000 goats.

The population of the canton, by the census of 1836, amounted to 13,519. Uri is a pure democracy, like Schwyz and Unterwalden, with annual landsgemeinde, and a land-rath or executive council, presided by the landammann. The religion is the Roman Catholic. Of late years more attention has been paid to the education of youth. Schools have been established in most of the communes. The head town, Altorf, has some good streets, several churches and convents, a fine town-house, a gymnasium with four professors, an hospital, the cabinet of mineralogy and ornithology belonging to Dr. Lüsser, a casino or club-house, and about 1700 inhabitants. The high road to Italy by the St. Gothard begins properly at Altorf. Flüelen, a little more than a mile from Altorf, on the shore of the Waldstätter lake, is the port or landing-place where the boats from Luzern stop, and from whence the passengers and goods are removed to Altorf on their way to Italy. There are some good inns both at Flüelen and Altorf. Bürglen, a large village at a short distance from Altorf, at the entrance of the Schächenthal, is said to be the birth-place of Wilhelm Tell.

(Leresehe, *Dictionnaire Géographique de la Suisse*.)

URIA. (GUILLEMOIS.)

URIC ACID. This substance, sometimes called *lithic acid*, was discovered by Scheele; Vauquelin afterwards found it in the excrements of serpents, Brugnatelli in that of silkworms, and Robiquet in cantharides.

Uric acid is secreted by carnivorous animals, birds, and by several insects. It is deposited from human urine, as it cools, as a yellow, brownish-yellow powder, which is usually a compound of uric acid and ammonia. It occurs, in combination with soda or ammonia, in those gouty concretions commonly called *chalk-stones*, and it constitutes the principal portion of the calculi deposited in the human bladder. The semi-fluid urine of serpents and birds is chiefly composed of urate of ammonia; and *gummo*, which has lately been imported from some islands in the South Sea, and extensively used as a manure, contains a large quantity of urate of ammonia: this substance is the decomposed excrement of aquatic birds.

This acid is obtained, we believe, in the greatest plenty and purity, by dissolving the excrement of serpents, the bon constricteur for example, in a solution of soda, and decomposing the clear solution by the addition of hydrochloric acid; but, in order to have it quite pure, the urate of potash should be crystallized. It may also be obtained from the excrement of pigeons and other birds by the same process; but according to Liebig it is better to employ borax as a solvent than a caustic alkali, it dissolving less of the animal matter.

The properties of this acid are, that it has the form of fine, white, silky, crystalline scales; it is inodorous and insipid, heavier than water, and nearly insoluble in it when cold, and only slightly dissolved by it when hot; the solution reddens litmus-paper, but feebly. It is insoluble in alcohol or ether.

It is composed of

Four equivalents of hydrogen . . .	4
Ten equivalents of carbon . . .	60
Six equivalents of oxygen . . .	48
Four equivalents of azote . . .	56

Equivalent 168

Nitric acid, even diluted, dissolves uric acid with brisk effervescence; the gases evolved consist of equal volumes of azote and carbonic acid. The solution contains alloxane, alloxantine, urea, paraboric acid, and ammonia. When the solution is evaporated to dryness, the residue is of a fine purple colour: the formation of this residue is a test of the presence of uric acid.

Sulphuric acid when concentrated dissolves uric acid, and is stated to form a crystalline compound with it; it is precipitated from it by the addition of water: concentrated hydrochloric acid dissolves it in greater quantity than water.

Uric acid, when submitted to destructive distillation, yields the same products as urea, namely, cyanamide, cyanic acid, hydrocyanic acid, a little carbonate of ammonia, and a brown carbonaceous residue containing much azote. In this decomposition the hydrated cyanic acid and ammonia combine in the neck of the retort and form urea. The cyanamide dissolves in potash, and yields cyanurate of potash.

When uric acid is heated with a little water to 392° Fahr. in a closed tube, it is converted, without any disengagement of gas, into a yellow transparent liquor, which becomes a yellow gelatinous mass when it cools; this is soluble both in cold and hot water: the alkalis evolve ammonia from it, and with the acids it produces gelatinous precipitates; with hot nitric acid it effervesces, and the solution by evaporation yields a reddish yellow mass, which ammonia renders purple.

Hydrate of potash when fused with uric acid produces carbonate of potash, cyanate of potash, and cyanide of potassium. When boiled in water with peroxide of lead, it is converted into allantoin and oxalic acid, urea being set free.

Saline combinations of Uric Acid.—These are called *Urates*. According to Liebig (from whose work this article is almost entirely taken), uric acid, unlike most other acids, combines with metallic oxides without losing its water. The urates of the alkaline metals and of the alkaline earths are but slightly soluble in cold water, but very soluble in boiling water; as excess of alkali increases the solubility; the urates are generally colourless, and are all decomposed by acids, even by the acetic acid; the uric acid, which is set free, is at first gelatinous, but soon assumes the form of fine brilliant laminae.

Urate of Ammonia.—Urinary calculi occasionally consist of this compound. [CALCULI.]

Urate of Potash.—This salt is prepared by dissolving the excrements of serpents in a weak boiling solution of potash; the insoluble portion being separated by filtration, urate of potash is obtained as a white crystalline mass by evaporating and cooling the solution; this, after washing with cold water, is converted by drying into a silk brilliant powder, composed of very fine needles. This salt is very slightly soluble in cold water; the solution has an alkaline reaction.

It is composed of

One equivalent of Uric Acid . . .	168
One equivalent of Potash . . .	48

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Urate of Soda.—According to Dr. Wollaston, gouty concretions consist principally of this salt. It may be prepared in the same way as urate of potash; the reaction is similar. It is also formed when uric acid is boiled with borax.

URINARY CALCULI. [CALCULI.]

URINARY ORGANS. [KIDNEYS.]

URINE is a fluid secreted from the blood by the kidneys. Every excretory organ performs some special office: the lungs clear the system of its excess of carbon; and the kidneys purify it of azote and saline matter. Besides secreting a peculiar azotic substance, the kidneys have an oxygenating power, for the sulphur, phosphorus, calcium, &c. of the blood are changed to acids and oxides, or carbin, by the glandular energy of these organs. This secretion is of a very varied character, and, from the variety of the substances extracted from the body through the medium of the kidneys, the urinary system may properly be regarded as the excretory of the entire animal economy, in which we meet with every principle and constituent that analysis has discovered forming the solids and fluids of this body. A knowledge of the urine in health, and of the variations to which it is subject in disease, is of the utmost importance to the medical practitioner; the different appearances of this fluid frequently indicating not merely the state of the urinary system, but the changes which have taken place in other parts of the animal economy. It is not however until a comparatively recent period that this secretion has received from the profession the attention which it deserves. In former times, the Uromantes, or Urine-casters, pretended to be able to describe, from the appearance of the urine only, the nature of the disease under which a patient laboured, and by thus practising on the credulity of mankind made the subject of the urine a source of imposition and gain. The examination, or rather inspection of the urine, was abandoned in great measure by regular practitioners, and confined to illiterate charlatans. Since the year 1777, when Scheele discovered the existence of uric acid, the attention of the most enlightened chemists has been bestowed on this fluid, and at the present time the constituents of healthy urine are well known, as well as most of the changes to which it is liable in disease.

The urine of a healthy person when recently voided is acid, transparent, usually of a pale amber or straw-colour, a brackish taste, peculiar odour, and of a specific gravity varying from 1.010 to 1.030. The character of the urine however is apt to be altered by a variety of circumstances: it differs, for instance, according to the time of the day at which it is passed, whether before or after a meal, and according to the quantity and quality of the food and drink consumed. Urine has therefore been divided into two kinds, that of *assimilation*, and that of the *blood*. The urine of the blood is that voided at a considerable time after food has been taken, when the process of digestion is complete, and the chyle has entered the blood: it has the properties of urine in an eminent degree, and from it we are enabled to learn the state of the kidneys and system in general. The urine of *assimilation* varies, being sometimes limpid and colourless, when a great quantity of fluids has been taken; at other times, after a full and solid meal, of a deep colour, and becoming turbid on cooling. By the urine of *assimilation* we judge of the state of the digestive organs.

The character of the urine is affected by the seasons; in winter the kidneys are excited to greater activity than in summer, nor is the reason of this difficult of explanation. All the excretories of the body act, as occasion may require, as mutual suppliants: now in cold weather the perspiration is more or less suppressed; and were it not that the action of the kidneys was increased, we should be liable to plethoras, or repetitions of the most dangerous nature. Hence it happens that when the perspiration is abundant, the urine is scanty and high coloured, and contains a strong impregnation of saline ingredients; when the perspiration is checked by any cause, the urine is copious, limpid, and its proper salts more diluted. The state of the mind has also a great influence on the urine: any sudden shock usually increases the quantity of this fluid, and it is then almost without odour or flavour, like water.

The colour of the urine of persons in health is usually of a pale amber colour, becoming slightly turbid towards the centre, seven or eight hours after having been passed, and shortly depositing a sediment, that rises up in the form

of a cone from the centre of the fluid. This deposition, which at first is in small quantity, increases until putrefaction renders the whole of the urine turbid. We are still in great uncertainty as to the properties of the principle on which the colour of the urine depends: it is doubtful whether chemists have succeeded in isolating the colouring principle of the urine, and whether it has ever been examined free from foreign admixture. The colour of urine varies, and it is essential to distinguish whether the variation be owing to the food that may have been taken, or to any medicine that has been administered. Urine, for example, becomes almost colourless if much drink has been swallowed; red after a heating diet, long fasting, the use of water-cresses, beet, sorrel, and madder; it is tinged blackish by alysters; yellow by saffron, turmeric, and rhubarb: the astringent principle of galls and other substances containing tannin is detected in the urine by this fluid assuming a bluish or greenish tint on any of the salts of iron being added to it. In short, no secretion is more variable in its physical attributes than urine.

The state of the body greatly modifies the colour of the urine. We know, for instance, how limpid, colourless, and watery it becomes after any spasmodic paroxysm, and in the cold stages of agues; turbid, yellowish, and mucous, at the termination of pituitous or catarrhal affections; golden yellow and turbid, in jaundice; turbid, and accompanied with deposition of mucus, in catarrhal affections of the bladder. Colourless, limpid urine, resembling spring water, is called *nervous urine*. The urine is clear and insipid in spasmodic affections, in hysteria, hypochondriasis, and epilepsy. It is equally transparent, but usually very abundant, in diabetes. The urine is of the colour of brick-dust, and turbid, in almost all intermittent fevers, in certain dropsies, in rheumatism, gouty affections, scurvy, atrophy, and some kinds of stone. The urine is of an orange-yellow colour, or saffron-yellow, in bilious diseases; but the yellowness is of a much deeper hue in symptomatic jaundice than in critical febrile or simple critical jaundice. Urine has been voided of a jet-black colour, instances of which are related by Dr. Marvet and the late Dr. Babington. In pregnancy there is a peculiar sediment resembling flakes of wool or cotton, which has received the name of *laineine*. It is whitish, opaline, slightly granular, and resembles very much the layer of fat which swims on the surface of fat broth when cooled.

The odour of healthy urine is somewhat aromatic, without acidity, ammoniacal smell, or fetid taint, and resembles in a great degree the odour of the perspiration of a healthy man. The urine of persons affected with stone in the bladder often acquires a highly offensive odour, and the urine of diabetic patients has usually a sweet wheyey smell; indeed their whole persons exhale a similar odour. Certain substances when eaten, or even when respired, impart a peculiar odour to the urine. Garlic and other strong-smelling substances impart their peculiar odour to this urine, and the odorous principles of asparagus, cauliflower, fennel, juniper berries, valerian, castor, balsam of Peru, copaiba, cubeb, and many other substances, likewise pass through the blood into the urine. In persons of delicate constitution, and those of a weak digestion, we can often recognise by the odour of the urine the nature and character of the food they have eaten.

Healthy urine is always acid; it becomes ammoniacal only by a prolonged exposure to the atmosphere, for it remains perfectly unchanged if kept in a vessel well stopped. Its ammoniacal transformation is owing to the spontaneous decomposition of the urea. It appears that this conversion may even take place in the kidneys under the influence of disease, especially in putrid and other adynamic fevers; then the urine is alkaline as it passes from the bladder, and proportionally so as it contains less urea. Litmus-paper is the best immediate test for detecting acidity in urine. When the urine is acid, the blue colour of the paper is changed to a red. Turmeric-paper, or reddened litmus-paper, is the best test for ascertaining whether urine be alkaline or not. Alkaline urine turns the yellow colour of the turmeric-paper brown, and changes the colour of the red litmus-paper to a blue; this latter is a much more delicate test than the former.

In health the quantity of urine passed in twenty-four hours is subject to variation from the temperature, diet, and exercise of the individual, as well as other circumstances, and it is therefore impossible to fix a standard ap-

plicable to every case. Haller estimated the quantity voided in twenty-four hours to be as high as 49 ounces; Rye considered 40 ounces an average quantity in the same time; whilst Dr. Prout says that, if we consider that the quantity varies in this country from 30 ounces in the summer to 40 ounces in the winter, we should probably be very near the truth as regards a person in good health, and who does not drink more than nature requires.

The specific gravity of healthy urine varies in different individuals from 1.010 to 1.030. The late Dr. James Crawford Gregory found the mean specific gravity of urine in fifty apparently healthy subjects in Edinburgh, during the months of September, October, and November, at two o'clock in the day, to be 1.02246. Dr. Prout considers that, if we estimate the average specific gravity to range from 1.015 in the winter to 1.025 in the summer, we shall be near the truth.

The following table was constructed by Dr. Henry for ascertaining, without the trouble of evaporation, the quantity of solid extract contained in the pint (16 ounces) of urine of different specific gravities from 1.030 to 1.050:—

Specific Gravity as 60° F.	Solid Extract in a wine-pint, in grains.	Solid Extract in a wine-pint, in ounces.
1.030	382.4	os. drs. grs.
1.021	401.6	0 6 1 2
1.022	420.8	0 6 2 1
1.023	440.0	0 7 0 0
1.024	459.2	0 7 1 0
1.025	478.4	0 7 2 78
1.026	497.6	1 0 0 17
1.027	516.8	1 0 1 16
1.028	536.0	1 0 2 16
1.029	555.2	1 1 0 15
1.030	574.4	1 1 1 14
1.031	593.6	1 1 2 13
1.032	612.8	1 2 0 12
1.033	632.0	1 2 1 12
1.034	651.2	1 2 2 11
1.035	670.4	1 3 0 10
1.036	689.6	1 3 1 9
1.037	708.8	1 3 2 8
1.038	728.0	1 4 0 8
1.039	747.2	1 4 1 7
1.040	766.4	1 4 2 6
1.041	785.6	1 5 0 5
1.042	804.8	1 5 1 4
1.043	824.0	1 5 2 3
1.044	843.2	1 6 0 3
1.045	862.4	1 6 1 2
1.046	881.6	1 6 2 1
1.047	900.8	1 7 0 0
1.048	920.0	1 7 1 0
1.049	939.2	1 7 1 19
1.050	958.4	1 7 2 18

In order to ascertain the quantity of solid matter in 16 fluid ounces of urine of a given specific gravity, it is only necessary to refer to the above table.

Berzelius, whose analysis of urine is still considered the most complete, describes the following substances as entering into its composition, viz.—in 1000 parts of healthy urine:—

Animal and destructible principles.	1. Water	833.00
	2. Urea	30.10
	3. Lithic acid	1.00
	4. Free lactic acid, lactate of ammonia, and animal matters not separable from them	17.14
Alkaline and earthly salts.	5. Mucus of the bladder	0.32
	6. Sulphate of potash	3.71
	7. Phosphate of soda	3.16
	8. Muriate of soda	2.04
	9. Earthy phosphates, with a trace of fluoric lime	1.65
	Silica	4.45
		1.50
		1.00
		0.03
		1000.00

In addition to these matters, which constantly exist in healthy urine, the fluid occasionally contains a variety of other substances, as sugar, bile, albumen, fibrin, fat, blood, &c. The following is a tabular view of the matters found in urine, in addition to those specified in the above table:—

10. Albumen.
- Fibrin.
- Red particles.
11. Various acids, colouring-matters, &c., formed from or accompanying the lithic acid.
- Nitric acid.
12. Xanthic acid.
13. Cystic oxide.
14. Sugar.
- Oxalic acid.
- Carbonic acid.
15. Hippuric acid? Benzoic acid?

We shall proceed to notice most of these substances separately in their special relation to urine.

Water is the basis of all animal fluids, and forms a very large proportion of urine. Sometimes an increase of the watery portion takes place, whilst the other principles remain the same, or become diminished. In this state of the urine, the urea and the salts bear to each other nearly their ordinary proportion, but are considerably deficient in their absolute quantity. Sometimes the increased flow of urine, as Dr. Prout observes, involves an increased proportion of a natural ingredient, as of urea, or of unnatural ingredients, as of albumen or sugar. On the other hand, the proportion of water is not unfrequently diminished below the natural standard, as in various forms of urinary suppressions; and sometimes, when the cause of this suppression is mechanical, the urine is simply diminished in quantity, whilst its composition remains the same. At other times the suppression is connected with deranged action of the kidneys, and while the proportion of water is diminished, the other ingredients are relatively much increased, as in various forms of gravel and calculus.

Urea, the chemical properties of which have been already described [Urea], is the principal solid element of the urine of mammals. There is sometimes an excess of urea in the urine, and this excess may exist without or with an increase of the watery portion of the urine. In the first form, observes Dr. Prout, 'the quantity of urine passed seldom much exceeds the healthy standard, and in this case the quantity of urea is both absolutely and relatively greater than in health. In the second form, the quantity of urine is sometimes excessive, and in this instance the quantity of urea, in a given specimen of urine, may be less than in health, though the quantity of urea relatively to the other ingredients may be greater than natural, and the absolute quantity of urea passed in a given time may thus, as in the first form, exceed the natural standard.' Urine containing an absolute excess of urea is of high specific gravity, varying from 1.015 to 1.030, acid, prone to decomposition, and usually becomes alkaline. The mode which Dr. Prout commonly employs to detect an excess of urea is to put a little urine into a watch-glass, and carefully add to it nearly an equal quantity of pure nitric acid, in such a manner that the acid may easily subside, from its greater specific gravity, to the lower part of the glass, and allow the urine to float above it. If spontaneous crystallization takes place, an excess of urea is indicated; and the degree of excess can be inferred, nearly enough for practical purposes, by the greater or less time which elapses before the crystallization takes place, and which may vary from a few minutes to two or three hours. Such urine is commonly, but not always, of a pale colour. We find in many of the most important diseases connected with the urinary system great diminution, both absolute and relative, of the quantity of urea ordinarily existing in urine; the urine in these cases is usual limpid and colourless, and is passed in large quantities by nervous, hysterical persons or those advanced to years.

Uric Acid invariably exists in healthy urine, and can be easily precipitated by the addition of any acid. As the production of this acid in the system is intimately connected with the nature of the food and the powers of digestion, deposits of this acid, as might be expected, are of frequent occurrence. This acid is either deposited in the form of powder, or, as it is usually called, amorphous sediment, or in the form of crystals and large concretions.

The amorphous sediment varies extremely in its colour, from snow-white to fawn-colour or reddish-brown, occasionally assuming a series of beautiful tints, varying from the most delicate pink to the brightest carmine, or very nearly to the deepest crimson. These varieties of colour depend on the greater or less proportion of the colouring-matter of urine, and a peculiar principle (phosphate of ammonia) developed in the kidneys. In this form the uric acid is usually in combination with ammonia. Healthy urine contains urate of ammonia to the amount of about 1-800th part, and the salt requires about 480 times its weight of cold water to dissolve it: we see therefore that if, by any derangement in the digestive organs, the quantity of urate of ammonia should be increased in the urine, a portion of it would of necessity be thrown down, as the urine would not be sufficient to hold the whole of it in solution. Urine containing this amorphous deposit varies in colour according to its sediment: it is always acid, and usually of high specific gravity, and is rendered transparent by the application of heat, unless the urine be albuminous or contain mucus.

We are indebted to Dr. Golding Bird for the following account of the microscopical appearances of urinary deposits:—When a deposit of urate of ammonia is examined under the microscope, it is found to be made up of a series of amorphous granules, presenting no approach to a crystalline arrangement, unless, as very frequently occurs, free uric acid be present. On gently warming the drop of urine submitted to examination, the deposit vanishes, and then any crystals of uric acid. Dr. G. Bird has informed the writer of this article that, since the publication of his previous investigations, he (Dr. B.) has detected deposits of urate of ammonia occurring in albuminous urine, in the shape of nearly spherical globules.

Uric acid is often deposited in a crystalline form, and is found most generally of a yellow, orange-red, or brick-dust colour, never however presenting the beautiful carmine tints occasionally possessed by urate of ammonia. It is sometimes met with isolated and unmixed with any amorphous deposits, but more generally is found in company with the urate of ammonia: on being allowed to subside, two distinct layers are formed, the lowest consisting of uric acid, often in crystals sufficiently large to be distinguished by the unassisted eye; and above this a dense stratum of amorphous urate. Dr. G. Bird has described several varieties of these crystals, as when with the microscope, but the rhomboid of a tolerably distinct lozenge-shape is the most frequent form. Several secondary forms, probably depending on a variable portion of colouring-matter being present, frequently occur; among these are the table, the flattened cylinder, sharply serrated lozenges, and stella formed by the cohering of elongated rhombs.



Uric Acid Crystals.

Free Lactic Acid, Lactate of Ammonia, and Animal Matters not separable from them.—Berzelius regards the lactic acid as the free acid of the urine, and that it is destined to hold the earthy phosphates in solution, and probably to obviate the dire effects of their deposition in a solid mass. Dr. Prout says, that in the greater number of instances of uric acid gravel, the lactic acid is secreted in great abundance, either alone, which is comparatively rare, or in a state of combination with urea, which ordinarily occurs. As urea has little or no neutralizing power, the lactic acid in the lactate of urea exerts its acid powers, and, by detracting the uric acid from its natural state of combination with ammonia, precipitates it in the form of crystallized gravel.

Mucus always exists in healthy urine in minute quantities, and the following are the appearances which it assumes:—After the urine has stood for some time in a tall

glass vessel, the lower strata of the fluid will be found to have lost their transparency, and an exceedingly light nebulous-looking substance will be found floating in the vessel. If collected in a filter, mucus, when moist, is always more or less transparent; and when dried, it has a shining appearance. Mucus is not coagulated by boiling, which distinguishes it from albumen; it is in great part soluble in the acetic and nitric acids, but not in the sulphuric acid; it is also soluble in caustic potash. In certain states of disease the character and quantity of mucus vary: sometimes the quantity is small, at other times it is considerable, and cases are recorded in which several pounds were passed during the twenty-four hours. Small quantities of the mucus thus coming away, render the urine muddy, pale, and flaky, and afterwards settle to the bottom of the vessel. The mucus however is sometimes like panada, and, being shaken, colours the urine without flakes: at other times it is stringy, flaky, and of a lumpy consistence. It has been seen so glutinous, as, on pouring it out of one vessel into another, to be drawn out above a foot in length, without rending. Sometimes it is transparent, white, yellow, green, with streaks of blue, often without smell; sometimes, on the contrary, it is dreadfully fetid.

Sulphur; Sulphuric Acid; Sulphates.—No fact is better established than the existence of sulphur in the blood, nor is its existence less certain in urine. There is however this remarkable difference between the two: in the blood very little is in the state of sulphuric acid; while in the fluid derived from that same blood and passed by the kidneys, the greater part of the sulphur is found to be oxidized to its maximum—that is, converted into sulphuric acid—and neutralized. The question then arises, whence is the requisite oxygen supplied?

During the circulation of the blood through the lungs, one of the changes there effected is the conversion of part of its carbon into carbonic acid, which is expelled with the breath. In that case, the necessary oxygen being derived from the atmosphere in respiration, and not by the skin, it might be asked whether, at the same time, there may not be a surplus of oxygen gas taken up and retained in the blood for appropriation in the glands, and particularly in the kidneys? The experiments of Allen and Pepys (*Phil. Trans.*, 1807-8-9) ascertained a fact which decides that question. They proved that the oxygen received by the lungs is all again expired, including that portion of it which is formed into gaseous carbonic acid. The oxygen therefore, for the acidification of sulphur within the kidney, must be derived from the blood itself; and if we may hazard a conjecture, probably from substances contained in it, but of no further use in the animal economy. But the decomposition of these substances, by the abstraction of part of their elementary oxygen, must convert them also into new compounds. In this way, possibly, that highly azotized body, urea, may be formed; for it seems improbable, in a healthy condition of the glands, that a substance of excrementitious character should be created immediately from the albuminous portion of the blood, unless in cases where albumen is formed in excess.

It has been a controverted question, whether urine contains sulphur in any other state than that of sulphuric acid. Berzelius was the first to show that it does, because after acidulation with muriatic acid, and precipitation with chloride of barium in very slight excess, and then decanting the clear supernatant liquid, there still remains in perfect solution some combination of sulphur; which may be detected by evaporating to dryness along with nitrate of barytes, and incinerating the residuum. In that residuum sulphate of barytes was discovered by Berzelius.

Phosphorus; Phosphoric Acid; Phosphates.—This element of the urine—unlike sulphur—exists only in the state of acid, that is, oxidized to its maximum: at least, it has not been found in any other state in healthy urine. The acid is but partly neutralized by the bases present.

The connection of phosphorus with the animal economy is interesting, because it forms an essential constituent of the earthy part of bone, fully four-fifths of which consist of basic phosphate of lime. It is the phosphate of lime, too, which, becoming deposited within the bladder, forms one species of urinary calculi. There is another urinary calculus in which the phosphoric acid is combined with magnesia and ammonia, usually called the triple phosphate; and sometimes both these phosphates are present in the same stone, constituting a third species, denominated the

fusible calculus. The formation of these particular deposits is attributed to a deficiency of free acid in the urine.

Urine containing an excess of phosphates is almost always pale, often presenting scarcely more colour than mere water: when the contrary occurs, and the urine presents a near approach to the usual amber tint, it generally happens that the presence of an excess of earthy salt is but temporary. Whenever a deposit of phosphate of lime exists, the urine is generally alkaline, rarely neutral, although often slightly acid at the moment of emission. Urine containing phosphate of lime in a state precipitable by heat is always more or less acid.

Ammonio-Magnesian Phosphate.—The urine is sometimes neutral, often acid, and never alkaline, unless the deposited phosphate is really a secondary result. On exposing to heat urine of this kind, the triple salt is deposited, the precipitation often being attended with an evident evolution of carbonic acid. Dr. Bird has figured two distinct forms of triple phosphate, each containing a different proportion of ammonia, and readily distinguishable by the shape of their crystals. The first appears under the microscope of a weak magnifying-power as a series of beautifully-defined transparent crystals, being either prisms or some modifications of them. The second forms elegant stellar crystals, or thin crystalline laminae, resembling foliage.



Triple Phosphate Crystals.

Where this salt exists in combination with phosphate of lime, forming the well-known fusible compound, the characters of the urine scarcely differ from those met with in simply phosphatic secretion.

Chlorine.—Chlorine, as such, is never developed in animal bodies. Where it exists in them it is usually in combination with sodium, forming common salt; but sometimes also in minute quantity with potassium, forming the chloride of that metal. It also exists in union with hydrogen and ammonia, forming common sal-ammoniac. All these neutral combinations are held dissolved in the urine, and never constitute morbid deposits; because neither with lime, with magnesia, nor with any other elementary substance present there, does chlorine form an insoluble precipitate. If however free hydrochloric acid, of which chlorine is an elementary part, be habitually evolved within the stomach, as in dyspepsia, one of the consequences may be the formation of calculi or gravel, by the precipitation of the uric acid which the urine should retain in solution.

Soda; Potash; Ammonia.—The two fixed alkalis exist in the urine in combination with the sulphuric, phosphoric, muriatic, and lactic acids; whilst ammonia is found in combination only with the hydrochloric, phosphoric, and uric acids.

Lime.—If to urine, deprived by filtration of its vesical mucus, an excess of caustic ammonia be added, a very bulky precipitate is thrown down. This precipitate (besides a minute quantity of ammonio-phosphate of magnesia) contains the lime in union with phosphoric acid. The supernatant fluid, if evaporated to dryness and incinerated, will be found to yield no more lime; whence it is obvious that if, according to Berzelius's experiment, calcium exists in blood in some other state than lime, this metallic base must become oxidated during its excretion by the kidney.

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Magnesia, like lime, in combination with phosphoric acid, is one of the constituents of bone earth; but it forms a very small part. It is also a principal ingredient of certain urinary calculi, into two species of which it enters. These are the 'triple phosphates,' or ammonio-phosphate of magnesia; and the fusible calculus, consisting of that salt and the phosphate of lime.

Silica, or Silic Acid, is reckoned by Berzelius amongst the constituents of healthy urine, and it has been occasionally detected in urinary calculi. It is most likely that the silica which exists in the urine finds its way into the system in the water or food, which is consumed, and escapes through the medium of the kidney. It is scarcely necessary to observe that siliceous deposits are of very rare occurrence.

Albumen is not characterised by any particular physical appearance: it often is of a natural colour, sometimes a little paler, at other times it is obviously tinged with blood. For the most part albuminous urine is transparent at the instant it is voided, but on cooling it becomes turbid: its odour is ordinarily less urinous than the urine of health. The tests for detecting albumen are various. Nitric acid is one of the best; for if a few drops be added to the urine containing albumen, a precipitate is formed, which we cannot re-dissolve by an excess of the acid, but which is readily dissolved by the addition of a sufficient quantity of alkali. Heat, from its property of quickly coagulating albumen, is an excellent test for recognising this principle, as it has the advantage of not coagulating the other elements of urine. Albuminous urine, on being exposed to a temperature of about 150°, becomes opaque, and deposits the principle in a coagulated state. The precipitate varies considerably in appearance in different instances, being sometimes firm, and similar to that formed by the serum of the blood, from which it may then be supposed to be derived; while at other times it is delicate, fragile, and somewhat resembling curd, when it may be supposed to be of chylous origin.

Xanthic (Uric) Oxide was first described by Dr. Marceet, and subsequently by Professor Stromeyer. It is said by Liebig to differ from uric acid by containing one proportion less of oxygen. The characters of urine containing this substance are not known, as the urine of the persons from whom the xanthic oxide calculi hitherto met with were taken was not analysed.

Cystic Oxide does not exist in healthy urine, but is occasionally found in certain states of disease. It contains a considerable proportion of sulphur, no less than two atoms being present in each equivalent of the oxide. This substance, when present in the urine, is always in a white crystalline state, never being found amorphous. When urine which contains a deposit of this kind is mixed with hydrochloric acid, it is not rendered clear: on the application of heat however the cystine slowly dissolves.

Dr. Bird says that when a deposit suspected to contain cystine is examined, it should be washed with boiling-water to remove the urates and any crystals of common salts which might be present, and then placed in a drop of water on a slip of glass under the microscope. Crystals of cystic oxide will then be readily distinguished, by their presenting one or other of two forms under which it occurs. In the first of these it appears under the form of tolerably regular six-sided tables, sometimes transparent throughout, but more generally opaque in the centre: in the second it occurs as roundish tables, opaque in the centre, and often quite so, somewhat crenate at the edges.



Cystic Oxide Crystals.

Cystic oxide may be distinguished by its solubility in alkalis and most acids, and by the characteristic odour

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it yields when burnt. It is however very little soluble in acetic acid: hence when cyste oxide exists in the urine, it may be readily precipitated from that fluid by vinegar.

Sugar does not exist in healthy urine, but in certain states of disease it is found in large quantities. Sugar of diabetic urine differs in appearance from common sugar, and approaches in its properties to the sugar of grapes, with which it is identical in composition. Urine containing sugar is generally pale-coloured, of specific gravity above 1.030, and its natural ingredients are often relatively much diminished in quantity.

A ready mode of ascertaining the presence of saccharine matter in diabetic urine is to add to it some yeast, which gives rise to vinous fermentation, a most delicate test, as it can detect one part of sugar in a thousand parts of urine. Every cubic inch of gas given off nearly corresponds in round numbers with one grain of sugar: 47 of gas to 45 of sugar.

Oxalic Acid; Oxalate of Lime.—Oxalic acid is never found in healthy urine, although, according to the important investigations of Dr. Golding Bird, deposits of oxalate of lime are of common occurrence. Where the acid does not result from the peculiar character of the ingesta containing it, as rhubarb or sorrel, the occasion of this morbid deposit is the formation of oxalic acid in the living body, possibly from some undue oxidation of carbon within the kidney. So strong is the affinity between lime and oxalic acid, and so great the insolubility of the resulting compound, that the addition of a very minute quantity of oxalic acid occasions in the urine a precipitate of oxalate of lime, because the oxalate, unlike the phosphate of this earth, is not at all soluble in the natural acid of the secreted fluid. Dr. G. Bird says that when deposits of oxalate of lime exist, the urine is acid, in tint varying from a pale straw-colour to deep amber, sometimes nearly limpid, much more generally containing a copious deposit of urate of ammonia of a very pale colour, rarely being tinged with pink; and frequently mixed with uric acid and numerous fragments of epithelium: the specific gravity generally exceeds the average density of healthy urine, but sometimes is below it, varying from 1.016 to 1.029. An excess of urea is frequently present, so that when the urine is above the density of 1.020 it crystallizes very quickly after the addition of an equal bulk of nitric acid. When the urine contains no urate of ammonia, the deposit of oxalate of lime, an account of its transparency, is generally nearly imperceptible; but on decanting the supernatant fluid, after a few hours' repose, and placing a few drops of the lowermost layers in a capsule, a white crystalline sediment is very readily distinguishable; and this when examined under the microscope presents a

very beautiful appearance. The crystals are invariably sharply defined and always entire, in figure perfectly octahedral, differing however materially in the acuteness of the terminable angles: if these are very acute, the crystals are seen lying on their sides with their angles and edges exceedingly distinct.



Oxalate of Lime Crystals.

Carbonic Acid; Carbonate of Lime.—Carbonic acid was long ago supposed to exist in urine, although its existence in this fluid is doubted by Berzelius. Dr. Prout says that he has frequently met with this acid in urine, and is most frequently derived from the decomposition of urea, which with water is readily converted into carbonate of ammonia. Carbonate of lime is occasionally found in the urine, and is probably formed by the reaction of carbonate of ammonia on the phosphatic salts: the urine in these cases is alkaline. Carbonate of lime dissolves with effervescence in dilute acid.

Pus is often found in great abundance in the urine. Upon standing, the pus subsides to the bottom of the vessel, in a state more or less pulverulent, and the fluid resumes its transparent character. If pus be present as well as mucus, the former is found lying on the latter, and presents a much yellower tint; it is also quite opaque, whereas mucus is more or less transparent. A ready test for determining whether the deposit from the urine be of a purulent nature, is to add liquor potassæ to the sediment collected in a phial or test tube. If it be purulent, it will, on agitation, form with the alkali a transparent viscid compound.

CAUSES.

1. Errors in Diet.
2. Fatigue.
3. Dyspepsia.
4. Arthritis.
5. Dehydration.

I. The Lithic—

At intermediate stations is to be allotted to the Oxalate of Lime—

1. Irritability of the Symp.
2. Debility.
3. Nerky Childhood.
4. "Breaking up" of the Symp.
5. Injuries of the Symp.

II. The Phosphatic—

I. Diabetic.

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TREATMENT.

Urine Acid, from the Super-

limate of Ammonia.

I. Lithate of Ammonia, frequently mixed with the

II. Lithate of Soda and Lime.

Lithic Acid, mostly pure.

I. The Lithic Acid.

II. The Lithate of Ammonia.

Urine nearly natural.

The Malberry, or Hemipod.

Urine Alkaline and abounding

in the Phosphates.

I. Triple Phosphate (of Magnesia and Ammonia), mixed with

II. Phosphate of Lime.

Triple Phosphate.

I. The Triple Phosphate.

II. The Mixed

1. Triple Phosphate with

2. Phosphate of Lime

or the

3. Phosphate of

4. Calcium

5. Mercury.

6. The Mixed

7. The Lithate of Ammonia

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* To these must be added—

generally consists of

1. The Lithic Acid, or Malberry Nucleus,

2. An External Coat of the Mixed Phosphates,

3. A special place is to be

allotted to

Lastly—The Cystic Oxide, the Azotic Oxide, the Carbonate of Lime, the Fibrous Calculi, are all extremely rare.

Principles dissolved in the Urine.

Urea in excess.

Sugar.

Albumen.

Frequently Disease of the Kidney.

Diabetes.

Principles mixed with the Urine

Mucus.

Pus.

Blood.

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Blood is often poured out in abundance from the mucous membrane lining the urinary passages, and is generally diffused through the urine, or is passed entire. In other cases small quantities of blood are passed, mixed with pus or mucus, or alone, after the urine has been voided. When large quantities of blood are passed, especially without pain, it is probably a simple exudation from some part of the mucous surface of the urinary organs; on the other hand, when the blood is mixed with pus or mucus, and passed with pain, it denotes ulceration of the kidney or bladder, and may be combined with the existence of a foreign body in the bladder. Dr. Willis, and other writers, quote several authorities to show that hæmaturia is endemic in some countries. M. Chapotain, for instance, informs us that in the Isle of France children from their infancy are liable to hæmaturia without suffering any pain from it, or its appearing to prejudice their general health. M. Saleme, a native of the Isle of France, and now a practitioner of medicine there, states that three-fourths of the children are affected with hæmaturia at one time or another. In these cases the bloody urine is generally observed to alternate with that which is chylous or oleo-albuminous. During the invasion of Upper Egypt by the French, many of the men suffered from an epidemic hæmaturia.

The preceding table, constructed by Dr. Marshall Hall, gives a good synoptical view of the diseases of the urine, their causes, and the most appropriate remedies.

(*Traité des Maladies des Reins*, par P. Rayer, tome premier, Paris, 1839; *On the Nature and Treatment of Stomach and Urinary Diseases*, by William Prout, M.D., third edition, London, 1840; 'Observations on Urinary Concretions and Deposits,' by Golding Bird, A.M., M.D., in the 7th vol. of *Guy's Hospital Reports*; *On Diseases of the Bladder and Prostate Gland*, by William Coulson, third edition, London, 1842; *Observations* by John T. Barry *On Sulphur, Phosphorus, &c.*, in the same work; *On the Chemical Discrimination of Venereal Calculi*, by E. A. Schwarzling, A.A., LL.H., translated by S. Elliott Hoskins, M.D., from which work the synopsis of the diseases of the urine is taken.)

URINO-METER, an instrument for ascertaining the weight of urine. It is constructed on the principle of a common hydrometer, and consists of a glass-tube, which at its lower extremity has two bulbs, the lower one very small, containing a heavy substance, such as mercury, and the other immediately above it much larger, and filled with air. The tubular portion contains a scale denoting with certain figures the specific gravity, the use of which will be illustrated by the following example:—Suppose the water's edge cut the scale at figure 25, then add that number to 1000, and the specific gravity will be 1025.

URIYAN LANGUAGE. [HINDUSTAN, xii. 227.]

URKIAN. [TURKEY, xxv. 396.]

URMIAH LAKE. [AZERBEIJAN; PERSIA.]

URN. [VASER.]

UROMASTIX. [SEPIOLIA.]

URSA MAJOR and URSA MINOR (the Greater and Lesser Bear), two of the most remarkable constellations of the northern hemisphere: the latter as containing the pole star, or the visible star which is nearest to the northern pole of the heavens; the former from its well known seven stars, by two of which the pole star is always readily found. These seven stars, which are α , β , γ , δ , ϵ , ζ , and η of the constellation Ursa Major, are disposed in the form of a quadrangle joined by one of its corners to a triangle, and with this description it would be difficult to avoid finding them out. A line drawn from β to α , the two pointers, as they are called, passes through the Pole star when continued: these two pointers being the stars of the quadrangle which are farthest from the triangle. This Pole star (a Ursa Minoris) is the principal star in Ursa Minor, which has seven stars placed together in a manner very much resembling Ursa Major, the Pole star being the corner of the triangle which is furthest from the quadrangle.

The common people of most countries call the seven stars of the Great Bear by the name of 'the waggon,' some-

times by that of 'the plough.' Aratus most distinctly says that both the bears were called waggons by the Greeks:

ἄρκτος ἄρκτος ὀρθοῦται, τὸ δὲ ἀρκτοῦρος ἄρκτος;
 "Arctos ἄρκτος ὀρθοῦται, τὸ δὲ ἀρκτοῦρος ἄρκτος;

and 'Charles's Wain' is familiar to all our readers. The later stories of Grecian mythology are hardly worth recording: the nymph Calisto was transformed by Diana into the Great Bear for an amour with Jupiter; while the Lesser Bear is Cynosura (Cynosura), one of the nymphs who nursed Jupiter.

The following are the principal stars in these constellations:

Ursa Major.

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	Polaris First C.	Arcturus Second.	Magnitude.		Polaris First C.	Arcturus Second.	Magnitude.
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β	4	1042	5	β	52	1315	3½
γ	9	1092	4	γ	53	1329	4
δ	18	1118	5	δ	54	1330	4
ϵ	23	1146	4	ϵ	55	1331	5
ζ	24	1148	4½	ζ	63	1370	4
η	25	1152	3½	η	64	1379	2
θ	29	1179	4	θ	60	1407	2½
ι	30	1181	5	ι	77	1489	3
κ	33	1219	3½	κ	79	1534	3
μ	34	1230	3	μ	80	1537	5
ν	36	1244	5	ν	85	1575	5
ξ	37	1255	5	ξ	(126)	1266	5
ω	45	1291	4½	ω	(230)	1059	4½
ϕ	48	1301	2				

Ursa Minor.

Character. See in Bayer's C.	No. in Catalogue of		
	Polaris First C.	Arcturus Second.	Magnitude.
α	1	115	3
(A)	5	1652	4
β	7	1700	3
γ	13	1754	5
δ	15	1792	5
ϵ	16	1824	5
ζ	21	1865	5
η	22	1864	4
θ	23	2148	3
(111)		1359	6

URSERENTHAL. [Urs.]

URSIDÆ. The genus *Ursus* is placed, in the last edition of the *Systema Naturæ* that underwent the revision of Linnæus, between *Mustela* and *Didelphis*, and includes the following species—*Arctos*, *meles*, *lotor*, and *lunaris*; in other words, it consists of the true Bears, the Badger, the Raccoon, and the Wolverine or Glutton.

The genera which form Cuvier's PLANTIGRADA will be found under that article.

Mr. Swainson makes the Bears a subfamily, *Ursinæ*, of his family *Mustelidæ*, placing them immediately after the *Mustelinæ*. Mr. Swainson's *Ursinæ* are thus defined:—Walk plantigrade; grinders more or less tuberculated; stature generally large; carnivorous and frugivorous; claws formed for digging; tail generally short.

Genera: *Meles*, *Bru.*: *Ursus*, *Linn.* (with the subgenera *Prochilus*, *Ill.* and *Helarctos*, *Horsf.*); *Procyon* (*Procyon*, *Storr*; and *Nasua*, *Storr*).

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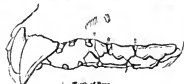
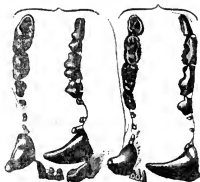
URSUS. (Linn.)

The cylindrical bones of bears come nearer to those of man than the same bones in any other quadruped: the femur especially, although there is but a slight depression for the ligamentum teres, is closely approximated to the same bone in the human skeleton; and hence the faculty possessed by the bear of rearing itself on its hind-legs and dancing. The caudal vertebra in every well-preserved



skeleton—those in the Museum of the College of Surgeons, for instance—extend beyond the pelvis.

Dental Formula:—incisors, $\frac{6}{6}$; canines, $\frac{1-1}{1-1}$; molars, $\frac{6-6}{7-7} = 42$.



Teeth of Bear.



Skeleton of Polar Bear.

Digestive Organs.—The digestive organs of the *Ursidae* correspond, as might be expected, with their dentition, which is indicative of their omnivorous nature, modified however, according as the vegetable or animal diet prevails in each species. In the Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons, Nos. 698 and 699 (*Physiological Series*) are longitudinal sections of the small intestine, injected, of *Ursus arctos*, in which the mucous membrane, as in the lion, is not produced into *valvulae conniventes*, but the villi are longer and coarser, and of a flattened instead of a cylindrical form. No. 700 is a smaller section from a lower part of the intestinal canal of the same bear, showing that the villi have here disappeared, and that the mucous coat is raised into slight transverse rugae: some small patches of glands may be also noticed in this part of the intestine. No. 781 exhibits the duodenum and pancreatic duct of the same species. No. 543 D. is the pyloric end of the stomach of the fatigued bear, *Ursus labialis*, with the muscular fibres proportionably augmented at that end. The pylorus is shut up towards the stomach by a valvular protuberance, as in the moles and armadillo, like which animals *Ursus labialis* is, in its natural state, insectivorous. No. 700 B. is a portion of the ileum injected of this last-named species, showing a long narrow patch of aggregated glandular.

Brain, Nervous System, and Senses.—The brain is fairly developed, and the senses, generally, are acute: but there is nothing that would justify our occupation of space by a particular description. We would refer however to the two preparations 1515 A. and 1515 B., in the College Museum, the former being the os hyoides of a Polar bear, and the latter the dilated extremity of the tongue of the same species. The upper surface of the tongue is characterised by a mesial longitudinal groove, and by the close-set, small, equal-sized papillae: the papillae on the sides of the under surface are coarser.

Circulating and Respiratory Systems.—Nothing requiring particular notice.

Urinary and Generative Systems.—The kidney of the bear is divided into distinct lobes or renules. No. 1259 in the series above quoted is one injected which belonged to *Ursus arctos*. The lobes or renules are separated from each other by the removal of the delicate capsule and intervening cellular tissue, and they are then seen to be suspended from the trunks of the vessels and excretory duct like a bunch of grapes. No. 1260 is one of the lobes or renules of the same kidney, divided to show the cortical and medullary substances, the mammilla, and infundibular process of the ureter, the whole representing a kidney of simple structure. No. 1260 A. is the injected kidney of *Ursus labialis*. The renules are separated to show the principal branches of the ureter, and some of them are laid open to show the two mammillae and corresponding conical tubuli which they contain. No. 1261 is the kidney of *Ursus americanus*, with the capsule and connecting cellular substance removed on one side, but left on the other. No. 1262 is the kidney of the polar bear with the capsule removed and the renules partially separated. No. 1283 is one of the lobes of the kidney, and the supra-renal gland of *Ursus arctos*.

The bears have no vesicular seminales; they have a bone in the penis. No. 2545 of the series above quoted shows the neck of the bladder and commencement of the urethra and vasa deferentia of *Ursus arctos*. The vasa deferentia are injected with mercury to show the cellular or follicular structure of their terminal dilatations, which, though in contact, are quite distinct from each other, both as to their cavities and proper substance: the continuation of the vas deferens beyond the dilated part is at first wide, but contracts as it converges towards its fellow to terminate on the verumontanum.

No. 2805 exhibits the female organs of a Polar bear. The ovaria are completely enclosed in a reflected capsule of the peritoneal membrane, like the testes in their tunica vaginalis: a small opening however leads into the ovarian capsule at the part next the horn of the uterus. The fimbriated orifices of the Fallopian tubes are situated close to this aperture: the tubes pass round the capsule in a tortuous course to the uterus. The two cornua uteri communicate with a short and wide corpus uteri, between which and the vagina there appears, in the preparation, to be no very distinct boundary: a broad, transverse, rugous projection of the lining membrane holds the place of the os tinctae. The vagina is separated from the urethro-sexual canal by two transverse semilunar folds continued, one from each side of the longitudinal eminence upon which the urethra opens. The lining membrane of the urethro-sexual canal is chiefly remarkable for its dark colour and sharply-defined rugae, which are mostly longitudinal, but in some places have an oblique or pinniform arrangement. The clitoris lies concealed in a deep preputial cavity, attached throughout its whole length to the anterior or under part of the urethro-sexual canal. Bristles are inserted into the right horn of the uterus and into the urethra. No. 2805 presents the female organs of *Ursus labialis*. The ovarian capsules are artificially distended, and that on the left side is laid open to show its large size as compared with the ovum. This organ is bisected, showing the different colours of its central and superficial strata, and the small ovisacs imbedded in the latter. The left horn of the uterus has the whole of its cavity exposed, showing the obtuse, depressed, irregular processes of its lining membrane. The body of the uterus offers a very contracted area: it terminates by a small, circular, papillose ridge, in a short but wider canal, which traverses a similar but much larger prominence or os tinctae: these valvular projections are longitudinally bisected in the preparation: their surface is minutely plu-

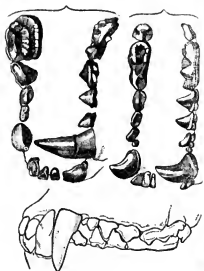
ested. The lining membrane of the vagina presents many small, irregular, transverse rugae at its commencement, but these gradually pass into the longitudinal direction at its termination in the urethro-sexual canal, which is by a large, corrugated, valvular fold. Immediately beyond this fold is the opening of the urethra, situated between two thick, longitudinal rugous ridges. The greater part of the urethro-sexual canal has a smooth internal surface.

The natural history of the various species of *Beas* will be found under that title.

Meles. (Briss.)

Dental formula:—incisors, $\frac{6}{6}$; canines, $\frac{1-1}{1-1}$; molars,

$\frac{4-4}{6-6} = 36$.



Teeth of Badger.

For the natural history of this genus, see the article **BADGER**.

Gulo. (Retz.)

For the dental formula and natural history of the genus, see **GULO**.

Procyon. (Storr.)

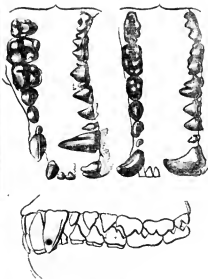
Generic Character.—Three last molars with blunt tubercles on their crowns. Muzzle pointed. Ears small. Tail very long and hairy. No anal follicles. Six ventral mammae. Feet pentadactyl: claws sharp; the entire sole of the foot applied to the ground, when the animal is stationary only; in progression the heel is raised.

Dental formula:—incisors, $\frac{6}{6}$; canines, $\frac{1-1}{1-1}$; molars,

$\frac{6-6}{6-6} = 40$.

Example. *Procyon lotor* (*Ursus lotor*, Linn.).

No. 755 of the series above quoted shows the anus, with the anal glands of a Raccoon. The excretory orifices of the glands open on each side, within the verge of the anus. They are surrounded by a strong capsule of muscular fibres, necessary for the expulsion of the unctuous secretion; these fibres have been removed from one of the glands. No. 1222 is the kidney of a Raccoon minutely injected by the arteries, showing its simple conglobate form, as contradistinguished from the same organ in the Bear. The vascularity of the cortical substance, and the form of the mammillae, in which the medullary part terminates, are also well displayed in this preparation. No. 1834 is the great omentum of the same animal, showing the reticulate deposition of the adipose substance in that



Teeth of Raccoon.

part. No. 1954 shows the two kinds of hair with which this animal is furnished. No. 2515 C. shows the glands and os penis of a Raccoon. The distal end of the os penis is an expanded subcircular, convex, imperforate disc, which is simply covered with the skin of the glands, of which it forms the most prominent part: the erectile tissue of the glands and the urethral orifice are below the terminal disc.

There is also a small bone in the clitoris of the female.

Description.—Head round, with a narrow tapering nose projecting beyond the mouth, black at the end, and flexible; the lips black. Eyes moderately large and round, with a circular pupil. Elliptical ears, low, but erect with rounded tips, dirty white. Whiskers strong. Short-haired muzzle, dirty white, the colour extending round the cheek and over the eyes. A dark brown mark across the eyes and cheek, and another between the eyes, extending from the forehead. Back grizzled. Belly paler than the back. Tail bushy, not unlike a fox's brush, dirty white, annulated with dark rings. Length of head and body, 2 feet; of tail (vertebrae), 9½ inches.

This is the *Raton* of the French; *Raccoon* ('Coon in clipped language) of the Anglo-Americans; *Mopach*, *Ylamaton*, *Maztle*, and *Cioatlmanozque* of the Mexicans; and *Raccoon* Bear of Penant.

Geographical Distribution.—'This animal,' says Dr. Richardson, 'inhabits the southern parts of the far districts, being found as far north as Red River, in lat. 50°, from which quarter about one hundred skins are procured annually by the Hudson's Bay Company. If there is no mistake as to the identity of the species, the Raccoon extends further north on the shores of the Pacific than it does on the eastern side of the Rocky Mountains. Dixon and Portlock obtained cloaks of Raccoon skins from the natives of Cook's River, in lat. 60°, and skins supposed to be of the Raccoon were also seen at Nootka Sound by Captain Cook. Lewis and Clarke expressly state that the Raccoon at the mouth of the Columbia is the same with the animal so common in the United States. DeKay says that the Raccoon extends as far south as Paraguay.'

Habits. &c.—The negroes of Georgia, near Savannah, declare, at the present day, that at low tide the Raccoons go down to the shore, open and eat oysters, and that occasionally when they put their paw in to take out a large-sized oyster (those mollusks are often of great size in that locality), the oyster closes his shell, and holds the Raccoon in this living trap till the flowing tide drowns the four-footed burglar, unless the 'coon manages to bite off his

paw and escape in time. The planters laugh scornfully at this Negro narrative, treating it as an idle and groundless tale. But zoologists well know that the information obtained from unlettered natives in newly discovered countries, and from those whose condition of life requires them to be much in the open air and abroad in more civilized places, is not to be despised, and, in the last-mentioned case, is generally far more valuable than their indolent and luxurious masters can impart. We think that we shall be able to bring forward evidence which will lend our readers to the conclusion that, with regard to this Raccoon story, the planter deserves to be laughed at more than the Negro.

We will begin with Lawson, who was surveyor-general of North Carolina, and who, in his 'History,' containing the *exact description and Natural History of that country, together with the present state thereof. And a Journal of a Thousand miles, Travelled through several Nations of Indians, &c.,* (1714), thus writes—

'The Raccoon is of a dark grey colour; if taken young is easily made tame, but is the drunkennest creature living, if he can get any liquor that is sweet and strong. They are no rather more unlucky than a monkey. When wild they are very subtle in catching their prey. Those that live in the salt-water feed much on oysters, which they love. They watch the oyster when it opens, and nimbly put in their paw and pluck out the fish. Sometimes the oyster shuts, and holds fast their paw till the tide comes in, that they are drowned, though they swim very well. The way that this animal catches crabs, which he greatly admires, and which are plenty in Carolina, is worthy of remark. When he intends to make a prey of this fish, he goes to a marsh, where, standing on the land, he lets his tail hang in the water. This the crab takes for a bait, and fastens his claws therein, which, as soon as the Raccoon perceives, he of a sudden springs forward a considerable way on the land, and brings the crab along with him. As soon as the fish finds himself out of his element, he presently lets go his hold; and then the Raccoon encounters him, by getting him crosswise in his mouth, and devours him. There is a sort of small Land-Crab, which we call a Fiddler, that runs into a hole when anything pursues him. This crab the Raccoon takes by putting his fore-foot in the hole, and pulling him out. With a tame Raccoon this sport is very diverting. The chief of his other food is all sorts of wild fruits, green corn, and such as the bear delights in. This and the *Possum* are much of a bigness. The fur makes good hats and linings. The skin dressed makes fine women's shoes.'

Now Lawson's authority is very good. He was a sharp observer, and there is an air of truth about his book that places it above suspicion. Mr. Lyell, when lately in America, saw the prints of the Raccoon on the sands at Georgia, near Savannah, and traced them fresh to the beds of oysters exposed at low-tide. It is worthy of remark that the crabs called *Fiddlers* still abound in the same locality, and the turkeys are known to devour multitudes of them; nor is it too much to suppose that the Raccoons which haunt thereabout come in for their share. The *Procyon carolinensis* of Geoffroy, *Raton Crochier* of Buffon, *Chien Crabier* of La Borde and the inhabitants of Cayenne, seeks on the shores the crabs from which it derives its name.

Pennant notices the Raccoon as 'an animal easily made tame: very good-natured and sportive, but as unlucky as a monkey; almost always in motion; very inquisitive, examining everything with its paws; makes use of them as hands; sits up to eat; is extremely fond of sweet things and strong liquors, and will get excessively drunk; has all the cunning of a fox; very destructive to poultry, but will eat all sorts of fruits, green corn, &c.; at low-water ferds much on oysters; will watch their opening, and with its paw snatch out the fish; sometimes is caught in the shell, and kept there till drowned by the coming in of the tide; fond also of crabs; climbs very nimbly up trees; hunted for its skin; the fur next to that of the Beaver, being excellent for making hats.'

Now let us turn to Catesby, who says of the Raccoons, 'they are numerous in Virginia and Carolina, and in all the northern parts of America, and are a great nuisance to corn fields and hen-roosts; their food is also berries and all other wild fruit. Near the sea and large rivers, oysters and crabs are what they very much subsist on; they disable oysters when open, by thrusting in one of their

paws, but are often catch'd by the sudden closing of it, and held so fast (the oyster being immovably fixed to a rock of others), that when the tide comes in they are drowned. They lie all the day in hollow trees and dark shady swamps; at night they rove about the woods for prey. Their flesh is esteemed good meat, except when they eat fish.'

Dr. Richardson, speaking of the Raccoon, says, 'In the wild state it sleeps by day, comes from its retreat in the evening, and prowls in the night in search of roots, fruits, green corn, birds, and insects. It is said to eat merely the brain or suck the blood of such birds as it kills. At low-water it frequents the sea-shore to feed on crabs and oysters. It is fond of dipping its food into water before it eats, which occasioned Linnaeus to give it the specific name of *lotor*. It climbs trees with facility.'

So much for the statements relative to the Raccoon in a state of nature. We have now to present the animal to the reader in a state of captivity, and here again we shall find confirmation of the habits ascribed to it when roaming free.

In Mr. Bennett's 'Tower Menagerie' we find a pretty vignette of two Raccoons, one of them intent upon a large spider, and the other in the act of opening an oyster. 'In captivity,' says Mr. Bennett, 'they are easily tamed, and even appear susceptible of some degree of attachment; but they never entirely lose their sentiment of independence, and are consequently incapable of complete domestication. When placed under a certain degree of restraint, they appear contented and happy, are fond of play, and take pleasure in the caresses of their friends and even of strangers; but however long this kind of domestication may have continued, and how much soever they may seem reconciled to their confinement, the moment the restraint is withdrawn and they feel themselves at liberty, the love of freedom prevails over every other consideration, and they become as wild as if they had never been reclaimed. In eating they commonly support themselves on their hind-legs, and carry their food to the mouth between the fore-paws, having first plunged it in water, if the liquid element, of which they are remarkably fond, is within reach. This singular peculiarity, the object of which is not very obvious, but from which the animal derives his specific name, does not however appear to be constant and uniform, being frequently entirely neglected. The same may be said of their fondness for shell-fish and mollusca, for which they are generally thought to have a great partiality, some of them, like the handsome pair now living in the Menagerie, displaying the greatest address and dexterity in opening the shell of an oyster and extracting its contents, while others absolutely refuse to touch it.' (1839.)



The Raccoon. (K. T. Bennett.)

For the readiness with which the Raccoon takes to strangers, we can answer from personal observation. One, which had probably escaped from a menagerie, was caught in a preserve in Dorsetshire by one of the under-keepers. The animal became at once familiar with him, ran about his shoulders, put his paws in his pockets, and appeared

as much at home as if he had been his companion for years.

Utility to Man.—The fur is used in the hat-manufacture, and the flesh, when it has been fed on vegetables, is said to be well-flavoured. In the 'Perfect Description of Virginia' (1649), among the beasts are enumerated '4 *Lepus*, as good meate as Lambe.'

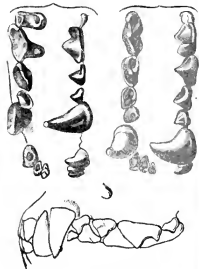
Mellivora. (Storr.)

General characters corresponding with those of *Gulo*.
—Feet pentadactyle.

Dental formula:—incisors $\frac{6}{6}$; canines, $\frac{1-1}{1-1}$; molars,

$\frac{4-4}{4-4}$

$\frac{4-4}{4-4}$ = 32.



Teeth of Ratel. (F. Civ.)

In some points this genus approximates the *Hyænas*: in others, the *Polecats*, *Zorillas*, and *Martins*.

No. 1414 of the 'Physiological Series' (*Mus. Coll. Chr.*)

is the left fore-foot of the Ratel, showing the naked skin

covering the soft cushions on the under surface of the toes.

No 1610 is a portion of the integument of the same animal,

including the external orifice of the meatus auditorius,

which is here suddenly expanded, and the cavity provided

with slightly elevated margins and some internal folds or

risings; but there is no projecting external concha in this

animal, which, as it burrows for temporary purposes, has

the apparatus for collecting the rays of sound only so far

developed as was compatible with subterraneous progres-

sion. No. 2804 shows the female organs in this species.

The ovaries are completely inclosed in peritoneal capsules;

a portion of the right capsule has been removed to expose

the ovary, which presents a smooth and even exterior; a

bristle is placed in the opening of the opposite capsule.

The cavity of the left horn of the uterus is partly exposed,

to show the thick, longitudinal, and oblique folds of the

soft lining membrane. The os tinctæ is formed by a double

circular prominence; the internal surface at the com-

encement of the vagina is beset with numerous and

minute oblique rugæ, which become larger and more

longitudinal as they approach the urethro-sexual canal;

the vagina opens into this canal by a bilobed or pro-

jection, resembling a second os tinctæ; the urethra opens

upon the anterior lobe or prominence of this fold. The

inner surface of the urethro-sexual canal is very smooth.

The left anal gland is laid open to show the smooth and

glistening epithelium which lines its cavity.

Mellivora Capensis.

Description.—Hair rather smooth, but stiff and wiry.

Body above from the top of the head to the root of the tail dull ash-grey, whitened towards the head. Muzzle, space round the eyes and ears, limbs, all the under parts, and rest of the tail black. Claws on the fore-feet long, the middle three longest, the internal claw placed much more backward than the rest. Bulk about that of a Badger. Total length three feet, the tail about a sixth of the length. Height about ten or twelve inches.

This appears to be the *Pirerra Capensis* of Schreber, *Gulo Capensis* of Desmarest, *Mellivora Capensis* of F. Cuvier, *Pirerra mellivora* and *Urus mellivorus* of Blumenbach, *Tuxus mellivorus* of Tiedemann, *Meles mellivora* of Thunberg, *Stinkbusken* of Kolbe, ? *Ratel* of Sparrmann, *Fizzler Wraetel* and *Ratel* of Pennant, *Honey Wood* of Shaw, *Hony freter* of the Dutch Cape colonists, and *Blatreau Puant* of La Caille.

Mr. Bennett observes that this animal was first clearly described by La Caille in his 'Voyage to the Cape,' under the misapplied designation given above as the last synonym. This unmerited epithet, he remarks, has, in all probability, given rise to the general opinion that it is also the animal referred to by Kolbe as the *Stinkbusken* of the Dutch Colonists; but there is scarcely any part of his account of that disgusting creature which fairly warrants the inference. It is far more likely, Mr. Bennett thinks, that his beast was the Zorille, to which alone, of all the animals of Southern Africa, its manners bear a close resemblance. Sparrmann described it with tolerable accuracy, under its Hottentot and Colonial designation, which it still retains. Gmelin and Shaw have subdivided these synonyms and formed two species, *Pirerra Capensis* and *Pirerra mellivora*. Pennant, who gives the designations of La Caille, Sparrmann, and Kolbe, under his title *Ratel*, saw John Hunter's living Indian specimen, treated it as distinct from the African animal, and called it the *Indian Badger*, out of which Shaw made his *Urus Indicus*.

'The only visible difference,' says Mr. Bennett, 'which we have been able to detect between the Asiatic and African animals consists in this, that the latter is described as possessing a stripe of lighter gray, about an inch in breadth, passing from behind the ears along each side, and forming the boundary of the two colours, which is entirely wanting in our specimen, and in the figure of the Indian variety given by General Hardwicke.'

Geographical Distribution.—South Africa and India.

Habits, &c.—The hide of this quadruped is so tough and loose, that, according to Sparrmann, if anybody catches hold of it by the back part of the neck, it is able to turn round, so to speak, in its skin and bite the offending arm. The claws of the fore-feet are longest and well formed for grabbing. The bees, according to the description of the author last quoted, who drew his information from the Hottentots, furnish the principal means of subsistence to the Ratel. These insects, in that part of South Africa where the Ratel is found, usually inhabit the deserted lairs and burrows of the Ethiopian Boar, the Porcupine, &c., and, according to the accounts given, the Ratel, which preys in the evening, ascends to the highest parts of the deserts to look out, and will then raise its paw before its eyes to prevent their being dazzled by the sun. Here he watches and listens for the *Honey-Guide Curlew* [*INCA-CATORINÆ*], which serves both the Hottentot and quadruped as a conductor to the bees' store, or for the flight of the bees themselves. If the beast have luck to trace the guide or the insect it follows, and if the nest be on the ground or near it, undermines it with its natural digging instruments, and secures the contents. If the nest be in the tree, the Ratel, which cannot climb, gnaws the trunk in its unavailing rage, leaving marks which the Hottentot well knows as indicative of the treasure above.

Mr. Bennett well observes that the dentition of the Ratel is much at variance with the diet above attributed to him, and that the accuracy of these accounts may be doubted. 'It requires,' says he, 'the most positive evidence to convince us that an animal, the number and disposition of whose teeth correspond more closely with those of the rats than any other quadruped with which we are acquainted, and exhibit a carnivorous character scarcely, if at all, inferior to that which is evidenced by the same organs in the *Hyænas*, should subsist entirely, as from these accounts we are left to believe, upon the petty rapine of a hive of bees and the homed produce of their comb. Still there exist such decisive marks of a diminished

capacity for preying on animal food in the thickset and clumsy form of its body, the shortness of its limbs, its partially plantigrade walk, the structure of its claws, the elongation of its muzzle, and even in the form of the teeth themselves, as to induce us to pause before we determine to reject the popular testimony as unworthy of credit, although we must regard it as doubtful on some particular points, and insufficient and imperfect on the whole.

Of the habits of the Indian animal General Hardwicke gives a very different account. He notices it as found in several parts of India, on the high banks of the Ganges and the Jumna, whence it rarely comes forth by day, but prowls at night round the dwellings of the Mohammedan natives, and scratches up the newly-buried dead bodies, unless the graves are protected by a covering of thorny bushes. So quickly does it burrow, that it will work itself under cover in the hardest ground in ten minutes. The natives sometimes dig them out and take them alive; but the old ones are secured with difficulty and seldom live long in captivity. The young however are docile and playful. Their food is flesh in any state, but birds and living rats appear to be very acceptable. They are fond of climbing, but climb clumsily, although they will ramble securely along every arm of a branching tree, if it be sufficiently strong to bear their weight. Much of the day is passed in sleep, but at night they are watchful, and proclaim their uneasiness by a hoarse call or bark from the throat.

The specimen described by Mr. Bennett came from Madras: it was for a time an inhabitant of the menagerie of the Zoological Society of London, and we can vouch for the accuracy of the following description:—

As far as its manners have yet been developed, it appears to be, with regard to man at least, one of the most playful and good tempered of beasts, soliciting the attention of almost every visitor by throwing its clumsy body into a variety of antic postures, and when noticed, tumbling head over heels with every symptom of delight. But towards animals it exhibits no such mildness of temper; and it is curious to observe the cat-like eagerness with which it watches the motions of any of the smaller among them that happen to pass before its den, and the instinctive dread manifested by the latter on perceiving it. Its food is of a mixed nature, consisting, like that of the bears and other less carnivorous beasts, of bread and milk in the morning, and flesh in the latter part of the day.' (*Zoological Gardens.*)



The Bear.

FOSSIL URSINE.

To the list of fossil Bears enumerated in the article BEARS, and the fossil GIUTTONS noticed in the article GULO, we have to add the Raccoon, figured by Dr. Buckland among the recent and fossil animals of the first tertiary period (Eocene of Lyell) and described as found in the gypsum of the Basin of Paris.

The resort of the Raccoons to the seashore in search of oysters, &c., and of the Turkeys to the same locality for the purpose of feeding upon the Fiddler Crabs above

noticed, should be borne in mind by those who study the subject of fossil footprints, ripple-marks, &c.

The great geographical range of the fur-clad genus *Ursus*, in the coldest and hottest regions, suggests the notion that extinct Elephants and Mastodons might have been equally adapted to extremes of climate. The thick fur of the frozen ELEPHANT of Siberia will at once occur to those who think on this subject.

URSINS, ANNE MARIE DE LA TREMOUILLE, PRINCESSE DES, was remarkable in her day for her daring and restless spirit of political intrigue. She was daughter of Louis de la Tremouille, duke of Noirmoutier; was born before 1642, and married, in 1659, Adrien Blaise de Talleyrand, prince of Chalais. Her husband was banished, in 1663, for being engaged in a duel; and she, following him to Italy, was left by his death a widow in a foreign land. In 1675 she married the old and rich duke of Bracciano, head of the Orsini family, after whose death she sold the duchy, and, retaining only his family name, was called 'la Princesse des Ursins,' by which name she is known in history. Rome was in her time looked upon as the best school of state intrigue; and the voluptuous, haughty, subtle, and dexterous princess was soon recognised as one of the leading spirits of that court. In 1701, when Philip V. of Spain was married to the princess of Savoy, the choice of a *camerara-major* occasioned considerable embarrassment. Louis XIV. neither dared to confide the post to a Spanish lady, nor to give umbrage to the Spaniards by the appointment of a French lady. Madame des Ursins, an Italian princess, though a Frenchwoman by birth, was ultimately fixed upon, and in 1701 she joined her royal mistress at Nice. With the exception of a brief interval (in 1704), the princess retained the post of *camerara-major* till the queen's death in 1714. Previous to her ephemeral disgrace the princess courted the alliance of the Spanish party at court; after her return she appears to have acted entirely by the direction of Madame Maintenon. After the death of the queen the chief solicitude of Madame des Ursins was to select a new wife for Philip, over whom she might exercise as unbounded a control as over her predecessor. Alberoni, by his false representations of the character of Elizabeth Farnese, persuaded her to promote the king's union with that princess. The first step of the new queen was to drive the *camerara-major* from court with indignity; a step to which the king submitted without remonstrance, and against which the court of France offered no objection. Hopeless of returning to Spain, the Princess des Ursins retired to Rome, but, unable to live without the excitement of political intrigue, she thrust her services upon the Pretender James Stuart, who allowed her to do the honours of his house, till her death in December, 1722. Madame des Ursins was a mere courtier; her political struggles were exclusively personal. She could make and unmake friendships—supplant favourites—recover power when undermined herself—but of governing a state she does not appear to have had even the shadow of an idea. She was merely one of those idle though gaudy weeds which grow up in courts, and are of no use even when they supplant triflers as worthless as themselves. The memoirs and letters of the Princess des Ursins interest us in the same way that 'Gil Blas' does—by their mixture of passion and adventure. In this point of view her correspondence with the Maréchal de Villeroi, and still more her correspondence with Madame Maintenon (both have been published), are very edifying. It is clear from those letters that all her unquestionable energy and versatility only enabled her to make her power the means of more embroiling the perplexed affairs of Spain during the War of Succession.

URSINUS, FULVIUS, one of the most eminent Italian scholars of the sixteenth century, was born on the 2nd of December, 1529, at Rome. He was the natural son of a commander of the order of Malta, who belonged to the noble family of the Orsini. During his early years his education was conducted with great care, but afterwards a dispute arose between his mother and his father, in consequence of which she and her child were cast upon the world without any means of subsistence, and she was obliged to seek support by begging. However, some early indications of talent which the boy evinced procured him a place as 'clerk' in the church of St. John in the Lateran. Here he attracted the attention and gained the

attachment of a canon of the name of Gentilio Delfini, who not only took him into his house, but also instructed him in the Latin and Greek languages. The amiable character of Ursinus, his industry, and his talents, induced the canon to use all his influence in his behalf; and after Ursinus had been ordained priest, he obtained successively several preferments in the church, and became at last the successor to his benefactor. He now formed the acquaintance and friendship of the most distinguished and learned men in Rome and Italy. Cardinal Rainutus made him his librarian; and, after his death, Cardinal Alexander Farnese engaged his services for the same purpose. In these positions he was very liberally rewarded, and had also opportunities of becoming acquainted with all the treasures of ancient literature and art which were then known. Cardinal Caraffa recommended him to Pope Gregory XIII., and procured him an annual pension of 200 ducats. The ample income which he now enjoyed enabled him to spend considerable sums on books, MSS. of ancient authors, and a valuable archaeological museum, and to support his mother, for whom he always showed a tender affection. When he was advanced in years he made his will, in which he bequeathed his museum to Cardinal Odoardo Farnese, his MSS. to the Vatican library, his printed books to Horatio Lancelotti, and the sum of 2000 crowns to Gentilio Delfini, bishop of Cambrino, who was probably a near relation to his early benefactor. He died at Roine on the 18th of May, 1600.

Falvius Ursinus possessed very extensive learning, and he was a man of good sense and talent. His knowledge of ancient MSS. was very great, and he was particularly skilled in deciphering them. Of this art he appears to have made a sort of secret, upon which he avoided giving any information when he was asked. His works, which are very numerous, consist of commentaries, critical and exegetical, on ancient writers, editions of them, and original treatises on antiquarian subjects. Among his commentaries, which are usually very short, but useful for the critical study of the ancients, the most important are those on the 'Scriptores Rei Rusticae'; on the Roman historians, such as Sallust, Caesar, Livy, Velleius, Tacitus, Suetonius, Spartianus, and others. These notes on the Roman historians are reprinted at the end of his 'Fragmenta Historiarum Romanorum,' Antwerp, 1593, 8vo. His notes on Sextus Pompeius Festus are printed in several subsequent editions of this grammarian; those on all the works of Cicero appeared at Antwerp, 1581, 8vo., and are also contained in Lambinus's edition of Cicero. Besides the fragments of the Roman historians, he edited a collection of the lyric and elegiac poets of Greece; and in 1582 he published the first edition of the 'Eclogae de Legationibus,' which contained various parts of the works of Polybius, Dionysius, and Appian, which had until then been unknown. Among the original dissertations of Ursinus we may mention:—1, 'Familiae Romanae, quae reperiuntur in antiqua numismatibus,' of which an improved and enlarged edition was published by C. Patin, 1663. It is also printed in vol. vii. of Graevius's 'Thesaurus Antiquitatum Romanarum.' 2, 'Imagines et Elogia Virorum illustrium, e marmoribus, numis, et gemmis expressae.' The best edition is that of J. Faber (1606), with a commentary. 3, An appendix to Cicero's treatise 'De Triclinio Romano.' A Life of Ursinus, in which his whole life is printed, was published by Joseph Castallo, Rome, 1637, 8vo. It is reprinted in the 'Vita Selectae eruditiorum quorundam Virorum,' published at Breslau, 1711.

(Compare Tomassini, *Elogia*; Nicéron, *Mémoires des Hommes Illustres*, vol. xxiv.; Jücher, *Allgem. Gelehrten-Lexic.*)

URSINUS, ZACHARIAS, a celebrated German divine of the sixteenth century, was born at Breslau on the 18th of July, 1534. He studied at Wittenberg, and as he was very poor, he was obliged to live on gratuities and on what he could earn by private lessons. His uncommon perseverance and industry gained him the friendship of Melancthon, who, in 1557, took him with him to the conference at Worms. From Worms Ursinus went to Geneva, and thence to Paris, for the purpose of acquiring a knowledge of French and of studying Hebrew under Mercer. Almost immediately after his return to Wittenberg he was appointed rector of the Gymnasium Elisabethanum at Breslau, in 1558. Being a follower of Melancthon, he soon became involved in theological controversies with

the strictly Lutheran divines of Breslau respecting the nature of the Lord's supper and baptism, and he was designated by the name of 'the Sacramentarian.' He explained his own views on these subjects in a dissertation, but as he could not silence his adversaries, and as he himself was not inclined to continue the controversy, he asked leave to resign in 1560, and went to Zürich, where he met with a kind and hospitable reception from Peter Martyr, Gesner, Simler, and others. He had not been much more than a twelvemonth at Zürich, when he was invited to a professorship in the Collegium Sapientiae at Heidelberg. In the year 1562 he was made Doctor of Divinity, and, at the command of the elector palatine, Frederic III., Ursinus drew up the famous Heidelberg Catechism, which was subsequently adopted by all the German Calvinists as the exposition of their creed. It was fiercely attacked by the Lutherans, such as Flacius, Heshusius, and others. The elector ordered Ursinus to write a defence of it, which appeared in 1563, in German. The attacks upon the elector and his protégé however did not proceed from Lutheran divines alone; and the elector was charged by some princes of the empire with protecting and propagating doctrines contrary to the Augsburg Confession. Ursinus was again called upon to write a defence of his doctrines. This he did in 1563, in a work called 'Expositio Verae Doctrinae de Sacramentis contra Baemisterum.' In 1564 Ursinus attended the colloquy at Maulbrunn, at which he spoke with great energy against Brentius and Schmidlin, and the doctrine of Ubiquity maintained by them. About the same time the elector founded some new educational establishments at Amberg, Heidelberg, and Neuhaus; and Ursinus, at his request, drew up the rules for their administration. The manner in which he discharged this and other duties raised Ursinus so high in the esteem of his prince, that in 1571, when the professorship of theology in the university of Lausanne was offered to him, and he seemed inclined to accept it, the elector took the pains to persuade Ursinus to remain at Heidelberg. The elector palatine Frederic III. died in 1577, and was succeeded by his son Ludwig, on which a great change took place in the palatinate; for as this prince tolerated only strict Lutherans among his clergy and in the university, Ursinus and his disciples were obliged to quit Heidelberg in 1578, and went to Neustadt, where he was immediately appointed professor of theology at the gymnasium which was just established there. Here Ursinus taught theology and logic, and continued his studies without any further disturbance until his death, on the 6th of March, 1583.

Ursinus was a modest, though very passionate man; but he exercised great control over his passions, and he is said never to have answered an objection immediately. He had no talent for preaching, and he discontinued it as soon as he discovered his unfitness. His diligence and application were extraordinary; and in order that he might not be disturbed by intruders, he put the following inscription on the door of his study:—

'Amice, quatinus hic vives,
Aut scribo paucis, aut ubi,
Aut non laborare adiveris?'

Some of his works were at the time translated into English: for instance, his exposition of the Heidelberg Catechism, under the title of 'Summe of the Christian Religion,' translated by Henry Parrie, 1567, 4to. All his works were collected and published after his death, at Neustadt, 1587; but the best and most complete edition is that which was edited by his former pupils, David Pareus and Quirinus Reuterus, at Heidelberg, 1612, 3 vols. fol.

(M. Adams, *Vita Germanorum Theologorum*; Bayle, *Dictionnaire Hist. et Critique*, under 'Ursinus.')

URSINUS, BENJAMIN, a descendant of the celebrated Zacharias Ursinus, distinguished himself as a Lutheran preacher during the latter part of the seventeenth and the beginning of the eighteenth century. He was at first court preacher to the elector of Brandenburg. In 1701, when Frederic I. assumed the title of king of Prussia, he made Ursinus bishop, and raised him to the rank of nobility. Ursinus used to begin his sermons with the words 'Once upon a time.' When Frederic I. died, in 1713, his successor, Frederic William I., who employed himself in regulating the finances of his kingdom and reducing the public expenditure, also reduced that of his bishop, Ursinus. The bishop petitioned that his former income might be restored: the king replied by a letter, which

contained only these words, 'All that was once upon a time.' The sermons preached by Ursinus on various great court occasions are said to be superior to those of other preachers of the time, both in style and matter.

(Jächer, *Allgem. Gelehrten-Lexicon*, iv., p. 175.)
URSULINES, an order of nuns in the Roman Catholic church, founded about the year 1537, by Angela Merici, commonly called Angela of Brescia, who was born in 1511, at Desenzano, on the Lago di Garda, and died at Brescia, 21st March, 1540. The institution was formally approved of and confirmed by Pope Paul III., in 1544, and it was upon this occasion that the name of Ursulines was given to the order, after the famous British Saint Ursula, respecting whom and her 11,000 (or, as others say, 71,000 virgins), the reader may consult, besides the Martyrologies, Selden's note on the eighth song of Drayton's 'Polyolbon.' It appears however that Angela, who, young as she was, had been elected the first superior of her order, and had ruled it with great wisdom for the two or three years she lived, had selected or suggested this designation for it before she died. The approbation of his predecessor was renewed by Pope Gregory XIII., in 1571, with additional privileges, which were afterwards confirmed by Sixtus V. and Paul V. The order of the Ursulines was designed mainly for the succour of poverty and sickness, and for the education of the young; and wherever it was established the nuns principally devoted themselves to these services, in rendering which they mixed freely with the world, much in the same manner as the members of the various orders of Charity have always been accustomed to do. At first indeed they neither bound themselves by the usual irrevocable vows, nor even lived together in communities; and there appear to have been always some members of the order who continued to reside with their families or by themselves at their own houses. In course of time however the Ursulines, like the other religious orders, came for the most part to be distributed in monasteries, especially in France, where they chiefly flourished. The first house of Ursuline nuns was founded at Paris, in 1604, by Madame de Sainte Beuve, and the members first took the three solemn vows in 1614, in conformity with a bull of Paul V., granted 13th June, 1612. A note on the article 'Angela Merici' in the Supplement to the 'Biographie Universelle' states that there were before the Revolution 115 dependencies on the chief house of the order at Paris, including one established at Quebec in Canada. But Helyot, in his 'Histoire des Ordres Monastiques,' says that when he wrote (1715) there were more than 350 Ursuline convents in France. For further information respecting the Ursulines, both of France and other Roman Catholic countries, the reader may consult this last-mentioned work, vol. iv., chapters 20 to 32 inclusive, pp. 150-223. Helyot gives twenty plates of the costume of the order, which appears to have been black in some countries and white in others, and to have varied in other respects, as well as in colour.

URSUS. (BEARS; URSIDÆ.)

URTICA (from *uro*), a genus of plants known under the common name of Nettle. Nettle is the same word as the Anglo-Saxon *netel*, or *nedel*, a needle, which is applied to these plants on account of their possessing small bristles or prickles which have a stinging property. This genus is the type of the natural order URTICACEÆ. The flowers are either monoecious or dioecious. The stamiferous flowers have a single perianth of 4 leaves, containing the rudiment of a pistil. The pistilliferous flowers have a single perianth of 2 leaves; a sessile stigma, and a dry fruit containing a single seed. Most of the species are herbaceous plants or under-shrubs, and are found in Europe, Asia, and America. Three of the species, of which there are about forty, are British.

Urtica pilulifera, the Roman Nettle, has opposite, ovate, serrated leaves, with transverse nerves, and the pistilliferous flowers pedunculated, and arranged in globose spikes. This plant is found in England, under walls and amongst rubbish, principally near the sea, in the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk. It has also been found in the south of Ireland. This is the most virulent of our native nettles. Its stinging properties depend upon the possession of a form of hair, which has at its base a bag of poisonous secretion, which is forced into the laceration when pressed, and produces the stinging effects which are common to several species of the genus. (SINCLAIR.)

U. dioica, the Great Nettle, has ovate-acuminate leaves,

cordate at the base; the flowers are dioecious in clusters, much branched, and the clusters in pairs. This is a very common plant throughout Europe, in waste places, under walls and hedge-banks. The tops of this plant, when young in spring, are sometimes eaten as a potherb, especially amongst the humber classes in Scotland. Walter Scott, in his 'Rob Roy,' alludes to this practice when Fairmire says, 'Nae doubt I should understand my ain trade of horticulture, seeing I was bred in the parish of Droopdaill, near Glasco,' where they raise lang-kail under glass, and force the early nettles for their spring-kail.' They are not often now cultivated. The stalk of this plant yields a strong woody fibre, like that of hemp, and is capable of being manufactured into cloth, ropes, paper, &c. The root, when boiled with alum, yields a colouring-matter which will dye yarn of a yellow colour. A decoction of this plant salted will coagulate milk very readily without giving it any disagreeable flavour. The caterpillars of many butterflies and moths feed upon its leaves. As a medicinal agent, it is said to possess diuretic and astringent properties, and 'nettle-ten' is a popular remedy for many diseases. In the green state few animals will eat the common nettle, but when dried it is readily eaten by sheep and oxen.

U. urens, Small Nettle, has opposite elliptical leaves with about 5 nearly parallel ribs, with nearly simple clusters of flowers. This plant possesses the stinging properties of the two last. It is common in cultivated ground, especially gardens throughout Europe.

Though nettles are so common in Europe, the finest species are found in tropical countries: some extend from the Malayan Peninsula all along the Himalayan Mountains; and some of them, from the beauty of their foliage, might even be ranked among ornamental plants. Indeed Dr. Roxburgh has named one of his species *U. pulcherrima*, as it is remarkable for its long and tapering, narrow lanceolate, beautifully serrate, elegantly-veined leaves, which are hoary on the under surface. Some of the Indian species do not sting, but others possess this property in a very conspicuous degree: as for instance *U. heterophylla*, *crenulata*, and *stimulans*, the first of which is a 'most ferocious-looking plant,' and may be seen in the Calcutta Botanic Garden always surrounded with a fence, as the least touch of any part produces most acute pain. One species has been called *U. tuberosa*, as it is remarkable for its tuberous rootstocks, which are eaten by some of the natives of India, either raw, boiled, or roasted. The plant was introduced into this country, and bore its tuber-like rootstock, which was bland in taste, and might no doubt have furnished food for cattle, as it might have grown without culture under hedge-rows; but the winter was too severe, and destroyed the plants. The most important species of this genus however is *U. tencissima*, which, like some of the other nettles, as well as the hop and the hemp, belonging to the same natural family, abounds in ligneous fibre, which may be converted into very strong cordage. This is the *Caloe* of Marsden, *Rami* of the Malays, a native of Sumatra, also of Rungpora, where it is called *kushkama*, and which Dr. Roxburgh found one of the strongest of all the vegetable fibres which he subjected to experiment. The average weights with which lines made of the different substances broke were, *Asclepias tenacissima*, jutee of the Rajmahal mountaineers, 248; *Urtica tencissima*, caloece, 240; the strongest sunn, *Crocodaria juncea*, 160; hemp, *Canabie sativa*, grown in the year 1840, in the East India Company's hemp-farm, near Calcutta, 158, but much stronger when tanned. European hemp was however always found stronger than sunn, though not more so than the others. Dr. Roxburgh speaks of the beauty, fineness, and softness of the fibre of the Caloece. It is cultivated in Sumatra for the fibres of its bark. The Malays use it for sewing-thread and twine, and for making fishing-nets. It is as readily cultivated as the willow from cuttings, grows luxuriantly in the northern as in the southern parts of India, throws up numerous shoots as soon as they are cut down, which may be done about five times a year. Dr. Roxburgh however found some difficulty in cleaning the fibres of this plant, notwithstanding his anxious desire to succeed with this substitute for both hemp and flax. (Royle, *Himal. Bot.*, p. 334.)

URTICACEÆ, a natural order of plants, placed by Lindley in his *Rectembryose* group of incomplete Dicotyledons. The plants belonging to this order are trees, shrubs,

and herbs, yielding in some instances a milky juice. The leaves are alternate, and usually covered with asperities or with hairs furnished with a stinging secretion; the stipules are membranaceous, and are deciduous or convolute in veneration. The flowers are monocous or dioecious, either scattered or collected together in catkins or in close heads. The calyx is membranous, lobed, or persistent. The stamens are definite in number, not united, and inserted into the calyx opposite its lobes; the anthers during aestivation are curved inwards, but are turned backwards with elasticity after bursting. The ovary is superior, containing a solitary erect or suspended ovule with a simple stigma. The fruit is either a simple indehiscent nut, surrounded by a membranous or fleshy calyx, as in *Boehmeria*, Fig. 1; or it is a fleshy receptacle, either covered by numerous nuts lying among the persistent fleshy calyxes, as in *Dorstenia*, or the nuts are enclosed in the cavity of the receptacle, as in the common fig, Fig. 2; or it may consist of a single nut covered by a saeculent involucre. The embryo is straight, curved, or spiral, sometimes without albumen; the cotyledons are flat and the radicle points to the hilum.

Fig. 1.



Boehmeria rotunda.
a. Branch with flowers; b. single flower; c. collection of fruits; d. section of fruit, lying in which is seen the seed and ovule.

The order, as thus defined, includes several groups of plants which are frequently separated, as the Artocarpeae of Robert Brown, the Batideae of Martius, and the Moreae of Endlicher. This order is closely allied to Chenopodiaceae, as is shown by its occasionally curved embryo, and almost all other characters, with the exception of the rough surface of the leaves, the possession of stipules, and elastic stamens. From Euphorbiaceae they are distinguished by their fruit not being trilocular; from Ulmaceae, by their monocious flowers and simple fruit; and from Polygonaceae, by their not having ochreate stipules. The arrangement and naming of the genera of this order have been much neglected; the best attempt is that of Gaudichaud: Endlicher however objects to several of his genera.

The plants belonging to this order have a very general dispersion over the world. Some of them grow in the most northern regions of the globe, whilst others are found in the tropics; some of them will grow amongst rubbish and dry walls where hardly a speck of other vegetation occurs, whilst others only inhabit the damp recesses of gloomy forests. The species are very numerous, many of them being mere weeds, whilst others are large trees yielding useful and delicious fruits.

This order brings together plants possessing very different properties, and yielding very various and useful products. The stinging nettles (*Urtica*) form the type of the order. To it belongs also the deadly *Upas*. (*Antiaris*.)

Fig. 2.

*Ficus Carlesii*.

a. Branch with leaves and fig; b. section of a fig, showing the flowers enclosed within the fleshy receptacle; c. single flower separated; d. section of ovary; e. section of seed, showing curved embryo.

The wholesome fig, the celebrated banyan, and species yielding deadly poisons, belong to the genus *Ficus*. (*Ficus*.) The bitter hop (*Humulus*), the acid mulberry (*Morus*), and the narcotic hemp (*Cannabis*), are also found here. The famous cow-tree, or Palo de Vacca of South America, which yields a copious supply of rich and wholesome milk, is supposed to belong to this order. (*Cow-tree*.) The sap of many of the species, especially those belonging to the division Artocarpeae is milky. (*Artocarpeae*.) This depends on the presence of caoutchouc, which in many instances is procured from the plants of this order. The *Cecropia peltata*, a tree found in Jamaica, is said to yield the caoutchouc called American. *Cecropia* comes from a supposed Greek word, 'to cry out,' a sort of translation of its English name, Trumpet-wood. It has this name because its hollow stems and branches are used for the purpose of forming wind-instruments. The wood is light, and is often used for making fishing-boats, and the bark is manufactured into cordage. The ligneous part is very dry and will catch fire by attrition; and of this the native Indians take advantage for producing fire by rubbing the *Cecropia* against some harder wood. The spontaneous combustion of forests is in some instances attributed to the attrition of branches of this tree during a high wind. The fruits are crowded together like the acini of the common raspberry, and are not unlike that fruit in flavour. They are a favourite food of pigeons and other birds. The seeds of a plant nearly allied to *Cecropia*, called Musanga by the Africans of the Gold Coast, are eatable as nuts. The Osage Orange, *Maclura aurantiaca*, belongs to this order. This plant is a tree with deciduous leaves, and spreading spiny branches, attaining a height of from 30 to 60 feet. The leaves are ovate, acuminate, of a bright shining green, broad, with a cuspidate point, and about 3 inches long and 2 inches broad. The spines are simple, rather strong, and about an inch in length. The flowers are small and greenish, with a slight tinge of yellow. The fruit has the size and appearance of a large Seville orange. It consists of radiating, elongated cells, terminating in a tuberculated surface, and containing numerous seeds. When pressed a considerable quantity of a sweetish milky fluid exudes, which coagulates on exposure to the air. This tree is a native of North America, and is found on the banks of the Red River and the adjoining valleys. It was first obtained from the Osage Indians, from which it has derived the name of Osage orange. Seeds of this plant were first sent to England in 1818, and there are several plants now growing in this country (1843). The fruit of this plant, when ripe, is of a golden colour; and

although it possesses no injurious properties, it is not anywhere used as an article of diet. In some cases the fruit has been brought to perfection in Europe. The wood of this tree is of a bright yellow colour, and is very fine-grained and elastic, and on this account it is used by the American Indians for bows. Hence it is called in America yellow-wood and bow-wood. Attempts have been made on the Continent to feed silk-worms on the leaves of this tree, instead of those of the mulberry, but the attempt has not been found to be successful. It seems to bear the climate of Great Britain well, and promises to become a valuable addition to our timber trees. It is easily propagated by cuttings of the roots or by layers, and it will grow in almost any kind of soil. The name *Maclura* was given to this plant by Nuttall, in honour of Mr. Wm. Maclure of the United States, who is well known for his labours in the natural history of North America. The genus *Borya*, named after Bory St. Vincent, a French naturalist who investigated the botany of the Mauritius and the island of Bourbon, yields several shrubs which are cultivated in Europe. They are deciduous shrubs, growing to the height of from 6 to 12 feet, and having a dark brown or purple bark, and small dark green opposite leaves. About six species have been described: they are all of them natives of North America.

[Lindley's *Natural System*; London, *Arb. et Frut. Brit.*; *Cyclopædia of Plants*; Burnett's *Outline*.]

URUBU. (TURKEY BEZARD.)

URUMIYEH, LAKE. [AZERBEIJAN; PERSIA.]

URUS. [Bison, vol. iv., p. 463; Ox, vol. xvii., pp. 77-78.]

URVILLE, J. DUMONT D', a French navigator and naturalist. He is known in the scientific world as having made several valuable contributions to the science of botany. One of his earliest contributions to botany was a memoir on the plants which he had himself collected in the Grecian islands, and which was published at Paris in 1822, with the title 'Enumeratio Plantarum quas in insulis Archipelagi aut Littoribus Ponti Euxini, annis 1819 et 1820, collegit atque detexit.' In the *Memoirs of the Linnean Society of Paris* in 1826, he published a *Flora of Falkland's Island*, with the title 'Flora des Malouines.' In the sixth volume of the 'Annales des Sciences Naturelles' he published an essay on the distribution of the ferns over the surface of the earth. These are his principal labours as a botanist, but D'Urville will be better known to posterity as an able, persevering, and successful navigator. In 1826 he was appointed by the king of France to the command of the frigate 'Astrolabe,' for the purpose of making a voyage in search of information with regard to the unfortunate *La Perouse* and his companions. The vessel left Toulon in March, 1826, and continued out till 1829. During the first part of his voyage D'Urville failed of attaining the object of his voyage, but having put in at Hobart Town in Van Diemen's Land, he heard that Captain Dillon had obtained information with regard to the object of his search at the island of Vanikoro, or Malicolo. He accordingly sailed for that island, and reached it in January, 1828. Here he found undoubted evidence of the wreck of the two frigates, on the breakers of this island, which were under the command of *La Perouse*. This island is one of the group called Solomon's islands, in 11° 41' S. lat. and 167° 5' E. long. Having ascertained that the lives of many of the sailors had been saved from the wreck, but that they had built another vessel and sailed from the island, D'Urville erected a monument to the memory of those who perished, and returned home. Some of the portions of the wrecks of the two vessels were recovered. During this voyage very important surveys of coasts and islands were made; among them a survey of the north part of New Zealand, Tongatabou, Fidjee Archipelago, Loyalty, Deliverance, New Britain, New Ireland, New Guinea, Fataka, Vanikoro, Huggoli, Guam, and the Moluccas. A full account of this memorable voyage was published in 1830 and successive years, by D'Urville. This work is a splendid contribution to science. The five volumes descriptive of the voyage were written by D'Urville; one volume, on the botany of the islands of the South Seas, was written by Lesson and Richard; one volume, on the entomology, by Boisduval; and four volumes, on the zoology of the same districts, by Quoi and Gaimard. The work was accompanied by an atlas of 45 maps, 243 plates of views, portraits of natives, &c., and above 100 plates of objects in natural history. The

title of this work is 'Voyage de la Corvette l'*Astrolabe*, exécuté par ordre du Roi pendant les années 1826, 1827, 1828, 1829,' Paris, 8vo., plates folio.

In 1837 D'Urville had placed under his command the frigates 'Astrolabe' and 'Zélé,' for the purpose of making a voyage to the South Pole. In a first attempt he reached the latitude 64°, and explored to some extent what he thought to be a new coast; he was obliged however to retire on account of the icebergs. Having remained for some time at Concepcion, he made a second attempt, and discovered a coast at 66° 33' S. lat. and 138° 21' E. long. He found himself here close to the south magnetic pole, the magnetic needle becoming nearly vertical. The coast thus discovered appeared one mass of ice, but portions of rock here and there projected, from which specimens were obtained by means of a boat's crew. It appears that the same land was discovered the same day by an American vessel in lat. 64° 20', and 134° 18' E. long. It is also stated that the expedition now in the South Sea, under the command of Captain Ross, has reached the south latitude 71°. The land thus discovered by D'Urville he named after his wife Adélie. He was of opinion that 'this land surrounds the greater portion of the polar circle, and will present itself at all points to the mariner who is bold enough and fortunate enough to clear the mass of ice which usually girdles it.' On his return to Paris he published an account of this expedition with the official reports of the minister of marine, under the title 'Expedition au Pôle Austral et dans l'Océane des Corvettes de sa Majesté,' Paris, 1839.

This brave sailor and excellent man met with his death on the 8th of May, 1842, by the unfortunate railway accident that occurred between Versailles and Meudon, by which himself, with his wife and son, and nearly fifty fellow passengers, were killed. Knuth's genus of sapindaceous plants, *Urvillea*, was named in honour of him.

[*Nautical Magazine*, 1832 to 1840; Bischoff, *Lehrbuch der Botanik*.]

USANCE. [BILL OF EXCHANGE.]

USHEEG, or USBECK. [TARTARY, p. 75; TURKISTAN.]

USE. A use, at common law, was a beneficial interest in land, distinct from the legal property therein. The origin of uses is derived by Gilbert (*Law of Uses*, 3) from a title under the civil law, which allows of an usufructuary interest, distinct from the substance of the thing itself, and which was called in that law the *usui fructuarius*. He says it was introduced by the clergy, who were masters of the civil law, and who, when they were prohibited from taking anything in mortmain, after several evasions by purchasing lands of their own tenants, suffering recoveries, purchasing lands round the church and making them churchyards by bull from the pope, at last invented this way of conveying lands to others to their own use; and this being properly matter of equity, it met with a very favourable construction from the judge of the Chancery court, who was in those days commonly a clergyman. Thus this way of settlement began; but if more generally prevailed among all ranks and conditions of men by reason of the civil commotions between the houses of York and Lancaster, to secrete the possessions, and to preserve them to their issue, notwithstanding attainders; and hence began the limitation of uses with power of revocation.' But whatever may have been the origin of uses, it is certain that the desire of effecting frequent and secret transfers of property without resorting to the simple and public modes of conveyance of the common law, as well as the natural desire to dispose of property by devise, which the common law did not allow, led to an early adoption of the system.

The requisites and qualities of a use, as existing previous to the statute 27 Hen. VIII., c. 10, will be best understood by a reference to the definition given of it by Lord Coke, namely, 'a confidence reposed in some other, not issuing out of land, but as a thing collateral, annexed in privacy to the estate of the land, and to the person touching the land, for which *certum quod sit* has no remedy but by subpoena in Chancery.' (Co. Lit., 272 b.) (1) It was a confidence, and therefore, with respect to the feeoffee to uses, it was held indispensable that there should be confidence in the person. For want of this requisite it was held that a corporation could not be seized to a use. (2) A use was not issuing out of the land, but as a thing collateral to it. A legal charge, as a rent, issues directly out of the land, but a use was not a part of, but an incident to, the land, depending on certain adjuncts; for it must have been

(3) *annexed in priority to the estate*, that is to say, it must stand or fall with the legal estate of him who stands seized to the use, and is not binding upon persons coming in by a superior and independent title. Thus if a feoffment had been made to A for life to his own use, with remainder to B in fee for the use of C, and afterwards A had enfeoffed D in fee—in this case D, as he did not take the identical estate in the land to which the use in favour of C was attached, would not, unless he took the estate with notice of the use, have been bound by C's equitable claim. And for the same reason neither the lord coming in by escheat nor a disseisor could be liable to the execution of a use: the lord, because he claims by title paramount; a disseisor, because his possession is adverse. (4) A use is also said to be *annexed in priority to the person*. In order to entitle the *cestui que use* to relief in equity, he was obliged to show that the person against whom he proceeded had notice of the use, or, as it is now called, of the trust, at the time of his taking the estate. With respect to the original grantee to uses, this privy must of course exist; and with respect to assigns, if they took the estate with actual notice of the use, they were of course privy to it, and bound to give it effect, whether they had paid a valuable consideration or not; while if they were volunteers, *i. e.* if they took the estate without consideration, they were always considered as affected with notice by presumption of law, and therefore bound. (5) The *cestui que use* had no remedy but by *subpoena in Chancery*. Originally the only pledge for the due execution of a use was the faith and integrity of the feoffee to uses, as the *cestui que use* could obtain no relief in the courts of common law; but John Waltham, bishop of Salisbury, who was chancellor in the reign of Richard II., invented the writ of *subpoena*, whereby the feoffee or trustee was liable to be summoned into Chancery to answer upon oath as to the execution of his trust.

A use was descendible, according to the rules of the common law respecting estates of inheritance; the courts of equity having in this case followed the maxim that *equitas sequitur legem*. It was also alienable by deed, and devisable before the statute of wills, the courts of equity having favoured this method of evading the strictness of the common law, which allowed no transfer of land without the ceremony of livery of seisin. But the *cestui que use*, with respect to the legal ownership, had still neither *jus in re* nor *ad rem*. The feoffee was still complete owner of the land at law. He performed the feudal duties, his wife had dower, and his estate was subject to wardship, relief, &c. He might sell the lands, and forfeit them for treason or felony.

By the 15 Rich. II., c. 5, it was enacted that lands conveyed to the use of religious houses or bodies corporate should be subject to the statutes of mortmain; and this statute was afterwards extended by the 23 Hen. VIII., c. 10, so as to render void declarations of uses for parish churches, chapels, churchwardens, companies, &c., erected by common consent, and not being bodies corporate. By the 21 R. II., c. 3, forfeitures for treason were extended to lands whereof the person was seized as *cestui que use*. But the first important statute with respect to uses was the 1 Rich. III., c. 1, which gave the *cestui que use* the power to alienate the possession as well as the use, and was evidently intended for the benefit of purchasers; but so far from being effectual for that purpose, it rather increased the facilities for frauds upon them: for as it did not deprive the feoffees of the power of alienation, they had it still in their power, by alienating the land for a valuable consideration and without notice, to defeat the conveyances of the *cestui que use*; besides which the feoffees and *cestui que use* often colluded together, and, by making separate conveyances, purposely defeated each other's alienation for the purpose of deceiving purchasers. The 1 Hen. VII. made an action of *formedon* maintainable against the persons, *i. e.* the persons in receipt of the profits of lands enfeoffed to uses. It having been found that by the introduction of uses lords lost the benefit of wardship, it was provided by the 4 Hen. VII., c. 17, that the heir of *cestui que use* of lands held by knight-service, being within age, should be in ward, and, being of full age, should pay relief; and, for the benefit of the heir of *cestui que use*, it was also provided that he should have an action against his guardian for waste. By the 19 Hen. VII., c. 15, the lands of *cestui que use* were made subject to execution for debts by judgment, recognizance, statute merchant,

and of the staple. The lands of *cestui que use* held in socage were also made liable to satisfy to the lord his relief, heriot, and other duties. *Cestui que use* was also allowed to have the same advantages as if he had been tenant of the land. And, lastly, the lands of *cestui que use*, being a bondman, were made seizable by the lord.

The system of uses having been found to produce many inconveniences, notwithstanding the statutes which had been passed from time to time to modify them, it was thought a remedy would be found by joining the possession to the use, or, as it is usually termed, transferring uses into possession. With this view the statute of 27 Hen. VIII., c. 10, commonly called the Statute of Uses, was passed, which enacted, that where any person or persons stood or were seized, or at any time thereafter should happen to be seized of any honours or other hereditaments to the use, confidence, or trust of any other person or persons, or of any body politic, by any manner of means whatsoever it should be, that in every such case all such person and persons, and bodies politic, that had or thereafter should have any such use, confidence, or trust in fee simple, fee tail for term of life, or for years or otherwise, or any use, confidence, or trust in remainder or reverter, should from thenceforth stand and be seized, deemed, and adjudged in lawful seisin, estate, and possession of, and in the same honours and hereditaments with their appurtenances, to all intents, constructions, and purposes in the law, and in all such like estates as they had or should have in use, trust, or confidence of or in the same; and that the estate, title, right, and possession that was in such person or persons that were or thereafter should be seized of any lands, tenements, or hereditaments, to the use, confidence, or trust of any such person or persons, or of any body politic, should be from thenceforth clearly deemed and adjudged to be in him or them that had or should have such use, confidence, or trust, after such quality, manner, form, and condition as they had before in or to the use, confidence, or trust that was in them.

The statute then provides for the case of several persons being jointly seized to the use of any of them; and contains two savings, 1st. To all persons (other than persons who were seized or thereafter should be seized of any lands, tenements, or hereditaments, to any use, confidence, or trust) all such right, title, entry, interest, possession, writ, and action, as they had or might have had before the making of the Act; and 2nd. To all persons seized to any use, all such former rights as they had to their own proper use in, or to any manors or hereditaments whereof they should be seized to any other use.

It has been questioned whether or not the legislature intended by this act to put an end to the system of uses; nevertheless it was soon settled that it had not that effect, but that uses might still as formerly be raised, upon which the statute would instantly operate. However, some modifications of the system were introduced. Before the statute a mere agreement for sale, without words of inheritance, was sufficient to pass the equitable fee to the vendee; but by the 27 Hen. VIII., c. 16, it was enacted that no contract should transfer the legal estate in the fee, unless it were made by deed enrolled. [BARGAIN AND SALE.] And it was resolved by the judges [that words of inheritance were necessary to pass the fee at law. Indeed no contract importing a future conveyance, even though made by deed enrolled, and containing words of inheritance, would now be held to transfer the legal estate under the Statute of Uses, though it would entitle the vendee in equity to call for a regular conveyance. A further modification of the system of uses was introduced by the seventh section of the Statute of Frauds (29 Car. II., c. 3), which required that all declarations of trusts or confidences of lands, tenements, or hereditaments (which might formerly have been created by parol), should be manifested and proved by writing, signed by the party by whom it is declared. [TACIT.]

In order to raise a use which the statute will turn into a possession, it is necessary that there should be, 1st, one person seized to the use of another, *in esse*; 2nd, a use *in esse*, limited in possession, reversion, or remainder. The use may be either *express*, as where lands are conveyed to A and his heirs in trust for B and his heirs, or in confidence that he and they shall take the profits, or where a vendee, for a valuable consideration, conveys by bargain and sale enrolled, in both which cases the legal estate vests in the grantee or bargainee by the statute; or it

may be implied, as where a feoffment is made without consideration or declaration of the use, in which case the use results, and the estate returns to the grantor.

It was settled by the courts of law that the statute could not operate except upon an estate of freehold, and that therefore copyhold and leasehold estates are not affected by it. A term of years may of course be created out of a freehold estate by way of use, but when once subsisting cannot be conveyed to uses. If, therefore, a term were assigned to A to the use of B, the legal estate would remain in A, who however would be considered in equity as a trustee for B.

By the operation of the Statute of Uses, a man may, through the medium of a feoffee or releasee, make a conveyance to his wife, which he could not do at common law (*Litt., s. 168; Co. Litt., 112 a.*). In like manner a married woman, having a power, i. e. a right to limit a use, may appoint to her husband.

At common law a man could not limit a remainder to himself, nor could he limit it to his heirs so as to make them take as purchasers, without departing with the whole fee simple out of his person (*Dyer, 156 a, fol. 24; Co. Litt., 22 b.*), but he may do so by means of a conveyance operating under the Statute of Uses.

It is a rule of the common law that joint tenants cannot take at different periods. (*1 Co., 100, b. 2.*) Again, by its rules, a fee could not be limited upon a fee; a freehold could not be made to commence in future, and an estate could not be made to cease by matter *ex post facto*, so as to let in another limitation before the expiration of the former. [**REMAINDER.**] But limitations of the above kinds may be made to take effect under the statute of uses. Such limitations are called *shifting or secondary and springing uses*; and *future or contingent uses*.

Shifting or Secondary Uses are properly such as take effect in derogation of some other estate, and are either limited expressly by the deed, or are authorised to be created by some person named in the deed; as if an estate were limited to the use of A and his heirs, with a proviso that if B pay 10*l.* the estate shall go to B and his heirs. *Shifting uses* seem to have existed before the statute, when, as the legal estate remained in the feoffees, the rule of the common law, which did not allow the fee to change from one to another except upon breach of a condition annexed to the estate at its creation, was not violated. They are now of constant occurrence in settlements of property. [**SETTLEMENT.**] The rules against perpetuities in settlements of property are applicable to shifting uses, which must be limited to take effect within the same period, namely, that of a life or lives in being, and twenty-one years afterwards, unless where they are to take effect after an estate tail, in which case, as the tenant in tail may defeat the use by barring the estate tail, such a limitation has no tendency to a perpetuity.

Springing Uses, though often confounded with shifting uses, are more properly such as are limited to arise in a future event where no previous use is limited; as in the case of a bargain and sale to take effect ten years hence, where the use in the mean time remains in the grantor. They are subject to the same limits as shifting uses.

Future or Contingent Uses are properly such as are limited to take effect as remainders; such as a use to the first unborn son of A, after a limitation to him for life or for years determinable with his life. The rule of law, that a vested freehold must precede a contingent remainder, did not apply before the statute to contingent uses, because the freehold remained in the feoffees; but, since the statute, they are subject in this respect to the rules of contingent remainders. [**REMAINDER.**]

A right to create a shifting or future use given to some agent or person nominated in the deed is called a *power*. Every power of this kind is a power of revocation and new appointment; for the new uses and estates created by the execution of the power must necessarily in so far revoke and defeat the previously existing uses. Sometimes an express power of revocation is given to the donee of the power, but this is unnecessary.

Powers deriving their effect from the statute of uses are of three kinds. 1st, *powers appendant and appurtenant*, which are so termed because they strictly depend upon the estate limited to the person to whom they are given, and take effect, when executed, either wholly or in part out of that estate: as when a man is tenant for life with a

power of granting leases in possession for terms of years; 2nd, *powers collateral or in gross*, which are powers given to a person who had an interest in the estate at the time of the execution of the deed creating the power, or to whom an estate is given by that deed, upon which the estates to be created by the power will not attach. A power reserved by a person who being seised in fee simple settles his estate upon others, and a power to a tenant for life to appoint the estate after his death among his children, or to jointure his wife out of it, are powers of this kind. It seems also that a power given to a stranger, who has no estate to charge the estate for his own benefit, is a power in gross; 3rd, *powers simply collateral*, which are powers given to a person who has no interest in the land, and to whom no estate is given, to dispose of or charge the estate for the benefit of some other persons. The most familiar instances of such powers is that of a power given to a stranger to revoke a settlement, and appoint new uses to other persons named in or pointed out by the deed.

The law relating to the creation, execution, and extinguishment of powers forms in itself a most extensive and important branch of law learning, of which it is impossible to give even an outline within the limits of this article, but which will be found fully discussed in Sugden's *Treatise of Powers*.

Much discussion has arisen as to the mode in which the statute is to be considered to operate in the case of future and contingent uses. Thus, if a feoffment were made to A and his heirs, to the use of B and his heirs, until C should pay a sum of money, and then to the use of C and his heirs, the use is executed in B and his heirs by the statute; and this use, being co-extensive with the seisin of A, there can be no actual seisin afterwards remaining in him; but when C pays the money, the use is executed in him, and the question then is, out of whose seisin the shifting use is served. To avoid this difficulty it was said that though no actual seisin remained in A, yet, upon the ceasing of the use to B and his heirs, the original seisin reverted to A for the purpose of serving the secondary use, and this supposed possibility of reverter, upon payment of the money, was called the *possibility of seisin, or seintilla juris*. The same principle was applied to limitations, such as that to the use of A for life, remainder to the use of his unborn son in tail, remainder to the use of B in fee. The consequence of this doctrine was considered to be that, if a contingent use were divested, an actual entry must be made to revive it, although a right of entry is sufficient to support a contingent remainder at common law: from which it would result that as, by force of this *seintilla*, the feoffees might enter to re-vest the contingent uses, they might also divest themselves of this right of entry by feoffment, release or otherwise, and so prevent the uses from ever arising. But the better construction of the statute seems to be that, upon a conveyance to uses operating by transmutation of possession, as a feoffment or lease and release, immediately after the first estate is executed, the releases to uses are divested of the whole estate; the estates limited previously to the contingent uses take effect as legal estates; the contingent uses take effect as they arise, by force of and in relation to the seisin of the releases under the deed; and any vested remainders take effect according to the deed, subject to open and let in the contingent uses. (See Sugden, *Treatise of Powers*, 2nd 12-47.)

As the Statute of Uses was made previously to the Statute of Wills 32 & 34 Hen. VIII., it has been questioned whether the former can be held to apply to the latter; but as, before the statute, devises of the use were permitted, so, since the statute, the courts have uniformly held that, where a devise is made to a use, the intention of the testator must be taken to be that the devisee of the use should have the legal estate.

By a construction of the Statute of Uses, adopted soon after it was passed, the grounds of which it is not easy to understand, it was settled that a use could not be limited on a use, that is, that the statute would operate on the first declaration of use only: so that if, by bargain and sale, a use in lands were limited to A and his heirs in trust, or to the use of B and his heirs, the statute would vest the legal estate in A without adverting to the use declared in favour of B. The Court of Chancery availed itself of this construction to revive Uses under the name of Trusts; and it was determined that A was, in the case above mentioned,

a trustee for B of the beneficial interest in the land. It is not true, however, as has been said by Lord Hardwicke, that the Statute of Uses 'has had no other effect than to add at most three words to a conveyance,' for the Court of Chancery, availing itself of its exclusive jurisdiction over trusts, and aware of the mischief attendant upon uses before the statute, has gradually established a system well adapted to answer the exigencies of family settlements and provisions, without producing any of those evils which the statute of Henry VIII. was intended to remedy. [TAUST AND TAUSTER.]

The subject of this article is elaborately treated in Sanders, 'On Uses and Trusts;' and in Gilbert, 'On Uses,' by Sugden.

USES, CHARITABLE AND SUPERSTITIOUS. The term 'Charitable use,' as understood in law, is of very extensive application, and includes dispositions of property which cannot with any propriety be described as charitable, but which are so called with reference to the purposes enumerated in the statute 43 Eliz., c. 4, or such as are considered analogous to them. That statute enacted that the Commissioners thereby empowered should inquire as to the lands, &c. given by well-disposed people 'for relief of aged, impotent, and poor people; for maintenance of sick and maimed soldiers and mariners; schools of learning, free-schools, and scholars in universities; for repair of bridges, ports, havens, causeways, churches, sea-banks, and highways; for education and preferment of orphans; for or towards the relief, stock, or maintenance of houses of correction; for marriage of poor maidens; for supportation, aid, and help of young tradesmen, handicraftsmen, and persons decayed; and for relief or redemption of prisoners and captives, and for aid or ease of any poor inhabitants concerning payment of fifteens, setting out of soldiers, and other taxes.' Many gifts not within the letter have been held to be within the equitable construction of this statute; and when the gift is to charity in general, without any particular purpose being specified, it will be carried into effect either by the Crown or the Court of Chancery, upon principles which the determinations of that court have established. The term 'Charitable use,' in law, is applied exclusively to gifts for what are called public charities, the objects of which are not particular individuals, but a class or the public in general.

A superstitious use, in its original sense, was where lands, tenements, rents, goods or chatties, were given, secured, or appointed for or towards any of the following purposes, viz.: the maintenance of a priest or chaplain to say mass; for the maintenance of a priest or other man to pray for the soul of any dead man in such a church or elsewhere; to have or maintain perpetual obits, lamps, torches, &c., to be used at certain times, to help to save the souls of men out of purgatory. See 15 Rich. II., c. 5; 23 Hen. VIII., c. 10; and 1 Ed. VI., c. 14. The statute of Richard II. was passed for the purpose of subjecting lands conveyed to uses to the law of mortmain. The statute of Henry VIII. relates only to assurances of lands to churches and chapels, which, if for a longer term than 20 years, it declares to be absolutely void. By the 1st of Edward VI. certain superstitious uses then existing were forfeited to the king, but the statute has no prospective operation. There is no statute making superstitious uses void generally, but the king as head of the commonwealth, and as intrusted by the common law to see that nothing is done in maintenance or propagation of a false religion, was considered entitled to pray a discovery of a trust to a superstitious use, and to order the property to be applied to a proper use. The same principle has been applied to many cases of gifts of property for purposes which cannot properly be classed as superstitious uses, but are either expressly prohibited by the law of the country or contrary to its policy. A change in the doctrine of superstitious uses has been made by the 2 and 3 Wm. IV., c. 115, which puts persons professing the Russian Catholic religion upon the same footing, with respect to their schools, places for religious worship, education and charitable purposes, as Protestant dissenters; with respect to whom the doctrine of the court is, that it will administer a fund to maintain a society of Protestant dissenters promoting no doctrine contrary to law, though at variance with that of the Established Church. The 2 and 3 Wm. IV., c. 115, is retrospective. (2 M. and K., 225.)

The Court of Chancery has a general jurisdiction over

property given for charitable purposes, and the regular mode in which matters relating to charities are brought before it is by information by the attorney-general on behalf of the crown.

The Court of Chancery adopts a very liberal construction of gifts for charitable purposes; and there are numerous cases of gifts for objects not within the letter of the statute of Elizabeth which have been considered to be within the equitable meaning of the word charity as understood in that court, and have been administered accordingly. And when a gift is made for charity generally, without any purpose specified, if the gift be to trustees, the court will order a scheme to be prepared for the direction of the trustees in the administration of the trust; and where the declared object is charity, but no trust has been interposed, the right to dispose of the property, and to decline the particular charitable purposes to which it is to be applied, belongs to the Crown by sign manual. Where the particular objects which the donor had in view fail, either wholly or in part, the court adopts what is called the principle of administration *cy-pres*, that is, it directs the property to be applied to worthy objects in its judgment most nearly resembling those which have failed, or when more than one charity has been named by the donor, to such of the others as are still subsisting. When the revenue of the property increases from any cause, the increase goes to the charity, if it appear to have been the intention of the donor that the whole should be disposed of in that manner; otherwise the increase will go to the legal representative of the donor. In cases where the revenue of the property was distributable among several charities, the question has been, in what manner the increase of income was to be disposed of among them. The principle established by the cases seems to be, that a charity to which a fixed annual sum has been given has no right to participate in the increase, but that one entitled with the other charities to a proportionate part of the original income will have a right to a similar proportion of the increase.

When property is given to a superstitious use, or for a charitable purpose which the law will not allow to be carried into effect, the court, upon the not very satisfactory ground that the property was meant for a charity, will apply it to some other charity of which it approves. In the words of Sir William Grant, 'Whenever a testator is disposed to be charitable in his own way and upon his own principles, we are not content with disappointing his intention, if disapproved by us: but we make him charitable in our way and on our principles. If once we discover in him any charitable intention, that is supposed to be so liberal as to take in objects not only not within his intention, but wholly adverse to it.' (7 Ves., 485.) If the superstitious use be one which the court considers charitable, the fund goes to the king to be disposed of to such charitable uses as he shall direct by sign manual; if the use be not charitable, the gift is merely void, and the property will go to the donor's representative. (2 M. and K., 684.)

The regular mode of proceeding in cases of abuse of charitable funds is by way of information in the name of the attorney-general on behalf of the crown. In informations with respect to charities the Court of Chancery always requires a person to be joined with the attorney-general, who is styled the relator, and is answerable for the conduct and costs of the suit. This is done because the crown never pays costs, in order to protect the defendants by making the relator pay the costs, should the suit appear to have been improperly instituted.

The above-mentioned Act of the 43rd of Eliz. empowered the Court of Chancery to issue commissions to inquire into the abuse or misapplication of property given for charitable purposes, but the proceedings under this act were found so unsatisfactory that they gradually fell into disuse, and recourse was again had to the original method of procedure by information.

By the 52 Geo. III., c. 101, commonly called Sir Samuel Romilly's Act, the legislature provided a summary remedy in cases of abuses of charitable trusts, or where the aid of the Court of Chancery was required for the administration of them. That act empowered any two or more persons to present a petition to a court of equity praying the requisite relief, which the court might thereupon grant in a summary manner.

By the 59 Geo. III., c. 91, continued by the 2 Wm. IV., c. 57, the attorney-general was empowered to institute a suit

by information without a relator, upon five or more of the commissioners of charities thereby appointed certifying that the case was one requiring the interference of the court.

The jurisdiction of the Court of Chancery over property given to charity must be distinguished from the authority frequently exercised by the lord chancellor or lord keeper as visitor of charities. Charities are either under the management of individual trustees, or are established by charter as eleemosynary corporations. On the institution of a corporate charity, a visitatorial jurisdiction arises of common right to the founder and his heirs, whether he be the king or a private person, or to those whom the founder has appointed for that purpose; and the office of visitor is to determine the differences of the members of the society, and to superintend generally the government of the body, in accordance with the statutes originally propounded by the founder. With this visitatorial power the Court of Chancery has nothing to do, its right of interference being confined entirely to the administration of the property. When the charity is of royal foundation, the visitatorial power of the king is exercised by the lord chancellor as his representative; and even where the founder of the charity was a private person, if he has made no appointment of a visitor, and if his heir cannot be discovered, or has become lunatic, the visitatorial power, rather than that the charity should not be visited at all, results to the crown, and, as in the case of royal foundations, is exercised by the lord chancellor. The mode of application in these cases is not by way of information, but by petition addressed to the Great Seal.

Certain restrictions have been put upon the power of making gifts of property to charitable uses by the 5th of Geo. II., c. 26, commonly, though improperly, called the Mortmain Act. By it devises of land and bequests of money to be laid out on land or in any interest in land are declared void. For an explanation of the provisions of this act, see MORTMAIN.

(See *Duke's Law of Charitable Uses*; Boyle, *Law of Charities*.)

USHER (in Latin *Usserius*), JAMES, a most learned and distinguished Irish prelate, was born at Dublin, 4th January, 1580. His father, the descendant of an ancient family, founded by an Englishman of the name of Nevil, who in exchange for that had assumed the name of his office on coming over to Ireland with Henry II.'s son John in the quality of usher, about 1185, was Arnold Usher, one of the six clerks of the Irish court of chancery; his mother was a daughter of James Stanyhurst, who was thrice elected speaker of the Irish house of commons, and held the offices of one of the masters in chancery and recorder of the city of Dublin. A brother of his father's, Henry Usher (about whom there is an article in Bayle), was archbishop of Armagh from 1595 to 1613; a brother of his mother's was Richard Stanyhurst, who (as well as his sister and his father) latterly became a Roman Catholic, and is the author of a translation of the first four books of the 'Æneid' into English hexameters, besides several learned theological and historical works, of one of which, his 'Descriptio Hiberniæ,' an English translation is printed in Holinshed's Chronicles.

Usher, who was his father's eldest son, is said to have been taught to read by two aunts who had been blind from their cradle. He was then sent, at eight years of age, to a school in Dublin by two secret political emissaries of King James of Scotland, Mr. (afterwards Sir) James Fullerton and Mr. James Hamilton (afterwards created Viscount Claneboye in the Irish peerage). The concealed political agents were excellent scholars and teachers, and Usher in after life used to attribute whatever proficiency he had made in learning mainly to the five years during which he had the benefit of their instructions. From their seminary he proceeded in 1593 to the newly-opened university of Trinity College, Dublin, of which he was one of the first three students that were admitted.

He had already acquired a high academic reputation, when in 1598 the death of his father, who had intended to educate him for the law, left him at liberty to follow his own inclinations, which led him to the study of theology. Upon coming to this determination he made over his paternal inheritance to his younger brothers and his sisters, only reserving a small annuity from the rental of the property (which it seems was much involved by lawsuits, as well as otherwise encumbered). Having then taken

his degree of M.A. in 1600, he was the next year ordained both deacon and priest by his uncle, the archbishop of Armagh.

His first appointment, which he received very soon after, was of Sunday afternoon preacher before the state, as it was called, in Christ Church, Dublin. Two visits which he made to England, in 1603 and 1605, to purchase books, the first time for the library of Trinity College, the second time for himself, brought him into acquaintance with Sir Thomas Bodley, Sir Robert Cotton, Camden, and other distinguished persons of the day, whose admiration appears to have been strongly excited by the extensive acquisitions he had made at so early an age. From this time he usually made a journey to England every three or four years, when his practice was to spend one month at Oxford, another at Cambridge, and the rest of his stay at London, principally in the Cottonian Library. In 1607, having proceeded bachelor of divinity, he was chosen professor of that faculty in his college, and this post he held for the next thirteen years. This same year also he was made chancellor of the Cathedral of St. Patrick. In 1610 he was unanimously chosen provost of Trinity College, but declined the office, through an apprehension, it is said, of its duties interfering with his studies. In 1612 he took his degree of D.D.; and the next year, being at London, he there published in 4to. his first work, entitled '*De Ecclesiæ Christianæ Successione et Statu*;' it is a continuation of Bishop Jewel's '*Apology for the Church of England*' (also written in Latin); but it remains itself unfinished both in this first edition and in the reprints at Hanover in 1658, 8vo., and at London in 1687, 4to. (along with his '*Britannicarum Ecclesiarum Antiquitates*'), although in the last impression falsely described on the title page as '*Opus integrum ab auctore auctum et recognitum*.' Usher had from the first been a zealous opponent of popery, which he maintained the law ought to discourage not only as politically objectionable, but as idolatrous; he was also in doctrine a decided Calvinist and Predestinarian; and, besides being opposed to the Arminian principles, which were now coming into vogue, he did not profess in the matter of church government to hold the same high notions as to the divine right of episcopacy with many of the clergy. In consequence of all this he had obtained the reputation of being inclined to Puritanism; and some pains had to be taken by his friends to satisfy the king's mind on this point; but the representations that were made by influential persons in Ireland, and by Usher himself, were so successful, that in 1620 James nominated him to the see of Meath. In 1623 he was made a member of the Irish privy council; and in January, 1624, while he was in England (where he was detained by illness till August, 1625) he was raised to the archbishopric of Armagh and the primacy of the Irish church. For some years after this his life was passed tranquilly in the administration of the affairs of his see and the prosecution of his studies. In 1631 he published, all at Dublin, in 4to., certain writings of the old theologian Godeschalc, in defence of predestination, with illustrations, under the title of '*Godeschalci et Predestinariæ Controversiæ ab eodem Historia*;' (said to have been the first Latin book printed in Ireland); in 1632 a collection of letters of Irish bishops from the sixth to the thirteenth century, under that of '*Veterum Epistoliarum Hibernicarum Sylloge*;' in 1638 his '*Enanuel, or a Treatise on the Incarnation of the Son of God*,' reckoned one of his greatest performances, and reprinted in 1643 at Oxford, in 1645 and 1648 at London, in 4to., and again at London in 1670, in folio; and in 1649 his celebrated '*Britannicarum Ecclesiarum Antiquitates*,' also several times reprinted.

In the beginning of 1640 he came over to England, with the intention of staying a year or two at most; but he never again saw his native country. He took up his residence in the first instance at Oxford, and there published, in 1641, a 4to. volume of theological dissertations, under the title of '*Certain Brief Treatises*.' The same year he was plundered of nearly everything he possessed in Ireland by an attack of the rebels upon his house at Armagh; and in the state of that country, it seems to have been thought needless for him to return to his archbishopric. Upon this the king, Charles I., conferred on him the bishopric of Carlisle, to be held in commendam; but of this he is said to have made very little; and when soon after the revenues of the bishops were confiscated by the parliament, he did

not receive the pension of 400*l.* a year that was allotted for his support above once or twice. Meanwhile, continuing to reside mostly at Oxford, where he preached every Sunday at one or other of the churches, he published there, in 1644, in 4to, an edition, in Greek and Latin, of the Epistles of Polycarp and Ignatius, reprinted at London in 1647. Soon after this he left Oxford, and retired first to the house of his son-in-law, Sir Timothy Tyrrell, at Cardiff; thence, after a stay of six months, to the castle of St. Donat, on the invitation of the dowager Lady Stradling; thence in 1646 to London, to the house of his friend the countess of Peterborough, near Charing Cross. In 1647 he was chosen preacher to the society of Lincoln's Inn, upon which he took up his residence in a suite of apartments provided for him in the inn, and had his library, the only part of his property he had saved, removed thither. He preached regularly during term time in the chapel of the inn for nearly eight years. In 1647 he published his treatise 'De Romanæ Ecclesiæ Symbolo,' and the next year his learned 'Dissertatio de Macedonum et Asianorum Anno Solari.' In the end of the year 1648, during the negotiation between the king and the parliament about the settlement of the church, his majesty sent for Usher to come to him at the Isle of Wight; and here a scheme which had been drawn up by the archbishop seven years before, and then rejected by Charles, was now proposed by him anew, but, although accepted by the king, was rejected by the parliamentary commissioners. It was published by Dr. Bernard at London in 1658, under the title, by which it is commonly known, of 'The Reduction of Episcopacy to the Form of the Synodical government in the Ancient Church.' In 1650 Usher published at London, in folio, the first part of his great work, his 'Annales Veteris et Novi Testamenti,' which was followed by the second part in 1654; other editions of both parts, all in folio, appeared at Paris in 1673, at Bremen in 1675, and at Geneva (the best) in 1722. The only other works he sent to the press were his 'Epistola ad Ladovicum Capellum de Variatibus Textus Hebraici Lectionibus,' 4to, London, 1652; and his 'Synagoga de Græca LXX. interpretum Versione,' 4to, London, 1653, and again Lipsæ, 1605. He died at Lady Peterborough's house, at Ryegate in Surrey, after a day's illness, on the 21st of March, 1656; and his remains were interred in Westminster Abbey by order of Cromwell, who is said however to have left the relations of the deceased prelate to pay the greater part of the expense of the public funeral. By his wife Phæbe, daughter of Dr. Luke Chalonier, whom he married in 1613, and who died about a year and a half before him, Usher left only one daughter, Elizabeth, who became the wife of Sir Timothy Tyrrell. [TYRRELL, JAMES.] In addition to the works above mentioned, several others were printed from his papers after his death: 1. 'The Judgment of the late Archbishop,' &c., published by Dr. Nicholas Bernard, 8vo. Lond. 1658; 2. 'Chronologia Sacra,' &c., published by Dr. Thomas Barlow (afterwards bishop of Lincoln), 4to, Lond. 1660; 3. 'The Judgment and Sense of the present See of Rome,' also by Dr. Bernard, 8vo. Lond. 1659; 4. 'The Power of the Prince and Obedience of the Subject stated,' by his grandson, James Tyrrell, 4to, Lond. 1661; 5. A volume of Sermons; 6. 'Historia Dogmatica Controversiæ inter Orthodoxos et Pontifices de Scripturis et Sacris Veracibus,' by Henry Wharton, 4to, Lond. 1660; 7. 'A Collection of Three Hundred Letters written to James Usher, lord archbishop of Armagh, &c., collected by Richard Parr, D.D., his lordship's chaplain at the time of his death,' folio, Lond. 1668. To this collection Parr has prefixed an ample biographical memoir of the archbishop; and there are lives of Usher, in Latin, by Dr. Bates (in the 'Collectio Batosiana'), and by Dr. T. Smith (in his 'Vitæ Eruditissimorum'), and also prefixed to the Geneva edition of the 'Annales.' Bayle, who has a short article on Usher, refers to what he calls a good abridgement of his life in a review of Parr's collection in the 'Bibliothèque Universelle,' vol. ii., pp. 218-244. There is a very full account in the 'Biographia Britannica,' vol. vi., part i., pp. 4002-4081.

USCIZA. [SERVIA.]

USK. [MONTMOUTH.]

USNEA, a genus of plants belonging to the natural family of Lichens. This name is said to have originated in the Arabic name *ushukh*, or *ushukh*, a name given to all lichens. The whole plant is much branched, filiform, mostly pendulous, and furnished within with a bundle of

elastic fibres; the reproductive organs (apothecia) are orbicular, terminal, pedate, and often ciliate at the border. The *Usnea plicata*, in common with the *Rocella tinctoria* and other lichens, is used as a dye.

USPALLATA. [PLATA, p. 218.]

USTICA. [PALERMO; SICILY.]

USTIUG VELIKI (i. e. Great Ustjug) is a considerable town in the government of Vologda in Russia in Europe, situated in 60° 47' N. lat. and 46° 5' E. long., at the confluence of the Suchona and the Jug, which two rivers, by their junction, form the Dwina, which falls into the White Sea at Archangel. It is an ancient town, built in the Russian fashion; the houses are for the most part of wood; there are two cathedrals, twenty-three churches, five convents, and several buildings and warehouses belonging to the crown. The climate of the circle of which it is the capital is very raw and cold, so that it has not much superfluity of natural productions for commerce; but the town, being situated on the direct road from Archangel to Siberia, and to the southern provinces, may be considered as one of the most important commercial towns of northern Russia. The inhabitants have a considerable trade with Archangel, St. Petersburg, Casan, Costroma, Yaroslavl, and Novogorod, which is greatly facilitated by many navigable rivers. The chief articles which pass in transit are Russian productions from the other governments, the furs of Siberia, silks and tea from China, and fish from the North Sea. The inhabitants have also manufactures of linen, woollen, leather, soap, candles, hosiery, and wooden utensils, and there are in the town many gold and silversmiths, whose works in enamel and bronzed silver are much esteemed.

(Hassel, *Handbuch*, vol. xi.; Stein, *Lexicon*, by Hirschelmann; Cammich, *Lehrbuch*.)

USUCAPPIO. Gaius (ii. 40-42) states that if a *Res Mancipi* was transferred by bare tradition, without the forms of *Mancipatio* or in *Jure Cessio*, the original owner retained the Quiritarian ownership, and the person to whom the thing was transferred had only the right to the enjoyment of the thing until by possession he had acquired the ownership (*possidendo usucapio*). For the effect of such enjoyment was to give him the same rights with respect to the thing as if it had been transferred in due legal form. In the case of moveables the Twelve Tables fixed one year as the term of *Usucapio*; in the case of land and houses, two years. The acquisition of the Quiritarian ownership of a thing by enjoyment of it under the circumstances above stated for these several periods was called *Usucapio*.

Gaius states that there might also be *Usucapio* in the case both of things *Mancipi* and things *Nec Mancipi* which had been transferred by bare tradition from a person who was not the owner, provided the transferee received them in good faith (*bona fide*), or, in other words, believed that he received them from the owner. It seems probable that this rule of law was established by analogy to the rule of the Twelve Tables as to *Res Mancipi* which had been transferred by defective modes of conveyance. But the Twelve Tables may have fixed only the time of *Usucapio*: the origin of *Usucapio* may be anterior to the Twelve Tables.

When Gaius wrote (in the second century of our era), *Usucapio*, as it appears, had become a regular mode of acquiring ownership; for property of all kinds might be so acquired which had been received by tradition and *bona fide* from a person who was not the owner. The case of things stolen, or the possession of which had been acquired by violence (*vis*), was an exception, for even if received *bona fide* they could never become the property of the receiver by *Usucapio*. The *Res Mancipi* of women also, who were in the tutela of their agnati, could not be objects of *Usucapio* unless they had been received from her by tradition with the proper consent (*auctoritas*) of her tutor; and the hereditas of a woman who was in tutela legitima could not be an object of *Usucapio*. As land (*fundus*) could not, according to the best opinion, be an object of *furtum*, a *bona fide* purchaser of land from a man who was not the owner, and knew he was not the owner, might acquire the property of it by *Usucapio*, provided the seller had not acquired the possession by violence, but had either taken possession of land which was vacant through the carelessness of the owner, or from the owner dying without a successor, or having been long absent.

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Besides individual objects of property, *Usucapio* could exist in the case of servitudes, and marriage, and in the case of an *Hereditas*. Originally such Servitudes as followed the rule of law as to *Res Mancipi* could only be transferred like *Res Mancipi*; and therefore *Usucapio* could only apply to such servitudes. But by analogy to *Res Mancipi*, they could be acquired by bare contract, to which *Usucapio* was superadded; and when *Mancipatio* at a later period was replaced by bare tradition, they could be acquired by contract simply. In the case of marriage, when there was no co-emptio, the woman might come into the power of her husband by virtue of uninterrupted cohabitation for one year; and she was then said to become a part of his *Familia* by *usucapio* founded on a year's possession. (Gaius, i, 111.) In the case of the *Hereditas*, when the testator had not disposed of his property by the necessary forms of the *Mancipatio* and *Nuncupatio*, the person who was named *heres* in the will could only acquire his legal title as such by *Usucapio*.

These various instances will show the original notion of *Usucapio*. It was a legal effect given to *bona fide* possession and enjoyment for a fixed time, by which defects in the transfer of a thing were made good: it was not originally a mode of acquisition. It was founded on a title good in substance, but defective in form; and this defect was supplied by the proper period of enjoyment (*usus*). When this *usus* had continued for the legal time, it gave its auctoritas (as the Romans expressed it), its efficiency and completeness to what was in its origin incomplete; and the phrase *Usus Auctoritas* was older than the expression *Usucapio*, which was afterwards the ordinary term. But *Usus* by itself never signified *Usucapio*; for *Usus* alone could not give a title to the ownership of a thing. In the case of public land the possessor had the *usus*, but this was all that he could be entitled to as possessor. Such *usus* could not from the nature of the case have an auctoritas, for the possessor did not occupy the public land as a *bona fide* purchaser. A man might also have the *usus* of private land without having a title to anything further: in which case also the *usus* could never have an auctoritas. In the Roman law, as known to us in the Pandect, *Usucapio* appears as a mode of acquisition, which must have been owing to the circumstance of *Mancipatio* ceasing to be regarded as important: for bare tradition in all cases, followed by the proper *usus*, gave complete ownership. Finally, when the difference between *Res Mancipi* and *Nec Mancipi* was abolished, *Usucapio* in its original sense ceased. But as in the time of Gaius we find *usucapio* applicable to the case of things *Nec Mancipi*, which a person had possessed *bona fide*, this rule of law still continued, and various limitations were in course of time established as to the mode of acquiring the ownership of a thing by the enjoyment of it. Thus Justinian, in his *Institutes* (ii, tit. 6), after reciting the old law, refers to one of his Constitutions, by which the ownership of moveables might be acquired by use (*usucapientur*), provided there was a *bona fide* possession (*iusta causa possessionis praecedente*) for three years, and that of immovable things by the 'longi temporis possessio,' which he explains to be ten years 'inter praesentes,' and twenty years 'inter absentes'; and the Constitution applied to the whole empire. *Usucapio* is defined in the 'Digest' (xii, tit. 3, s. 3) to be the 'addition of ownership by the uninterrupted possession for a time fixed by law.' As it was the addition of ownership, something is here implied to which this addition was to be made; and this something was a *bona fide* possession.

The subject of *Usucapio* admits and requires a much more complete exposition. The reader may refer to the following works:—Engelbach, *Ueber die Usucapion zur Zeit der zwölf Tafeln*, Marburg, 1828; and Mühlenthal, *Doctrina Pandectarum*.

USUS. [USUFRUCTUS.]

USUFRUCTUS, or USUFRUCTUS, and USUS, belonged to the class of Servitudes *Personarum* among the Romans. *Usufructus* is defined (*Dig.*, 7, tit. 1, s. 1) to be 'the right to use and take the fruits (*fructus*) of what belongs to another without impairing its substance.' *Usus* is defined (*Dig.*, 7, tit. 8, s. 1, 2) to be the right 'to use, but not to take the fruits (*fructus*).'

The objects of *usufructus* might be land (*fundus*), houses (*aedes*), slaves, beasts of burden, and other things. He who was entitled to a *Usufructus* was called *Usufruc-*

tuarius, or *Fructuarius*. A right to a *Usufructus* might be given to a person by testament, or it might be established by contract.

Generally, it may be stated that all the 'fructus,' or produce of a thing that accrued during the time of enjoyment, belonged to the *Fructuarius*; but his title to *fructus* was not complete till he had taken them, and it was a general rule that any 'fructus,' which had not been got in or taken at the time when the *Usufructus* ceased did not belong to him. The law as to things that yield an increase, such as fruit-trees and animals, did not present many difficult questions. As to houses and lands, the questions were sometimes more difficult. The *Fructuarius* was entitled to the rents and profits of houses during his time of enjoyment, and he was bound at least to keep them in sufficient repair, but probably not to rebuild them, if they were in a ruinous condition. He was bound to cultivate land in a proper husbandlike manner. He could work existing mines and quarries for his benefit, and he could also open new mines and work them. The *fructuarius* could maintain his rights to the *usufructus* by actions and interdicts. The period of *usufructus* might either be for a fixed time or for the life of the *fructuarius*. At the termination of the period of enjoyment, the thing was to be given up to the owner, who could generally require security for its being properly used and given up in proper condition.

The *usus* of a thing, as already explained, was a right to the enjoyment of a thing, but not to the produce or profits of it. Yet in some cases the *usus* of a thing implied a right to a certain amount of produce. Thus the *usus* of cattle implied that the *usuarius* was entitled to a moderate allowance of milk; and a man who had the *usus* of an estate could take wood for his daily use, and could enjoy the orchard and other things in moderation. If a man had the *usus* of oxen, he could employ them for all purposes for which oxen are properly used. The duties of the *usuarius* resembled those of the *fructuarius*.

The rules of law which related to the *Usufructus* and *Usus* were numerous. Many of them are collected in the *Digest*, lib. 7; see also 'Fragmenta Vaticana,' *De Usufructu*; and Mühlenthal, *Doctrina Pandectarum*.

USURPATIO. [MEXICAN STATES.]

USURPATIO is sometimes used by the Roman jurists in the sense of interruption of *Usucapio*. But the verb 'usurpo' and its derivatives are commonly used in the sense of 'using,' or 'employing,' in any way that is suitable to the character of the object used or employed. The participle 'usurpatus' sometimes signifies the acquisition of a right by use: thus 'usurpalam mulierem' (according to the ordinary reading in *Gellius*, ii, 2) means a woman who had become the power of her husband by uninterrupted matrimonial cohabitation for one year. (See Savigny, *System des heutigen Römischen Rechts*, iv, p. 365, on the passage of *Gellius*, which is a quotation from Q. Mucius Scaevola, the pontifex.) The word is also used in the sense of taking possession of a thing; and in course of time the notion of wrong was attached to the word. *Amianus Marcellinus* (xxvi, 7, cd. Gronov.) uses 'usurpator' in a sense somewhat like the modern 'usurper,' when he says 'usurpator indebitae potestatis.'

USURY. [INTEREST.]

UT, in Music, the name given by the French to the *c* of the diatonic scale, called *Do* by the Italians and English.

UTICA, a city of Zeugitana, in Africa, near the mouth of the river Bagradas. It was one of the oldest Tyrian colonies on the coast of Africa. In the Second Punic War it stood a siege by Scipio. At the beginning of the Third Punic War it surrendered to the Romans; and when the Roman province of Africa was formed out of the conquered territory of Carthage, the seat of proconsular government was fixed at Utica. It was the scene of several great events during the civil wars of Rome, and it became especially famous as the death-place of the younger Cato. [CATO.] It was made a colony by Augustus, and ranked as the second city of Africa after Carthage. Utica was built on the sea-coast, but by the alteration of the coast its site has been left some distance inland. Its ruins are seen at Bew-Shater. (Shaw's *Travels*, p. 79, 4to. edition.)

UTRECHT, one of the ten provinces of the kingdom of the Netherlands, situated between 51° 55' and 52° 20' N. lat., and 4° 40' and 5° 30' E. long. It is bounded on the north by Holland and the Zuiderzee; on the east by Gelderland; on the south by Gelderland and Holland;

and on the west by Holland. Its area is 510 square miles; and the population, according to the latest return, 147,681. In the northern and western parts, and on the banks of the Leek, the surface is level and low; and only towards the south-east, between Utrecht and Amersfoort, there are some low hills, which slightly vary the monotonous appearance of the country. The soil in the low parts is rich and fertile; in the more elevated tracts sandy, with here and there some low thickets, extensive heaths, and peat-moors. It is watered by the Rhine and its branches, and by several canals. The climate is not so damp as that of the province of Holland: the air is pure and healthy, and there is good fresh-water. The usual productions are the common domestic animals, poultry, fish, bees, corn, pulse, garden-fruit, culinary vegetables, flax, hemp, and tobacco. The manufactures are chiefly in the towns of Utrecht and Amersfoort, the Moravian settlement at Zeist: these are principally woollen, cotton, silk, linen; there are also breweries and distilleries. The exports are corn, cattle, swine, butter, cheese, some manufactured goods, bricks, and tiles.

UTRECHT, the capital of the province, is situated in 52° 7' N. lat., 5° 6' E. long., in a pleasant country, at the bifurcation of the branch of the Rhine called the Old Rhine, and the Vecht. The Rhine divides the city into two parts, and there are likewise two canals with thirty-six drawbridges. The position of the city is healthy, and free from the inconvenience of damp, so common in Holland, it being situated on a dry and rather elevated soil, with a descent towards the river. The approaches to the city are very beautiful, especially that from Amsterdam, which consists of a broad avenue, bordered with rows of trees. The appearance of the city itself is antique, many of the houses being in the Gothic style. It was formerly strongly fortified, but the ramparts have been converted into public walks. There is a beautiful walk called the *Malietown* (or Mall), above half a mile in length, planted with eight rows of lime-trees. It is one of the finest in Europe, and Louis XIV. expressly commanded it to be spared, when his army destroyed everything else. The cathedral, a considerable part of which is in ruins, is worthy of notice on account of the tower, 388 feet high, from the summit of which there is a most extensive prospect, embracing 20 large and 30 small towns. There are besides 7 Dutch Calvinist churches, 1 Lutheran, 1 Anglican, 1 French Calvinist, 1 Moravian, and 3 Roman Catholic churches. The town-house is a handsome modern building. The university, founded in 1634, enjoys considerable reputation, though it is not so celebrated as that of Leyden: it has five faculties, and is amply provided with all the necessary appendages, a botanic garden, observatory, &c. This is the head-quarters of the Jansenists, who have here an archbishop and chapter. The city has many charitable institutions, a society of arts and sciences, a society of painters, and a Bible Society. The population is about 45,000: the inhabitants manufacture woollen-cloths, silk, lace, needles, and have some sugar-houses and bleaching grounds.

(Hassel, *Handbuch*, vol. ix.; Stain, *Leipzig*; Murray, *Handbook for Travellers in Holland*; and Brockhaus, *Conversations Lexicon*.)

UTRECHT, A. VAN. [VAN UTRECHT, A.]

UTRECHT, TREATIES OF. [TREATY, p. 174.]

UTRICULARIA, a genus of plants belonging to the natural order Lentibulariæ. This name is derived from *utriculus*, 'a little bladder,' in reference to the structure of the appendage of the root. The genus is known by the calyx having two equal leaves, a perianth spurred corolla, a two-lipped stigma, a globose capsule of one cell, and several seeds fixed to a central receptacle. There are only three species of this genus described, and they are all inhabitants of Great Britain. The metamorphosed leaves attached to the roots of all the species are furnished with little bladders, which, when the plant is growing at the bottom of a ditch or pond, are filled with water. But as it is necessary that the plant should flower and ripen its seeds at the surface of the water, these little bladders, at certain seasons of the year, become filled with air instead of water, and the plant is borne by its buoyancy to the surface of the water. When the ripening of the seed is perfected, and it is necessary for the planting of the seed that it should be carried to the bottom of the water, the air in the bladder is replaced by water, and the whole plant sinks to the bottom of the water again.

U. vulgaris, Greater Bladderwort, or Common Hooded Milfoil, has a conical spur, with the upper lip as long as the entire palate; the leaves finely divided. Not unfrequent in ditches and deep pools. It flowers in June and July.

U. intermedia, Intermediate Bladderwort, has the upper lip twice as long as the palate, and the leaves tripartite. It is a much less frequent plant than the preceding. It may be mistaken for the last species, but its flowers are smaller, of a pale yellow, and have a longer lip: the stems also are more leafy.

U. minor, Lesser Bladderwort, has a spur extremely short, obtuse, and keeled, with an upper lip as long as the palate, and the leaves subtripartite. It is a smaller plant than the last. The flowers are a very pale yellow, and small.

These plants are not susceptible of cultivation. They are more numerous in hot than in temperate climates, forming an elegant ornament in the pools and streams wherein they grow. The flowers soon perish, and are so very delicate, that they cannot be dried for the herbarium.

UTRICULUS, in Botany, a form of fruit. It is characterized by being one-celled, one or few seeded, superior, membranous, and frequently dehiscent by a transverse incision. It differs from the pyxidium in having originally a simple structure, and does not proceed from an ovarium with obliterated dissepiments. The utricle is seen in the fruits of the *Amaranthus* and *Cheopodium*. This form of fruit is called a cystidium by Link.

UTTOXETER. [STATYDINIA.]

UVA'RIA, a genus of plants of the natural family of Anonaceæ, so named from *uva*, 'grape,' its fruit growing in bunches like grapes. This genus is nearly allied to *Unonæ*. The carpels are numerous, fleshy; many seeded; many seeded, with the seeds disposed in a double row. *U. zeylanica* is a rambling shrub, a native of Ceylon, with scarlet, staminate flowers, and eatable fruit. Several of the species are ornamental, and others have berries of a sweetish taste, which may be eaten. The species form trees or shrubs. Natives chiefly of India and the Indian islands, with a few in Africa. Several of those formerly placed in this genus are now considered to belong to *Unonæ*.

UVIGERINA. [FORAMINIFERA, vol. x., p. 348.]

UVULA is the small cylindrical body which hangs at the middle of the posterior margin of the soft palate. It is covered by a continuation of the mucous membrane of the palate, and contains in its interior some minute glands, like those of the palate and the root of the tongue, and a muscle named *aryæus uvulæ*, which passes from the posterior spine of the hard palate to the end of the uvula, and has the power of elevating and shortening it. These, with a loose and fine connecting fibro-cellular tissue, make up the whole substance of the uvula.

The only purpose which the uvula is known to serve is that of filling up the gap which remains between the arches of the palate even when they are most approximated. It is subject to no peculiar diseases, but almost always participates in the inflammation of a sore throat. That which is called a relaxed sore throat consists chiefly in an enlargement, with oedema of the uvula. In this state it is long enough to come into frequent contact with the root of the tongue, so as to produce a sensation as if there were something to be swallowed, or a sense of choking when it reaches to the epiglottis. The best treatment for this annoyance is the application of stimulants and astringents in gargles, such as are used in chronic cynanche. [CYNANCHE.] If these fail, the uvula should be cut off; an operation neither painful nor dangerous. The uvula should be seized with a double hook, and cut off close to the palate with a pair of curved blunt-pointed scissors.

The excision of the uvula has been employed for the cure of stammering, and has often produced a temporary improvement of the speech; but no lasting benefit follows the operation, and its only advantage seems to be that it is less painful and dangerous than the other equally useless proceedings which have been adopted for the same purpose.

UVULARIA, a small genus of the natural family of Melanthaceæ, so named from the diminutive of *uva*, a bunch of grapes. The perianth is cori-ice, composed of six leaflets, each with a nectariferous depression at the base. Stamens 6, anthers opening outwards. Ovary three-lobed, with many seeds in two rows. Style simple. Sig-

ma three, revolute. Capsules three-celled, three-valved, valves bearing the partitions in the middle. Seeds with a fleshy umbilicus. Embryo small, cylindrical within the fleshy albumen. This is usually accounted a North American genus, with some doubtful species in China and Japan. So those found by Dr. Wallich in the Himalayas, and referred by him to this genus, were considered by the late Mr. Don to belong to *Diosporium*; but the characters of both genera require more minute examination. The species of both genera are very similar in habit; all are easily cultivated, but have little beauty to recommend

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UZ. [GERMANY, p. 196.]

UZEL. [CÔTES DU NORD.

UZERCHIE. [CONRAD.]

UZÈS, a town in France, capital of an *arrondissement*, in the department of Gard, about 430 miles south-south-east of Paris, through Auxerre, Lyon, Valence, and Le Pont St. Esprit. It was evidently a town in the time of the Romans, from the remains which have been discovered; and the name 'Uctia', not mentioned by any ancient geographer or historian (unless it be the same as the *Castrum Uctiense* in the *Notitia Provinciarum Galliae*), but found in an inscription dug up at Nîmes, probably belonged to it. It was the seat of a bishopric, suppressed

at the Revolution; but the townsmen embraced in the sixteenth century the cause of the Reformation. They were obliged to submit to the royal forces in 1629, when the ramparts of the town were razed and its privileges taken away.

It stands on an eminence not far from the little river Seine, which flows into the Gardon. It is ill built and ill built. The principal object of attention is the ex-episcopal palace, with its handsome terrace and park. The population of the commune, in 1826, was 5622; in 1831, 6042 (of whom 5479 were in the town itself); and in 1836, 5048. Hosiery, coarse woollens, and silk goods, paper and cardboard, are manufactured. The bread is very light, and is remarkable for its whiteness. Trade is carried on in silks, brandy, wine, oil, and grain. There are three fairs in the year. Uzes has a subordinate court of justice, one or two fiscal government offices, a communal school, and an agricultural society. The theologian Abazist was a native of Uzes.

The arrondissement of Uzès has an area of 573 square miles: it comprehends 98 communes, and is subdivided into 8 cantons or districts, each under a justice of the peace. The population, in 1831, was 83,752; in 1836, 85,701.

(Dictionnaire Géographique Universel; Vaysse de Villiers, *Itinéraire Descriptif de la France*; D'Anville, *Notice de l'Ancienne Gaule*.)

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V.

V, as pronounced by the English, is the pressed or medial labial aspirate, bearing the same relation to *f* that *b* does to *p*. Its form is only a variety of the character by which the vowel *u* is denoted, the latter being in its origin the cursive character employed with soft materials, while *v* is better adapted for writing on stone. The Roman letter *v* was probably pronounced as *u* or *r*, a supposition which would explain the fact that in the alphabet of that language one character is employed for both *u* and *r*. The converse of this appears in the German alphabet, where *w* has nearly the power of *v*, while the latter symbol is used to designate the sound of the English *f*, as is the case also in Welsh.

v is interchangeable with *b* and *m*: see these letters. It is also interchangeable with *f*, and hence the confusion between the characters, as just observed. The changes with *x*, *g*, *du*, will be considered under the letter W.

V. VAALS. [Lombard.]

VACARIUS, a civilian, who taught the Roman law at Oxford in the reign of Stephen, about the middle of the twelfth century. Of the personal history of Vacarius little is known. In the anonymous Norman Chronicle, which mentions him, and briefly notices a work written by him, he is described as 'gente Longobardus, vir honestus et jurisperitus, qui leges Romanas anno ab incarnatione Domini 1149 in Angliâ discipulis doceret.' Being a Lombard by birth, it is highly probable that he was brought up at the University of Bologna, which at that time was in high reputation, and it is possible, as far as dates are concerned, that he may have studied in the school of Irnerius. Selden has fallen into an error respecting Vacarius, which has been adopted from him by Heineccius, Duck, Montfaucon, and many other eminent writers. He calls him Rogerius Vacarius, and supposes him and Rogerius, abbot of Bec in Normandy, and also Rogerius Beneventanus, a well-known glossator, to be one and the same individual. (Selden, *Diss. ad Fletum*, cap. vii., sec. 3-7.) It has been clearly proved by recent German writers that Selden has in this respect confounded three separate persons, and that the mistake originated in the false punctuation of a passage in the anonymous Norman Chronicle, cited by Selden, in which both Vacarius and Rogerius, abbot of Bec, are mentioned. (Wenck, *Magister Vacarius Primus Juris Romani in Angliâ Professor*, p. 3; Savigny, *Geschichte des Römischen Rechts im Mittelalter*, vol. iv., p. 348.) The time and occasion of Vacarius's appearance in England are related by Gervase of Dover, who is supposed by Selden to have written his Chronicle at the beginning of the thirteenth century. Theobald, archbishop of Canterbury, relying upon the aid and advice of Thomas à Becket, who had himself studied the Roman law at Bologna, appealed to Pope Celestin II. against the king's brother, Henry, bishop of Winchester, who was legate to the apostolical see, contending that, as archbishop of Canterbury, he was *legatus natus*, and entitled of right to the legatine authority. This appeal occasioned great litigation. 'Oriantur hinc inde, says Gervase of Dover, 'discordiarum graves, lites et appellaciones antea inaudite. Tunc leges et causidici in Angliam primo vocati sunt, quorum primus erat Magister Vacarius. Ille in Oxoniæ fordâ legem docuit,' &c. (Twyden, *Hist. Angl. Scriptores*, vol. ii., p. 1663.) As Celestin II. died in September, 1143, within six months after his election to the papacy, and as Pope Eugenius III. disposed of the subject of the above appeal in 1146 in favour of Archbishop Theobald, the period of the introduction of Vacarius and the Roman laws and lawyers into England, as noticed by Gervase of Dover, must have been between the years 1143 and 1146. In the Chronicle of Robertus de Monte (of which the above-cited Norman Chronicle appears clearly to be merely an imperfect abstract) it is expressly stated that Vacarius continued to teach the Roman law in England in 1149, and that 'many, both rich and poor, resorted to him for instruction.' The same authority goes on to say that, 'at the suggestion of the poorer students, Vacarius composed nine books from the Code and Digests, which, for any person perfectly acquainted with them, were

sufficient to decide all disputed points of law which usually came to be discussed in the schools.' (Savigny, *Geschichte*, &c.) This latter expression no doubt refers to the controversies on supposed propositions of law, which we know prevailed as juridical exercises in the universities during the middle ages, and which were probably derived immediately from the scholastic disputations, though the general notion of them might possibly have been handed down by tradition from the schools of rhetoricians at Rome. The only other mention of Vacarius to be found in the meagre histories of those times is by John of Salisbury, in the book entitled 'Polycratum, sive de Nugis Curialium,' which is supposed to have been written about the year 1159. This writer, after inveighing against kings who assumed to command the church and interfere with ecclesiastical matters, says, 'I have seen some who have thrown the books of law into the fire, and have not scrupled to cut the laws (*juris*) and canons to pieces if they felt into their hands.' In the time of King Stephen the Roman laws, which the house of the venerable Father Theobald, primate of Britain, had brought into England, were ordered out of the realm. Every man was forbidden by a royal edict to retain the books of that law, and our Vacarius was enjoined to silence. Nevertheless, by the help of God, the virtue of that law more prevailed in proportion as impiety sought to weaken it.' (*Polycrat.*, lib. viii., c. 22.)

A notice of Vacarius is chiefly important as connected with the introduction of the Roman law into England at this early period, and the great attention which it seems to have attracted. From the passages above cited from contemporary writers, it is clear that a foreign professor taught the civil law at Oxford in the reign of Stephen,—that his teaching was attended by great numbers of rich and poor students,—that for the use of the latter he composed a work consisting of an abstract of the Code and Digest,—that the effect of his teaching was sufficiently important to call for its suppression by a royal edict,—and that, notwithstanding that edict, the study of the Roman law continued to flourish exceedingly. With the slender information we possess respecting the history of this period, it is not easy to ascertain with precision either the motives which induced this zealous and persevering attention to a foreign system of jurisprudence, or the practical uses to which the knowledge of it was applied. No doubt the judges, delegates, advocates, and procurators in the episcopal consistories must have been civilians; but the number of those who for this purpose required an acquaintance with the Roman law could not have been sufficiently great to have constituted so large and flourishing a school as that of Vacarius at Oxford. The fact may perhaps be ascribed to a more general cause. We know that the extraordinary impulse which had then recently been given to the study of the Roman law at Bologna had been communicated to the Continental universities of Europe, and that in all of them the juridical disputations in the schools were pursued by great numbers without any practical object, though with a degree of interest, and even enthusiasm, which it is difficult for us to understand at the present day, but which may in great measure be accounted for by the paucity of other objects of polite learning in those ages. This feeling was probably imported into England, and operated in the same manner at Oxford as in foreign universities. That the civil law was not used as an authority in the English common law courts is evident from the records of the Curia Regis which are in existence from the time of Stephen, and which demonstrate that the law of the land was the ancient customary law. Nevertheless the extent to which the Roman law was studied and understood, and the manner in which it was employed by writers in illustrating the common law and supplying its deficiencies, are exemplified in the treatise of Glanville, and still more remarkably in those of Bracton and Fleta. And indeed Vacarius himself, who wrote in England and for English pupils, seems, in an obscure passage of his work, to indicate the mode in which these writers subsequently made use of the Roman law:

'Quid prohibet pauca veluti in colleum aliquem, eis maximo, qui legibus istis non utuntur, cumulare, ut infra septa iustitiae quasi ex loco eminenti conspiciendo, discant sine magno labore accedere ad optata.' (Wenck's *Magister Iurarius*, p. 87.)

Several copies of Vacarius's work are still extant in manuscript. The cathedral library at Prague contains a copy which Savigny says he has seen, and of which Professor Wenck gives an account. Another copy is in the town library at Bruges; a third is in the library at Königsberg; and a fourth is the property of Professor Wenck at Leipzig, and is particularly described in his work respecting Vacarius. The book probably exists in other collections, and one would expect to find it at Oxford; but as yet no other copies have been discovered. The original title appears to have been as follows:—'*Liber ex universo emendato iure exceptus, et pauperibus presentim destinatus.*' The whole work consists of nine books, as stated in the *Chronicles*. These books correspond as to their general subjects with the first nine books of the Code, but the subdivisions are different, some of the titles being taken from the *Digest* or from other books of the Code. The words of the Code and the *Digest* are retained as the substance or text of these titles, and a copious gloss accompanies it, composed partly of passages taken from other sources of Roman law and partly of the explanations and illustrations of the author. The work has little value at the present day, except as the only remaining trace of an English school of Roman law at the early period at which it was written. It is described by Savigny in his history; and Professor Wenck has published a very copious abstract of it in his '*Magister Vacarius.*'

VACCINACEÆ, a natural order of plants belonging to Lindley's polycarpous group of Monopetalous Exogens. The species of this order are shrubby plants, with round irregularly angled stems and branches; simple, entire, alternate, coriaceous leaves, with a solitary or racemose inflorescence. The calyx is superior and entire, or with 4, 5, or 6 lobes, sometimes deciduous. The corolla is monopetalous, and its lobes correspond to those of the calyx and are alternate with them. The stamens are free and are generally double the number of the lobes of the calyx, and are inserted into an epigynous disk; the anthers are terminal, 2-celled, bursting by pores, and furnished with two horns. The ovary is inferior, surmounted by the epigynous disk, 4 or 5 celled, with one or many seeds in each cell; the style and stigma are both simple. The seeds are very small, with a straight embryo in the midst of a fleshy albumen; the cotyledons are very short, and the radicle is long. This order is made by many botanists a section of Ericaceæ. It was separated by De Candolle,

and he is followed by Lindley and others. It differs from Ericaceæ in possessing an inferior ovary and a succulent fruit. It was placed by Richard in Escalloniaceæ, but it differs from this order in being monopetalous, and its anthers bursting by pores.

The plants of this order are not common in Europe, but they are abundant in North America, extending to very high northern latitudes, and are not uncommon on high land in the Sandwich Islands.

The properties of this order closely resemble those of Ericaceæ. The bark and leaves of many of the species possess astringent properties, and are slightly tonic and stimulating. The fruit of many of the species possesses acid and saccharine properties, and are used as articles of diet under the names of Cranberry (*CANBERRY*), Bilberry, and Whortleberry. [*VACCINIUM*.] Many of the species are elegant garden shrubs, as those belonging to the genus *Gaylussacia*. The species of this genus are evergreen or deciduous shrubs, with scattered coriaceous leaves, each terminated by a mucrone or gland. The flowers are composed of a 5-cleft calyx and tubular corolla, ventricose at the base and of a scarlet colour, and five arranged in axillary racemes. There are also twenty species belonging to the genus; they are all of them natives of South America, chiefly in Brazil and Peru. This genus was named after Gay-Lussac, a celebrated French chemist and physician, and a member of the Academy of Sciences. In cultivating the species they require a soil of peat and sand. They may be propagated by cuttings, which will root freely under a hand-glass with a moderate heat. *Thibaudia*, named after M. Thiebaud de Bernesud, secretary of the Linnean Society of Paris, is a Peruvian genus, yielding a number of elegant shrubs. They have evergreen, coriaceous, quite entire, and nerved leaves, with drooping bracteate flowers arranged in lateral corymbose racemes. The flowers of one of the species, *Thibaudia Quereira*, have a very sweet scent, which is easily communicable to water or spirit, and may be made use of as a perfume or stimulant. In cultivation they require the same treatment as the species of Gay-Lussacia. The *Pyrolaceæ* are allied to this order. [*WINTER-GREEN*.]

VACCINATION. [*JENNER*; *SMALL POX*.]

VACCINIUM, a genus of plants, the type of the natural order Vaccinaceæ. This genus consists of shrubby plants with alternate membranous leaves, often beset with resinous dots, and are either permanent or deciduous. The flowers are seated on pedicels, and are either solitary or arranged in simple racemes, generally drooping, without any odour, and tinted with various shades of red or pink. The calyx is 4-5-toothed; the corolla urceolate or campanulate, more or less deeply 4-5-cleft, with the limb reflexed; the stamens are 8 or 10, not attached to the corolla, with 2-horned anthers dehiscing at the summits, and sometimes furnished at the back with two spreading spurs or bristles; the style is longer than the stamens and the stigma obtuse; the fruit is a berry, globose, depressed at the top, 4 or 5-celled, many seeded, of a black purple, bluish, or red colour, generally eatable, though not always pleasant or wholesome in an uncooked state. The genus consists of about 50 species, which are known by the common names of Bilberries, Whortleberries, Bleaberries, &c.

V. Myrtillus, the Common Bilberry or Bleberry, has solitary pedicels, 1-flowered, the leaves are serrated, ovate, smooth, the stem is acutely angular, and the calyx hardly divided. It is a small shrub about a foot high, and is a native of heaths, stony moors, and mountain-woods throughout Europe. It is abundant in Great Britain, especially in the north, and in hilly districts of the south. The blossoms of this plant are elegant as well as its fruit. It flowers in May, and its berries are ripe in the autumn. In the north of England and Scotland the berries are gathered and used for making tart; in Devonshire and in Poland they are eaten with clotted cream. Children are very fond of them, and they make a wholesome diet. They may be eaten with milk or preserves, and made into tarts. Goats are fond of the leaves, but sheep, horses, and cows refuse them. Moor-game feed upon the berries. The fruit is both acid and astringent, and in the north it is a popular remedy in diarrhoea, dysentery, &c. In the Highlands they are made into a jelly, which is commonly mixed with whiskey to form toddy. It is supposed to be used to cover the smoky flavour of whiskey. The juice of the berries is used for staining paper and linen purple.



1. Branch with fruit; 2. stamen showing filament and two-horned anthers; 3. cross-section of the ovary; 4. cross-section of fruit; 5. seed with embryo.

F. uliginosum, Great Bilberry, or Bog Whortleberry, has 1-flowered peduncles, with obovate, entire, veined, and deciduous leaves, with rounded stems. Like the last it is a small shrub, and attains a height of two feet. It is a native of Great Britain, and is found in mountainous bogs in Cumberland and Westmoreland, but is more frequent in the Highlands of Scotland, being found nearly on the summits of the highest mountains. Its berries are very similar to those of the common whortleberry, but their flavour is not so agreeable. It is a native of Iceland, and the inhabitants gather its leaves, with those of *Lycopodium alpinum*, in order to procure a yellow dye for colouring woollens. The fruit is also said to have narcotic properties, and is added to beer for the purpose of making it heady. When taken in large quantities both Linnæus and Withering state that it produces giddiness and headache, especially if the fruit is quite ripe. Withering also states that the berries are used by the vintners in France for the purpose of colouring their wines red.

F. vulgaris, Red Whortleberry, or Cowberry, has terminal racemes of drooping, campanulate flowers, with evergreen obovate leaves, dotted beneath, and their margins slightly revolute, and nearly entire. It is a low straggling shrub, with leaves resembling those of the Box, and pale flesh-coloured flowers. It is a native of dry places on heaths, mountains, and in woods, throughout Europe. It is plentiful in the north of England, Westmoreland, Derbyshire, and Wales. This plant is the badge of the clan Macleod. The berries have a red colour, and possess acid and astringent properties. They are hardly eatable raw, but they are made into pies in Derbyshire, and eaten by the common people. They make an excellent jelly, which for eating with venison is said to be much preferable to currant-jelly. It is also used as a demulcent medicine in colds, sore throats, and irritation of the mouth or fauces. Linnæus says that large quantities are sent from West Bothnia to Stockholm, where they are sold for the purpose of pickling. This species, according to Pursh, is an inhabitant of North America from Canada to New England; but the American is a much larger and stronger plant than the European. A dwarf variety is cultivated in gardens under the name of *F. baccifolium*, and has been found native on the Campsie and Arran hills in Scotland.

F. marianum, the Green-wooded American Whortleberry, has the flowers arranged in racemes and covered with down; bracts as long as the flowers; the anthers bi-auriculate, twice as long as the corolla; elliptical, acute, entire glaucous leaves, rather downy beneath. This plant has a trunk two feet high, giving out numerous green branches, which are downy while young. The flowers are white, with ten stamens, and are succeeded by greenish or white berries, which are called dewberries. It is a native of North America from New England to Florida. A variety is found in Mexico. It is a pretty garden shrub, and often cultivated.

F. corymbosum, the Naked Flowering Whortleberry, has its flowering branches almost leafless; the racemes are corymbose, drooping, and furnished with membranous bracts, which are shorter than the flower-stalks; the leaves are elliptical, acute, minutely serrated, smooth, with downy ribs. This plant is one of the largest of the species, attaining a height of seven or eight feet. It is a native of swamps and wet woods in North America from Canada to Carolina and Georgia. Its fruit is insipid. Two or three varieties have been recognised by Aiton and other botanists.

F. frondosum, the Blunt-leaved Whortleberry, or Blue Tangles, has its flowers arranged in loose racemes; the bracts are obovate, not half as long as the pedicels, which bear two smaller bracts; the leaves are obovate-oblong, obtuse, entire, smooth. A native of America from New Jersey to Carolina, in open woods. It is a shrub about three feet high, and bears small white globular flowers, with large blue globular berries, which are eatable.

F. arctostaphylos, Oriental Bearberry, or Bear-grape Whortleberry, has its flowers in lateral racemes, with all the bracts at the base of the pedicel; the leaves are acute, elliptical, minutely serrated, and hairy beneath; the stamens are as long as the corolla, with hairy filaments; the calyx is slightly 5-lobed. This shrub attains a height of five or six feet, and is a native of the coast of the Black Sea, where it was originally gathered by Tournefort, who was of opinion that it was the *ἀπὸ τὴν ἀφῶν*, or Bear-grape of Galen.

F. pauciflorum, the Madeira Whortleberry, or Bird-cherry-leaved Bear-grape, has its flowers arranged in lateral racemes; the bracts all at the base of the pedicels; the leaves ovate-lanceolate, acute, serrated, smooth on both surfaces, except the midrib; the stamens are nearly as long as the bell-shaped corolla, with smooth filaments; and the calyx 5-lobed. This shrub attains a height of from six to ten feet, and is found on the loftiest parts of the island of Madeira, where it forms impenetrable thickets. Pallas describes the berries as black, juicy, eatable, and gratefully acid.

The species of *Vaccinium* may be propagated by seeds, offset root-suckers, creeping roots, and trailing stems. When the seeds are employed, they should be gathered in the autumn, as soon as the fruit is ripe, and sown in a shady border. When removed, a portion of the earth in which they have grown should be taken with them. When propagated from offsets, &c., they may be at once planted out in the situations where they are intended to remain, and should be placed in soils adapted to their habits. Most of them prefer peat soil or a sandy loam. They differ much in requiring moist or dry situations. Many of the species are admitted into gardens for ornament, and sometimes they are grown for the sake of their fruit. Some of the species require cultivation in the stove and greenhouse; they will strike readily by cuttings under a bell-glass.

(Don's Miller; *Cyclopædia of Plants*; Hooker's *Brit. Flora*.)

VACUUM, or VOID, the name given in physics to the idea of space wholly free of matter, or perfectly empty. In the common phrase, space is called empty when, so far as air can fill space, it is full of air; and even in a more scientific form of speech, there is said to be a vacuum when there is only such an approach to a vacuum as the operations of philosophy can procure. Thus in the vacuum of the air-pump, however long the attempt at exhaustion may be continued, there is always air left, though in a highly attenuated state; and even in the mercurial vacuum, or in the space which is left over the mercury of the barometer, there is not unimportantly a slight portion of air, and always an atmosphere of the vapour of mercury. Physically speaking, it is perhaps impossible to procure a vacuum: it is most likely that, even if a real vacuum could be procured for an instant, air or other vapour would at once begin to be disseminated from the sides of the vessel in which the vacuum was made and that the vacuum would thus instantly cease to exist.

But the question of the existence of vacuum, in its strict and absolute sense, and as to whether such a thing were possible or not, was a subject of controversy from before Aristotle to after Newton. It was meant, like other questions of physics, to receive its solution from the exercise of the intellect employing itself upon the apparent properties of material bodies. Aristotle and others denied the actual existence of a vacuum, from a want of exact knowledge of the laws of motion. In a vacuum, says Aristotle (*Physic.* l. iv., c. 8), there would be no reason why motion should be to one part rather than another. He apparently attributes all motion to the pressure of adjacent matter, not only its commencement, but in its continuance. A modern philosopher would say that, even if the creation of a vacuum destroyed the cause of gravitation, still a body falling downwards into a vacuum would move through it with the velocity which it had at its entrance. Democritus, Epicurus, and others, assert the existence of a vacuum; and most of the different sects among the Greeks seem to admit the possibility of such a thing, though some of them deny its actual existence.

Descartes denied the very possibility of a vacuum, and upon such grounds as will make most persons feel that if Newton had not come, it would have been better to have kept to Aristotle. There is in his writings an absolute and palpable confusion between *space* and *matter*, to the extent of an assertion that the destruction of all the matter in a certain space would be the destruction of the space itself. He places the essence of matter in the occupation of space, and thence infers by a wrong conversion that there cannot be space without substance (by which he means matter). As follows:—*Vacuum autem philosophico more sumitur, hoc est, in quo nulla plane sit substantia, dari non posse manifestum est ex eo quod extensio spatii vel loci externi, non differt ab extensione corporis. Nam cum ex eo solo quod corpus sit extensum, recte concludimus illud esse substantiam; quia omnino repugnat ut nihil sit aliqua extensio; idem etiam de spatio quod vacuum sup-*

ponitur, est concludendum: quod nempe cum in eo sit extensio, necessario etiam in eo sit substantia.' (*Principia Philosophiæ*, part ii., § 16.) 'So that,' he proceeds (§ 18), 'if God were to destroy all the matter (ærupus) in a certain vessel, and to permit no other to come into the place of it (locum ablati), the sides of the vessel would be contiguous; for when nothing (nihil) comes between two bodies, they must touch each other.' Matter and space are both things; but Descartes falls into the extraordinary confusion of ideas which is implied in first adopting the common sense of the word nothing, as when we say a vacuum is full of nothing, and then arguing from the strict meaning of the word 'nothing,' and denying that 'nothing' can have extension. It is not true, properly speaking, that there is 'nothing' in a vacuum, for the very notion of a vacuum is space void of matter.

The idea of Descartes on the essence of matter was carried by his followers to the full extent of using matter as a synonyme for extension. Le Grand says that a vessel filled with gold has not more matter than one filled with water. There is more weight, he says, more hardness, &c., but not the reforme more matter; for the essence of matter is not in weight, nor in hardness, &c., but in extension. And he objects to the usage that 'Nature abhors a vacuum,' because he considers such an assertion merely to amount to saying that Nature abhors a contradiction in terms. Newton (*Principia*, book iii., prop. 6. cor. 4.) expresses his opinion of the vacuum question in this way:—'If all the solid particles of bodies are of the same density, so that rarefaction cannot take place without the creation of pores, there must be a vacuum.' Since matter is of different density in different substances, and since the same substance may be compressed into smaller space or expanded into larger, it must either be that the solid particles are contracted or expanded, or that vacuum pores exist. This alternative does not do much. A person trained in the sciences as they now exist, thinks the idea of solid matter (that is, entirely solid, without any vacuum) being compressed into more solid matter, to be most incongruous and improbable; but impressions derived from habits are not arguments. The strong part of the Newtonian argument arises however from the results of the planetary theory. These celestial bodies have moved, during two thousand years of recorded observations, with exactly the same mean motions as at present, which they could not have done if they had moved in a medium of any sensible resistance. If then the celestial spaces be full of matter, it is matter of such a degree of tenuity that two thousand years is not enough to make it show any visible effect in altering the planetary motions. But again, though this argument has, almost up to the present time, induced astronomers to suspect an absolute vacuum, yet very recently the feather has shown a resistance which was not manifest against the guinea. A Comet has been strongly suspected—all but proved—to be undergoing precisely the same sort of changes in its mean motion which it is known would result from a resisting medium. The undulatory theory of light, moreover, which is now pretty generally received, supposes the whole of the celestial spaces to be filled with the luminiferous æther. The astronomical argument, therefore, in favour of absolute vacuum has fallen; but the views of the constitution of matter which have grown with the rise of the molecular sciences of chemistry, light, heat, electricity, &c., have supplied its place with much more effect. We cannot enter into the various probabilities in favour of the molecular theory, which supposes matter to be atomic, the atoms being perhaps separated by distances which are many times their own diameters. If any one were to assert that the densest substance has in it many millions of times more of vacuity than of solid matter, the assertion could not be disproved, nor even shown to be improbable. 'There are difficulties,' said Dr. Johnson, 'about a plenum, and there are difficulties about a vacuum, but one of them must be true'; that is, either all space is full of matter, or there are parts of space which have no matter. The alternative is undeniable, and the inference to which the modern philosophy would give the greatest probability is, that all space is full of matter in the common sense of the word, but really occupied by particles of matter with vacuous interstices; showing all degrees of density, from that of the æther of light, which is wholly unappreciable, to that of hammered platinum, which is twenty-two times as heavy as water.

Probably the manner in which the reader is most familiar with the use of our leading word is in connexion with what he may have seen written on the maxim which we have already quoted—'Nature abhors a vacuum'; a doctrine which, though common among the followers of Aristotle, must not, any more than many others, be therefore taken as emanating from that philosopher himself. This is usually cited as a proof of the puerility of the ancient and middle philosophy—we think, somewhat unjustly. The personification of Nature is common to all times, and we are in the habit of saying that Nature exhibits phenomena, conceals her operations, uses the simplest means, &c. Now Nature may as well abhor, as exhibit, conceal, or employ; and where intelligence is understood, all who use the word Nature mean the God of Nature: while when the mere operations are referred to, Nature is only the personification of the collective body of second causes. As the statement of a fact, it is true: Nature does, to the best of our knowledge, abhor a vacuum; she (if we may personify her) never suffers it to exist to the extent of allowing any space which is perceptible to our senses to be vacuum. But if the adage were meant to supply a reason for the fact, those who used it were deceiving themselves, but not so that the most of those who would laugh at them would have any reason in their mirth. It is the error of every period to use words expressive of a fact observed in the sense of assignment of a reason for that fact; and the centuries which have always been ready with their fables to stand for the causes of heat, electricity, magnetism, &c., should not be too hard upon the preceding ages, which put the feelings of nature in the place which they rather prefer to occupy by hypothetical gases. The very word ATTRACTION, in the sense generally assigned to it, is precisely of the same nature as the natural abhorrence of the Aristotelians: namely, a word invented to supply the place of a cause. Those who can use the former word in a really philosophical sense are precisely those who can see that some of the ancients may have done the same with the latter.

VADDER, LOUIS DE, a celebrated Flemish landscape painter, born at Brussels in 1500. He excelled in representing the misty atmosphere of his country, especially sunrise scenes: his foliage also was managed with great skill and truth, and he was very successful in representing reflections in water, which he painted with remarkable transparency. He etched some spirited plates after his own designs. He died in Brussels in 1623. Vadder was the master of Lucas Aertschelling, who was also a clever landscape painter. (Houbraken; Descamps.)

VAGA, PERINO DEL, or Pierino Buonaccorsi, a celebrated Italian painter, was born at Florence in 1500. He lost his parents when very young, and was brought up in extreme poverty, but he found a useful protector in the painter Andrea del Cero, who took him into his house and gave him employment. He worked afterwards for Ridolfo Ghirlandajo, and finally with a Florentine painter of the name of Vaga, who took him to Rome and recommended him to the notice of Giulio Romano and Penni, whom he acquired his name of Perino del Vaga. Giulio Romano spoke favourably of Perino's ability to Raphael, who appointed him to assist Giovanni da Udine in the arabesques and stucco-work of the loggie of the Vatican. He assisted also Polidoro da Caravaggio in his chiaroscuro, and exhibited so much ability that he became a great favourite with Raphael, who intrusted him with the execution of some of his designs in fresco, and they are amongst the best painted in this loggie. Perino painted the Taking of Jericho, the Passage of the Jordan, the Offering of Abraham, Jacob and the Angel, Joseph and his Brethren, and many others. Del Vaga, with the exception of Giulio Romano and Penni, surpassed all the assistants of Raphael. He was a great draughtsman and executed with rapidity. Vasari considered him the best designer among the Florentines after Michel Angelo, and the most able of the scholars of Raphael. His design resembles more that of Michel Angelo than that of Raphael, but he coloured much in the style of Raphael. He painted many works in Rome: the best is generally considered the Creation of Eve in the church of San Marcello. There are numerous works by him also in various cities of Italy, in Tivoli, in Florence, in Lucca, in Pisa, and in Genoa, where he painted his greatest works, and held the same position that Giulio Romano held at Mantua; they were respect-

ively the founders of the schools of Genoa and of Mantua. Del Vaga left Rome at the sack of that place in 1527, when he lost all his property, and repaired to Genoa, where Prince Doria took him immediately into his service, and employed him to superintend the decoration of his new palace. The great works executed by Vaga in this palace were amongst the finest paintings in Italy, but most of them are now destroyed. The subjects were chiefly from Roman history and the Heathen mythology. On the ceiling of the great hall he painted in oil the Shipwreck of Æneas and his comrades, but it has since been whitewashed. On the ceiling of a neighbouring apartment he painted in fresco Jupiter destroying the Giants; a work, which alone, says Soprani, is sufficient to immortalize its author, and to render the palace valuable.

Vaga returned to Rome after staying some years at Genoa, and was much employed by Pope Paul III., who granted him a pension for life of twenty-five ducats per month. Shortly before his death his reputation was so great in Rome that nearly all the great works in painting were executed under his direction or from his designs, and he was so much occupied that he made only the cartoons of his works, the painting of them being intrusted to his scholars and assistants, who were very numerous. By incessant application, combined with temperate habits, he hastened his death; he died in 1547, in his forty-seventh year, and was buried in the Rotonda, where Raphael and other great painters were buried.

His principal scholars were Lurio Romano, Marcello Venusti, Girolamo da Sernoneta, and the Spaniard Luis de Vargas. Caraglio, Bonasone, Holkar, and others have engraved after his works.

(Vasari, *Vite de' Pittori*, &c.; Soprani, *Vite de' Pittori*, &c.)

VAGABOND. [VAGRANT.]

VAGINULUS. [LIMAX, vol. xiii., pp. 485, 486.]

VAGINULINA, a genus of FORAMINIFERA, to which belongs the *Nautilus legumen*, Linn.

VAGRANT. This term, which in its etymological meaning simply denotes 'a wandering person,' is obviously derived from the Latin *vago*. It was probably introduced into our law language from the Norman French; the phrase '*vagrans de lieu en lieu curraunt per pais*' occurring in our early statutes in the sense in which the word 'vagrant' is used in common language at the present day. (Stat. 7 Ric. II., c. 5.) The persons to whom it is applied in ancient documents are usually eluded with '*soutours*' (a word of doubtful origin, but meaning an idle liver or slothful person: Cowell's *Interpreter*; Kelham's *Dictionary*), 'traveling-men,' and 'vagabonds.' The latter expression, 'vagabundus,' was known throughout Europe in connection with feudal law, and is interpreted to mean 'crebro vagans, cui nec certum domicilium, nec constans habitatio est.' (Calvin's *Lexic. Jurid.*) It was used in this sense in English law as early as the reign of Henry II. (Cowell's *Interpreter*.) Modern laws have however given to the word 'vagrant' a much more extended meaning, in the application of which the notion of wandering is entirely lost.

In the course of the transition made by the lower classes of society from the condition of feudal vassals to that of free labourers, vagrancy and mendicancy necessarily ensued from the unsettled state of the poor; and in most countries where feuds had prevailed, severe laws were made to repress the evils which sprung from this source. In England various statutes and ordinances passed from time to time to obviate the inconveniences arising from wandering mendicancy. The earliest of these was a statute of ordinance, made in the 23rd year of Edward III. (1349), commonly called the Statute of Labourers, which, after reciting that 'many sturdy beggars (validi mendicantes) were enabled by the gains of begging to live, and to devote themselves to pleasures and sins, and sometimes to thefts and other crimes, forbade all persons, on pain of imprisonment, to give anything under colour of piety or charity to such as were able to labour.' In 1368 there is a petition of the Commons complaining of wandering artificers and servants becoming beggars in order to support an idle life, and praying that it might be forbidden under a penalty for any one to give alms or sustenance to any such idle beggar; and that they should be apprehended and put in the stocks or sent to gaol until they found surety for their return to their own country.

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(*Rolls of Parliament*, vol. i., p. 340.) The answer to this petition does not appear; but a few years afterwards a statute was passed making it (almost in the language of the petition) penal for artificers, servants in husbandry, and others, without a special licence, to quit the town, hundred, or wapentake in which they lived, to live and work in another town, hundred, or wapentake; and persons found vagrant (*vagrans*) without such licence might be placed in the stocks and imprisoned by the local authorities, until they found security for their return to the place to which they properly belonged. (Stat. 12 Ric. II., c. 3.) It was also enacted that 'those who were able to work and went begging should be dealt with as persons travelling without a licence, and that beggars unable to work, dwelling in cities or towns, should remain in such cities or towns; that if such cities and towns were unable to support them, they should be taken to other places within the same hundred or wapentake, or to the place of their birth, and there remain during their lives.' (Stat. 12 Ric. II., c. 7.) And it was probably upon the principle declared by these laws, that in the fifteenth century it was held to be lawful for any person to arrest and send to gaol a man 'found wandering (*vagrans*) in such manner that it is unknown how he gets his living.' (*Year Book*, 9 Edw. IV., 27.) A statute which was passed in 1494 declared that all 'vagabonds, idle and suspected persons, should be set in the stocks three days and three nights, and have none other sustenance but bread and water, and then should be put out of the town; and that whosoever should give such idle persons more should forfeit 12 pence; and that every beggar not able to work should resort to the hundred where he last dwelt, was best known, or was born, and there remain, upon the pain aforesaid.' (Stat. 11 Hen. VII., c. 2.) This vagrant enactment was followed by the more definite provisions of the Stat. 19 Hen. VII., c. 12, which declared that impotent beggars should go to and abide in the city, town, or hundred where they were born, or else the place where they had made their last abode for three years; and this rule of settlement was adopted in the statutes subsequently passed against vagrancy in the reigns of Henry VIII., Edward VI., Mary, and Elizabeth. (Nolan's *Poor Law*, chap. xv.) By Stat. 22 Hen. VIII., c. 12, the justices of the peace in every county were empowered to grant licences under seal to 'poor, aged, and impotent persons,' to beg within a certain precinct; and persons begging without licence or out of their precincts were to be whipped or set in the stocks for three days and three nights, with bread and water only. This provision applied to impotent vagrants. On the other hand it was provided that if any person, 'being whole and mighty in body,' and able to labour, should be found begging or vagrant, he should be taken before a magistrate, who might direct him to be whipped out of the place at the end of a cart 'till his body was bloody,' and should then be sworn to return to the place where he was born, or last dwelt by the space of three years, and there to put himself to labour as a true man ought to do. He was to be provided with a certificate of his punishment, stating the place to which he was going and the time allotted for his journey; and during that time he might beg by the way. Another law passed against beggars and vagabonds was the 27 Hen. VIII., c. 25, which, though severe in its terms against such persons, approached more nearly to just principles than previous enactments on the same subject, inasmuch as it provided a legal mode of supporting the poor, and thus took away the common apology for vagrancy. This law directed the governors of shires, cities, towns, hamlets, and parishes, to find and keep every aged, poor, and impotent person, by way of voluntary and charitable alms, with such convenient alms, that none of them should be compelled to go openly in begging; children under fourteen years of age and above five, taken begging, were to be put to work: 'a valiant beggar or sturdy vagabond' was to be, for the first offence, whipped and sent to his place of settlement; and if he continued his roguish life, to have the upper part of the girdle of his right ear cut off; and if after that he was taken wandering in idleness, or did not apply to his labour, or was not in service with any master, he was to be indicted and tried as a felon, and if found guilty, to suffer death.

Notwithstanding the above laws, vagrancy appears to have greatly increased at the commencement of the reign of Edward VI., of which effect the abolition of monasteries

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was one main cause. Previously to the Reformation churches were bound by law to contribute a portion of their income to the living and sustenance of the poor (Stat. 15 Ric. II., c. 6), and the gates of the religious houses were thronged by beggars, who daily received a donation of food, and sometimes of money. This practice contributed no doubt to increase the number of idle beggars, who, upon the withdrawal of their accustomed means of support by the dissolution of the monasteries, became vagrants. To remove the pressure of the evil thus occasioned, an enactment of unexampled severity was devised. The Stat. 1 & 2 Edw. VI., c. 3, after reciting that 'the multitude of people given to vagabondrie and idleness had always been within this realm very great, and more in number than in other regions,' and that the laws of preceding reigns had been found ineffectual, repealed all statutes previously made for the punishment of vagabonds and sturdy beggars. It then enacted that all able-bodied persons, without property sufficient for their support, who should, 'either like serving men wanting masters, or like beggars, or after any other such sort, be lurking in any house, or loitering or idle-wandering by the highway's side, or who in towns should not apply themselves to any service or art, and should so continue for three days without offering to labour for meat and drink (if no man otherwise will take them); or who, having been taken to service, should leave their work or run away, should be taken to be vagabonds; and that it should be lawful for any person having offered or given work to any such idle person, and for any other person spying the same, to bring such idle person before two justices, who should immediately cause him to be marked with a hot iron on the breast with the letter V, and adjudge him to such punishment to be his slave; to have and to hold the said slave unto him, his executors, or assigns, for the space of two years then next following, and to order the said slave as followeth (that is to say), to take such slave with him, and only giving him bread and water, or small drink and such refuse of meat as he shall think meet, cause him to work by beating, chaining, or otherwise in such work and labour (how vile soever it be) as he shall put him unto.' The statute also provides that, an action of trespass may be maintained for a runaway slave, and that the runaway himself shall, upon his apprehension, be adjudged by two justices to be his master's slave for ever. If he ran away a second time, the slave became a felon, and might be tried and executed as such. This singular enactment further declared that a master might 'let, set forth, sell, bequeath or give' the service and labour of such slaves, upon such condition and for such term of years as he might do with any other of his moveable goods or chattels. 'Some thought,' says Burnet, 'this law against vagabonds was too severe, and contrary to that common liberty of which the English nation has always been very sensible. Yet it could not be denied but extreme diseases required extreme remedies; and perhaps there is no punishment too severe for persons that are in health, and yet prefer a loitering course of life to an honest employment.' (*History of the Reformation*, vol. ii., p. 45.)

The consequence of the absurd severity of this law was that its provisions were not carried into execution; and being found wholly ineffectual, it was repealed by the statute 3 and 4 Edw. VI., c. 16, which also repealed all former laws upon the same subject excepting the 22 Hen. VIII., c. 12. Another statute of the same reign (3 and 4 Edw. VI., c. 2) slightly modified the preceding laws; but the regulation of vagrants and mendicants stood in effect upon the footing of the three last-mentioned statutes until the latter part of the reign of Elizabeth.

About the beginning of the reign of Elizabeth, a description of persons called *rogues* first appear in the general class of vagrants. The derivation of this word is variously given by etymologists. Horne Tooke derives it from a Saxon word signifying 'cloaked,' or covered. (*Dissertations of Purley*, vol. u., p. 227.) Webster takes it from another Saxon word, and Dr. Johnson admits its derivation to be uncertain. Lambard says 'the word is but a late guest in our law; for the ancient statutes call such a one a valiant, strong, or sturdy beggar, or vagabond, and it seemeth to be fetched from the Latin "rogator," an asker or beggar.' (*Erasmarcho*, book iv., chap. 4.) Dalton also says 'a rogue may be so called quia ostium rogat.' (*Country Justice*, chap. 83.) It is believed that the word

does not occur in the English language before the middle of the sixteenth century; and if so, it is probably one of those numerous cant words by which, at that period, vagrants, in countervailing Egyptians or gypsies, began to designate different classes of their own 'ungracious rabble,' and of which Harrison enumerates twenty-three degrees. (*Harrison's Description of England*, prefixed to Hollishead's *Chronicles*.)

In the course of the reign of Elizabeth the evils of vagrancy increased to an alarming extent; and although the accounts given by historians of the multitude of vagabonds in England are founded upon rude estimates, and are probably somewhat exaggerated, there is undoubted evidence that the numbers and attitude of these persons at that period constituted an evil of dangerous magnitude. Styrpe relates that in 1569 circular letters were issued by the privy council to the sheriffs of the different counties, directing them to search for and apprehend 'all vagabonds and sturdy beggars, commonly called rogues or Egyptians;' and he says that on the search through the nation 13,000 'masterless men' were taken up. (*Styrpe's Annals*, vol. i., part 2, pp. 265, 290, 554.) Harrison, who wrote towards the end of Elizabeth's reign, states that the number of vagrants in England in his time amounted to above 10,000 (*Description of England*); and Styrpe publishes a paper, written, in 1596, by a justice of the peace of Somersetshire, which affirms that there were 300 or 400 wandering idle people in every county, who met at fairs and markets for purposes of theft and rapine, and who sometimes assembled in troops to the number of 60, and completely overawed the magistrates and constables by their audacious threats. (*Styrpe's Annals*, vol. iv., p. 405.) The recorder of London, in a letter to Lord Burleigh, written in 1581 (*Ellis's Letters*, vol. ii., p. 283), gives a remarkable account of the prevalence of vagrants in the metropolis at that period. He says, that being informed that the queen, 'in taking of his air in her coach at Islington, had been environed with rogues,' he went abroad himself and took seventy-four rogues, 'whereof some were blind, and yet great usurers and very rich.' A day or two afterwards he says that, in consequence of warrants issued by him, he received 'a shoal of forty rogues, men and women, from Southwark, Lambeth, and Newington,' and after bestowing them in Bridewell, he 'perused' St. Paul's, and took about twenty 'clerked rogues that there used to keep standing.' Notwithstanding this zeal and activity, vagrants still increased in the metropolis, both in numbers and in audacity; and the efforts of the ordinary magistrates having failed to prevent the frequent and dangerous disorders and tumults occasioned by offenders of this description, they were, in 1593, placed under martial law. The instrument appointing a provost-marshal for this purpose authorises that officer 'to repair with a convenient company to all common highways near to the city of London, where he should understand that any vagrant persons did haunt; and calling to his assistance some convenient number of justices and constables, to apprehend all such vagrant and suspected persons, and deliver them to the said justices, to be by them committed unto examination of the causes of their wandering.' It then directs him that 'if such persons should be found notoriously culpable in the unlawful manner of life, as incorrigible, and should be so certified to him by the justices, he should by law-martial cause some of them to be executed upon the gallows or gibbet.' (*Rymer's Foedera*, vol. xvi., p. 279.)

The means of suppressing or diminishing vagrancy and mendicancy were constant subjects of discussion in the parliaments of Elizabeth. With this view, extraordinary means of relief were devised. Voluntary subscriptions of sums of money, varying in amount according to the rank and supposed ability of the contributors, were made in both Houses to relieve 'the great number of poor people pressing in the streets to beg.' (*D'Ewes's Journals*, pp. 462, 463, 490, 503.) Orders were also made that those who preferred private bills in the House of Commons should pay 10*l.* or 5*l.*, according to the subjects of their bills, to the relief of the poor, to be distributed as the House should appoint. (*D'Ewes's Journals*, p. 663.) Several statutes were also passed, at one time increasing the punishment for vagrancy, and then repealing it, without any settled principle of legislation. In some of these statutes, however, the notion of a parochial fund for the relief of the poor, and the principle of taxing the parishioners for that purpose, are dis-

tinety recognised. (Stat. 5 Eliz., c. 3; 14 Eliz., c. 5; and 18 Eliz., c. 3.) At length, in 1597, after experience had shown that temporary expedients and ill-directed charity only increased the amount of vagrancy, and that severe punishments and penalties were wholly ineffectual in preventing it, the House of Commons appointed a committee to whom most of the existing laws relating to the condition of the poor, as well as certain bills for their amendment, were referred. (D'Ewe's *Journal*, p. 561.) This committee, of which Sir Francis Bacon was member, and which was composed of all the practical men of the House, seems to have perceived and to a certain extent acted upon the principle that, in order to justify severity against vagrancy and mendicity, it was necessary to provide the means of relieving that destitution which was the ready and plausible excuse for both. They therefore prepared the stat. 39 Eliz., c. 3, which for the first time organized that machinery for the legal relief of the poor, which was a few years afterwards completed and made perpetual by the stat. 43 Eliz., c. 2. The same committee also recommended measures for encouraging the building of 'hospitals, or alms and working houses' for the poor, and for improving and reforming such as were already in existence, but had been misapplied or abused. And at the same time they introduced a more rational enactment for the correction and suppression of fraudulent vagrancy than had previously existed. (Stat. 39 Eliz., c. 4.) 'Any statutes,' says Sir Edward Coke (2 *Inst.*, 728), 'have been made for the punishment of rogues, vagabonds, and sturdy beggars, but very few to find them work and to enforce them thereunto.' The statute 39 Eliz., c. 4, supplied this deficiency by providing houses of correction, with stocks and materials for the employment of the inmates, and by enforcing the use of the means thus placed in the hands of the poor by severe penalties against the idle. The provisions of this statute, with some alterations made by the stat. 1 Jac. I., c. 25, continued in force during the whole of the 17th century; and, when repealed by the stat. 12 Ann., stat. 2, c. 23, still served as the model and foundation for future acts. It declared that the following persons should be deemed rogues, vagabonds, and sturdy beggars:—1, persons calling themselves scholars going about begging; 2, sea-faring men, pretending losses of their ships or goods, going about begging; 3, idle persons going about the country, either begging or using any subtle craft or unlawful games or plays, or feigning themselves to have knowledge in physiognomy, palmistry, or telling fortunes; 4, persons that were or uttered themselves to be procurers or collectors for goods or hospitals; 5, fencees, bear-wards, common players of interludes and minstrels wandering abroad, other than players of interludes belonging to any baron of the realm, or any other honourable personage of greater degree [THEATRE]; 6, jugglers, tinkers, pedlars and petty chapmen, wandering abroad; 7, wandering persons and common labourers, able in body, using loitering, and refusing to work for reasonable wages, and having no other means of maintenance; 8, persons delivered out of gaol who begged for their fees, or otherwise travelled begging; 9, persons who wandered abroad begging, pretending losses by fire or otherwise; 10, persons, not being felons (i.e., by a late statute, 5 Eliz., c. 20), wandering and pretending themselves to be Egyptians. A person who committed any of the above offences might, by the appointment of any justice, constable, headborough, or tything-man (the headborough or tything-man being assisted therein by the advice of the minister and another of the parish), be openly whipped till he was bloody, and then sent from parish to parish till he came to the parish where he was born: if that was unknown, to the parish where he last lived for a year; and if that again was unknown, to the parish where he last passed without punishment. He was provided with a testimonial of his punishment, and of the place whither he was to go, stating the time limited for that purpose; and if he was found loitering by the way, he might again be whipped. If any rogue appeared to be dangerous to the inferior sort of people, or not likely to be reformed (an expression which seems to have led to the phrase 'incurable rogues'), two justices might commit him to gaol till the next quarter-sessions, and then he might by the justices there be either banished out of the realm, or adjudged perpetually to the galleys of the realm; and any banished rogue returning without leave became a felon.

The several judicious measures which were enacted at this period for the relief and employment of the deserving poor, and the punishment of idle and profligate beggars and vagrants, effectually checked for a time the evil, which had only increased in magnitude under the previous inefficient and inconsistent laws. Sir Edward Coke, whose testimony as a contemporary is valuable, says, that 'upon the making of the statute of 39 Elizabeth, and a good space after, whilst justices of peace and other officers were diligent and industrious, there was not a rogue to be seen in any part of England; but when justices and other officers became *tepidi* or *trepidati*, rogues, &c. swarmed again.' (2 *Inst.*, 729.) This disposition on the part of magistrates to neglect or relax the laws relating to vagrants is noticed in a proclamation made soon after the accession of James I., in September, 1603, which, after reciting the stat. 39 Eliz., c. 4, and that great benefit had at first ensued from its due execution, but that, by the remissness, negligence, and connivance of justices, vagrants again swarmed and abounded everywhere more frequently than in times past, calls upon all justices of peace, mayors, and other officers whatsoever, to see that the said 'profitable and necessary law' should be carefully, duly, and exactly executed. (Rymer's *Fœd.*, vol. xvi., p. 654.) The continued unwillingness of magistrates to enforce the statute of Elizabeth, notwithstanding the above proclamation, occasioned the passing of the stat. 7 Jac. I., c. 5, which compelled the justices of every county under heavy penalties to erect proper houses of correction for setting rogues, vagabonds, and other idle and wandering persons to work, and also required them to meet twice a year or oftener, if occasion required, for the better execution of the law. The justices were also directed to cause a general privy search to be made before each of their meetings for finding out and apprehending vagrants, who were then to be brought before them for punishment; and all constables and tything-men were required to make a return on oath to the justices of the number of vagrants apprehended by them. By this statute it was also enacted that persons running away and leaving their families upon the parish should 'be deemed and taken to be incurable rogues, and endure the pain of incurable rogues.' This phrase was therefore at that time become familiar, though it does not occur in any earlier statute. In all probability however it denoted the class of persons mentioned in the stat. 39 Eliz., c. 4, who are there called 'dangerous rogues, or rogues not likely to be reformed,' and who were liable to be committed to gaol until the sessions, and then banished.

The laws relating to vagrants continued substantially upon the footing of the statutes of 39 Eliz. and 7 Jac. I. for more than a century, until, in 1744, they were reconsidered and remodelled by the stat. 17 Geo. II., c. 5. This was the first legislative measure which distributed vagrants into the three classes of idle and disorderly persons, rogues and vagabonds, and incurable rogues. Although this statute is now wholly repealed, it continued in force nearly a century; and as its provisions, as well as those of two supplemental statutes on the same subject, are material with respect to the general history of the laws respecting vagrants, it may be desirable briefly to state them. It may be remarked that the several offences comprised in these classes still bore the character of wandering, in conformity with the object of all previous enactments upon this subject.

By the stat. 17 Geo. II., c. 5, and the supplemental statutes passed previously to the new Vagrant Act, 5 Geo. IV., c. 83, idle and disorderly persons were defined to be—1, those who threatened to run away and leave their families upon the parish; 2, those who returned to a parish from which they had been removed as paupers; 3, those who refused to work for usual wages; 4, those who neglected work or spent their earnings improperly, so that their families became chargeable to the parish (stat. 32 Geo. III., c. 45, s. 8). And all such persons might be summarily convicted by a magistrate, and committed to hard labour in the house of correction for a month.

Rogues and vagabonds were defined to be—1, those who went about as gatherers of alms under pretences of loss by fire or other casualty, or as collectors for prisons or hospitals; 2, fencees and bear-wards; 3, common players of interludes, and all actors for hire not authorized by law [THEATRE]; 4, minstrels and jugglers; 5, those who pretended to be gipsies, or to have skill in physiognomy,

palimistry, or like crafty science, or to tell fortunes, or who used any subtle craft to deceive people, or played at unlawful games; 6, those who ran away and left their families chargeable to the parish; 7, petty chapmen and pedlars wandering abroad without licence; 8, those who wandered abroad and lodged in alehouses, barns, outhouses, or in the open air, not giving a good account of themselves; 9, those who wandered abroad and begged, pretending to be soldiers or sailors, or pretending to go to work in harvest; 10, all wandering beggars; 11, those who should be apprehended having upon them any picklock key, crow, jack, bit, or other implement with intent to break into houses, &c.; or any pistol, hanger, cutlass, bludgeon, or other offensive weapon, with intent feloniously to assault any person; 12, those who should be found in any dwelling-house, warehouse, coach-house, stable, or outhouse, or any inclosed yard or garden, or area belonging to any house, with intent to steal. The two classes last enumerated were added by the stat. 23 Geo. III., c. 48.

Incorrigible rogues were defined by the stat. 17 Geo. II., c. 5, to be—1, end-gatherers offending against the stat. 13 Geo. I., c. 23, for the regulation of the woollen manufacture; 2, those who being apprehended as rogues and vagabonds escape from those who apprehend them, or refuse to go before a magistrate, or to be examined on oath, or to be conveyed by a pass, and those who knowingly give a false account of themselves; 3, those who escape from the house of correction before the expiration of their term of imprisonment as rogues and vagabonds; 4, those who after punishment as rogues and vagabonds again commit offences in the same class.

Rogues and vagabonds and incorrigible rogues were, by the stat. 17 Geo. II., c. 5, to be committed by magistrates to the house of correction until the next quarter-sessions, when the justices were empowered to order rogues and vagabonds to be further confined in the house of correction for any time not exceeding six months; and incorrigible rogues for any time not less than six months, nor more than two years, and to be whipped.

The statute 17 Geo. II., c. 5, was by no means well-considered or a well-expressed law. It has been justly said that 'in the long catalogue of actions which it holds up, many are of a dubious nature, and nice legal acumen would often be required to distinguish whether a person had incurred any and what penalty under the statute.' (*Eden's State of the Poor*, vol. I., p. 306.) The courts too complained of the inaccuracy of its expression and the consequent difficulty of understanding its meaning. (*Rex v. Rhodes, 4 Term Reports, 222*) Repeated attempts were made in parliament to modify and improve its provisions. A committee of the House of Commons, appointed in 1775 to review and consider the Poor Laws and the laws relating to vagrants, resolved 'that the stat. 17 Geo. II., c. 17, should be explained and amended in such a manner as to enforce the execution thereof, and prevent the practice of begging in the streets and highways, pernicious in its consequences and highly disagreeable to this country.' Nevertheless this statute continued in force until the year 1822, when a temporary act, stat. 3 Geo. IV., c. 40, passed, repealing all former laws and re-enacting most of the provisions of the stat. 17 Geo. II., c. 5, with many additions and modifications. The provisions of the stat. 3 Geo. IV., c. 40, were however entirely superseded by the stat. 5 Geo. IV., c. 83, which now (1843) constitutes the law respecting vagrants. By the third section of this statute the following persons are declared to be idle and disorderly persons, and may be committed by a single magistrate to hard labour in the house of correction for any time not exceeding one month:—1, every person able to maintain himself and his family, refusing or neglecting to do so, whereby he or his family become chargeable to the parish; 2, every person returning and becoming chargeable to a parish from which he has been legally removed by order of two justices without having a certificate of his settlement in some other parish from the officers of such parish; 3, petty chapmen or pedlars wandering abroad and trading without licence; 4, prostitutes wandering in the streets or highways, or in any place of public resort, and behaving riotously or indecently; 5, every person wandering abroad or placing himself in any public place to beg and gather alms, or procuring any child to do so.

The 4th section of the 5 Geo. IV., c. 83, declares the following persons to be rogues and vagabonds, and em-

powers a single magistrate to commit them to hard labour in the house of correction, for any time not exceeding three months:—1, Every person committing any offence which would constitute him an idle and disorderly person. 2, Every person pretending to tell fortunes, or using any device, by palimistry or otherwise, to deceive and impose upon the people. 3, Every person wandering abroad and lodging in any barn or outhouse, or in any deserted building, or in the open air, or under a tent, or in any cart or waggon, not having any visible means of subsistence, and not giving a good account of himself. 4, Every person wilfully exposing to view in any street, road, highway, or public place, any obscene print, picture, or other indecent exhibition. (By 1 and 2 Vict., c. 38, this provision is declared to extend to exposing such articles in a shop window.) 5, Every person wilfully and obscenely exposing his person in any street or highway, or in the view thereof, with intent to insult any female. 6, Every person wandering abroad and endeavouring by the exposure of wounds or deformities to gather alms. 7, Every person going about as a gatherer or collector of alms, or endeavouring to procure charitable contributions under a false pretence. 8, Every person running away and leaving his wife actually or probably chargeable to the parish. 9, Every person playing or betting in any street, highway, or public place with any table or instrument of gaming, at any game of chance. 10, Every person having in his possession any picklock-key, crow, jack, bit, or other implement, with intent feloniously to break into any house, &c., or being armed with any gun, pistol, hanger, cutlass, bludgeon, or other offensive weapon, or having upon him any instrument with intent to commit any felonious act. 11, Every person, being found in any dwelling-house, warehouse, coach-house, stable or outhouse, or in any inclosed yard, garden, or area for any unlawful purpose. 12, Every suspected person or reputed thief frequenting any river, canal, or navigable stream, dock, basin, or any quay, wharf, or warehouse near or adjoining thereto, or any street, highway, or avenue leading thereto, or any place of public resort, or any avenue leading thereto, or any street, highway, or place adjacent, with intent to commit felony. 13, Every person apprehended as an idle and disorderly person, and violently resisting any peace-officer so apprehending him, and being subsequently convicted of the offence for which he shall have been so apprehended.

The 5th section of the stat. 5 Geo. IV., c. 83, authorizes a single magistrate to commit incorrigible rogues to the house of correction until the next sessions, during which interval they are to be kept to hard labour. The 10th section of the act then authorizes the justices at sessions to continue the imprisonment of this class of offenders with hard labour for any time not exceeding a year, and to order whipping, if they deem it to be expedient. Incorrigible rogues are defined by the statute as follows:—1, Every person breaking or escaping out of any place of legal confinement before the expiration of the term for which he shall have been committed. 2, Every person committing any offence against the act which would subject him to be dealt with as a rogue and vagabond, having been at some former time adjudged so to be and convicted thereof. 3, Every person apprehended as a rogue and vagabond and violently resisting any peace-officer so apprehending him, and being subsequently convicted of the offence for which he shall have been so apprehended.

The statute, besides the definition of the facts and circumstances which are to constitute offences in the several classes above enumerated, contains various provisions for the prosecution of vagrants and the regulation and disposal of them. Thus it is enacted that any person may apprehend a vagrant and bring him before a magistrate. The persons as well as the carriages or luggage of the several descriptions of vagrants may be searched, and money or goods found upon them may on their conviction be applied towards the costs of apprehending them and maintaining them in prison. If proceedings at the sessions are contemplated, either by reason of an appeal against a summary conviction or the commitment of an incorrigible rogue, the committing magistrate may bind over witnesses to prosecute, and the justices at sessions may order the payment of costs to persons so bound. And an appeal is given to the next sessions to any person aggrieved by an act or determination of any magistrate out of sessions concerning the execution of the act.

Although the modern statute constitutes in many respects an improvement of the law, it is liable to some of the objections which were made to the 17 Geo. II. c. 5. and to others of a graver character. It is by no means exclusively a Vagrant Act, though popularly so called; but its provisions extend to various offences not necessarily connected with vagrancy, which the legislature has thought proper to place within the summary jurisdiction of justices of the peace.

Under the former statute, a single magistrate was only intrusted with the power of summary commitment for a month in the case of idle and disorderly persons, or to the next sessions in case of rogues and vagabonds and incorrigible rogues. Whereas, under the recent act, a single magistrate has the power of at once committing rogues and vagabonds to prison with hard labour for three months. If the offences to be punished had been precisely defined by the statute, this large extent of summary jurisdiction might have been less objectionable; but the language of the law is peculiarly loose and inaccurate. For instance, who are to be considered 'suspected persons,' or 'reputed thieves,' or what is to be taken for an 'unlawful purpose,' or 'frequenting a street,' in the true legal construction of this statute, so as to render the persons to whose acts these phrases are applied rogues and vagabonds? are often questions of doubt and difficulty to practical lawyers, and may reasonably occasion hesitation and difference of opinion even among those to whom the final interpretation of penal laws belongs. This latitude and vagueness of expression are peculiarly dangerous in a law which gives large judicial power to unprofessional persons, who are for the most part withdrawn from the control of public opinion in the exercise of it; where the subjects and objects of the law are nearly connected with local excitements and prepossessions, and where the parties who suffer from misdecision are commonly the poor and helpless, to whom an appeal is wholly inaccessible.

VAHIA, a genus of plants of the natural family of Apocynaceae, so named from *Vahl*, the name of one of the species, *V. gumifera*, in the island of Madagascar, where it is said to yield an excellent kind of caoutchouc. This species is thought by some to be the same plant as *Urceola elastica* [*UROSOLA*], but this is doubtful. One or two other species are found in Africa, which are said to yield edible fruit.

VAHL, MARTIN, a botanist, was born 10th of October, 1749, at Bergen in Norway. Having received his preliminary education at Bergen, he was entered a student of the university of Copenhagen in 1766, and resided in the house of the Rev. Hans Strom, a distinguished naturalist. It was here that he imbibed his taste for botany, and having lived at Copenhagen two years, he left for Upsal, in order that he might study under Linnæus. Here he became one of the most distinguished pupils of the great botanist, and remained at Upsal for five years. His intercourse however with his preceptor was suddenly interrupted by a domestic occurrence, for 'it was scarcely to be expected,' says Smith, 'that the dignified professor, then in the zenith of his prosperity and honours, could favourably regard the inclination of one of his daughters for a student who had his own fortune to seek; nor is anything recorded of this daughter which might have justified a romantic attachment or adventurous pursuit on the part of the young man.'

In 1779 Vahl was appointed lecturer at the Botanic Garden of Copenhagen, where, having remained three years, he was appointed by the king of Denmark to undertake a scientific tour, during which he visited Holland, France, Italy, Spain, Barbary, Switzerland, and England. In these various countries he made large collections of plants, and visited their principal museums. Whilst in England he was in constant intercourse with Sir J. Banks and Sir J. E. Smith, to whose herbaria and libraries he had constant access, and he availed himself extensively of this privilege.

On his return to Copenhagen in 1785, he was appointed professor of natural history in the university, and was intrusted with the continuation of the '*Flora Danica*,' already commenced by Eder. This work was completed in twenty-four fasciculi, seven of which were done previous to his having been undertaken by Vahl. He made several journeys to the coasts and mountains of Norway for the purpose of getting materials for this work,

which was completed in 1810. In 1790 he commenced a work entitled '*Symbolæ Botanicæ*.' It appeared in three folio fasciculi, each fasciculus containing twenty-five plates. The principal object of this work was to illustrate Ponskål's discoveries; but Vahl gave descriptions and drawings of many plants from his own collections. In 1796 he commenced the publication of his '*Eclogæ Americæ*,' which was a sequel to the '*Symbolæ*,' and consisted of three fasciculi containing in all thirty plates.

In 1799 and 1800 the government again paid his expenses in visiting Holland and Paris, for the purpose of examining botanical specimens, to enable him to bring out a great work which he had in contemplation on the whole vegetable kingdom. On returning to Copenhagen from this visit, he was appointed professor of botany in the university. He lived to complete only one volume of his great work entitled '*Enumeratio Plantarum*.' This was published in 1804: he died on the 24th of December of the same year. Since his death, five more volumes have been published. His extensive library, consisting of 3000 volumes of books, his herbarium, and manuscripts, were purchased by the king of Denmark for 3000 dollars (about 675*l.*), besides an annual pension of 400 dollars to his widow, and of 100 dollars to each of his six children.

Vahl also paid attention to zoology: he communicated remarks on the carnivora to Cuvier, and also some observations on insects to Fabricius, and assisted in the completion of the '*Zoologia Danica*,' a work that had not appeared at his death. He was a learned and zealous botanist, and his works will remain a monument of his accurate acquaintance with a large portion of the vegetable kingdom. *Vahlia*, a genus of Saxifragaceæ plants, was named in honour of him by Thunberg.

(*Biographie Universelle*; Sir J. E. Smith, in *Rees's Cyclopædia*.)

VAHLIA, a genus of plants of the natural order of Saxifragaceæ, so named in honour of Martin Vahl, a pupil of Linnæus, afterwards professor of botany at Copenhagen, and author of several botanical works, and one of the editors of the '*Flora Danica*.' Though the genus *Vahlia* belongs to a family of plants indigenous in cold and temperate climates, it is itself found only in hot parts of the world, as Egypt, Senegambia, the Cape of Good Hope, and the peninsula of India. The characters of the genus are—tube of calyx adherent to ovary, limb superior, 5-parted; petals 5, spreading and undivided; stamens 5, alternating with petals; styles 2; stigma capitate; capsule 1-celled, 2-valved at the apex, 5-furrowed, crowned by the lobes of the calyx; seeds convex on the outside. The species are small, usually hairy, subdichotomous. Leaves opposite, without stipules, linear or lanceolate; pedicels axillary, twin, single-flowered, with the flowers of a white colour.

VAILLANT, JEAN FOY, was born at Beauvais on the 24th of May, 1632. He lost his father at the age of three, and was educated by an uncle, who wished his nephew to study the law, in order that he might become his successor in some offices which he held. The uncle however, who left all his property to his nephew, died at a time when Vaillant was not yet old enough to become his successor; and being now in the possession of a considerable fortune, he followed his own inclinations, and devoted himself to the study of medicine, of which he was made doctor at the age of twenty-four. Vaillant's name has become celebrated, not for what he did in his profession, but for what he did for numismatics: he is one of the first men who showed the importance of ancient coins for history. The circumstances which led him to the pursuit of these studies is related as follows:—A farmer in the neighbourhood of Beauvais, while working in his fields, discovered a great quantity of ancient coins, and not knowing what to do with them, he took them to Vaillant, and consulted him about the use that could be made of the coins. Vaillant looked at them at first very cursorily, but on further thoughts his curiosity became excited, and he began examining them carefully. The discoveries which he made afforded him so much pleasure, that henceforth he devoted nearly all his time to the study of this branch of antiquity. Some years after this occurrence he had occasion to go to Paris, where he became acquainted with Pierre Seguin, who had a fine collection of ancient coins, and was very fond of the study. Vaillant visited him frequently, and made also the acquaintance of several other

eminent man, who soon perceived that he possessed extraordinary talent and more than an ordinary knowledge of antient medals, until at length he also attracted the attention of Colbert. This minister was then about removing the numismatic cabinet of Gaston de Bourbon to Versailles, and he wished to increase it. He therefore commissioned Vaillant to travel through Italy, Sicily, and Greece for the purpose of collecting antient medals for the king's cabinet. Vaillant spent two years on this journey, and collected a great quantity of beautiful and rare coins, which made the cabinet of Versailles one of the most splendid collections of medals in Europe. In the year 1674 Vaillant published his first work, on the coins of the Roman emperors, under the title 'Numismata Imperatorum Romanorum præstantiora, à Julio Cæsare ad Postumum et Tyrannum, of which a second and much improved edition appeared in 1692, 2 vols. 4to. The last and best edition is that of Babinus, Rome, 1743, 3 vols. 4to. In the same year in which Vaillant published his first work, he was sent out a second time by Colbert, in search after antient coins. He embarked at Marseille for Rome, but on the second day after leaving the port the French vessel was captured by an Algerine corsair, and all persons on board were taken to Algiers as slaves. Vaillant was kept in slavery for upwards of four months, until, after some energetic remonstrances on the part of the French government, he was restored to freedom. After having recovered a number of gold coins which the Algerines had taken from him, he embarked for Marseille. On the second day of the voyage the vessel was again pursued by a corsair, and when Vaillant saw that the danger became threatening, he resolved to secure at least his gold medals, and he swallowed them. However a sudden change of the wind delivered the vessel from the enemy, and after several adventures it was thrown among the sands at the mouth of the Rhône. Vaillant got on shore in a skiff, but suffered very much from the medals till he was relieved of them. Soon after his arrival he was sent out on a third expedition, during which he travelled through Egypt and several parts of Asia. His exertions were richly rewarded; he returned to Paris in 1680, and brought with him a very large collection of coins, which were again incorporated in the king's cabinet, the whole arrangement of which was now intrusted to him. Immediately after his return he was chiefly occupied with studying the coins and the history of the Seleucidae in Syria, and in 1681 he published the results of his labours in his 'Seleucidarum Imperium, seu Historia Regum Syriæ ad fidem Numismatum accommodata,' 1 vol. 4to. The remaining years of his life Vaillant spent at Paris, in the uninterrupted study of numismatics and the composition of his works. During this period he also paid a visit to England to see the most valuable collections of medals. In 1702, when Louis XIV. gave a new constitution to the Academy of Inscriptions, Vaillant was made a member, and soon after a pensionary of it. He died on the 23rd of October, 1706.

In estimating the merits of Vaillant, we must bear in mind that he cultivated numismatics at a time when the subject was yet in its infancy, and his labours, if estimated under these circumstances, are highly meritorious. Although most of his works have been superseded by the more recent investigations of Eckhel and Sestini, some are still of great value. Besides those mentioned above, the following works deserve notice:—1. 'Numismata ærea Imperatorum et Cæsarium in Colonia, Municipiis, et Urbibus jure Latio donatis, ex omni Modulo percussa,' Paris, 1688, 2 vols., fol.; 2. 'Numismata Imperatorum et Cæsarium à Populis Romanæ ditiosis Græcæ loque'ribus ex omni Modulo percussa,' Paris, 1694, 4to., a second and enlarged edition of this work appeared at Amsterdam, 1700, fol.; 3. 'Historia Ptolemæorum, Egypti Regum, ad fidem Numismatum accommodata,' Amsterdam, 1701, fol.; 4. 'Nummi Antiqui Familiarum Romanarum perpetuis Interpretationibus illustrati,' Amsterdam, 1703, 2 vols., fol. After his death there appeared—5. 'Aræcidarum imperium, seu Regum Parthorum Historia ad fidem Numismatum accommodata,' Paris, 1725, 4to.; and 6. 'Achæmenidarum Imperium, seu Regum Ponti, Bosphori, Thraciæ, et Bithyniæ Historia ad fidem Numismatum accommodata,' Paris, 1725, 4to. The 'Mémoires de l'Académie des Inscriptions et Belles Lettres' also contain several interesting papers by Vaillant.

(Niceron, *Mémoires des Hommes Illustres*, vol. iii.; Chausépé, *Dictionnaire Historique et Critique*.)

VAILLANT, JEAN FRANÇOIS FOY, a son of the celebrated numismatist, Jean Foy Vaillant, was born at Rome on the 17th of February, 1693, when his father was travelling for the purpose of collecting antient coins. At the age of three years he was brought to Beauvais, and at twelve he was sent to a college of the Jesuits at Paris. His father wished him to follow the medical profession, but at the same time made him familiar with numismatics, and usually took him with him to the royal cabinet of medals during the time that he was engaged in arranging them. Young Vaillant accompanied his father on his visit to England, and after his return to Paris he began seriously to apply himself to the study of medicine, of which he was made a doctor in 1691. His reputation as a numismatist however appears to have been much greater than that as a physician, and in 1702 he was made a member of the Academy of Inscriptions, to the *Mémoires* of which he contributed several papers on antiquarian and numismatic subjects, which raised great expectations, and show that he would perhaps have surpassed his father, had his life been spared longer. He died on the 17th of November, 1708, in consequence of a fall which produced an abscess in his head. The only medical work of Vaillant is a treatise on the virtues of combs.

(Niceron, *Mémoires des Hommes Illustres*, vol. xv.; Chausépé, *Dictionnaire Historique et Critique*.)

VAILLANT, SEBASTIAN, botanist, was born on the 29th of May, 1669, at Vigny, near Pontoise, being the eldest son of a shopkeeper in that town. At a very early age he acquired a taste for botany, and when only six years old had made a collection of the wild plants of the country, which he cultivated in his father's garden. But his father, fearing that his love of plants would be the ruin of him, directed his attention during his leisure hours to music; and so great was his progress on the organ, that, at the age of eleven, on his tutor dying, he was appointed organist in his place in the Benedictine convent of St. Maclou. He also was distinguished by his attention to his general studies at the grammar-school of Pontoise. He was afterwards appointed resident organist in a nunnery near his native town, and having a strong inclination for the study of medicine, he took every opportunity to visit the sick in a neighbouring public hospital. His progress in anatomical and medical reading having been great, he was appointed assistant-surgeon to the hospital. At the age of nineteen he left this position to pursue his medical studies at Evreux, in Normandy; and having been introduced to the Marquis de Goville, a captain of the royal fusiliers, he was appointed by him surgeon to his company, with the rank of lieutenant. In this position he was present at the battle of Fleurus, where his patron having been killed, he left the army and came to Paris in 1691. His intention was still further to pursue medicine, but in the course of his studies he attended the lectures of Tournefort, who was then at the height of his popularity as a botanical teacher. His long-forgotten passion for plants again broke forth, and he resolved to abandon himself entirely to the study of botany. The period was favourable for this determination; the genius of Tournefort had just shed a brilliant light on many of the obscure departments of botany, which served to show how much was yet to be done. Vaillant soon gained the friendship of Tournefort, and was afterwards introduced to M. Fagon, first physician to the king, and professor of botany and subdemonstrator of plants in the Jardin du Roi. Fagon made him his secretary, and appointed him, under himself, a director of the Jardin du Roi, and, in 1708, resigned in his favour his professorship and subdemonstratorship, situations which Tournefort was known to have been anxious to obtain. Soon after his appointment to these positions, many improvements were made in the gardens, and Vaillant was commissioned by the king to form a museum of materia medica. In 1716 he was elected a member of the Academy of Sciences, an honour which he had never sought, and which he at first refused to accept.

As a lecturer Vaillant was successful, and for many years he did little else than publish his views through the medium of his lectures. Although a pupil, an admirer, and a friend of Tournefort, he was opposed to many of his views, and especially the system on which he had arranged the vegetable kingdom; and in 1721 he read before the Academy of Sciences a criticism on the method of Tournefort, which was published in the *Mémoires* of the Academy for 1723. He did not however succeed in esta-

blishing any classification of his own; and it is not probable, even if he had lived to have carried out his own views on systematic botany, that he would have produced a system that could have supplanted the one which was the basis of the 'Institutiones Rei Herbariae,' and which laid the foundation for the labours of Adanson, the Jussieus, and De Candolle. The most successful portions of his criticisms directed against Tournefort were those with regard to the functions of the stamens and pistils, which Tournefort looked upon as only excretory organs, and held to be of very secondary importance in the structure of the flower. Vaillant published his views on this subject in a paper, entitled 'Sermo de Structura Florum, horum differentia usque partium eos constituentium,' &c., Leyden, 1718. It was also published at the same time in French. Between the years 1718 and 1722 he read several papers before the Academy of Sciences on the genera and species of the natural order Compositae, which were very valuable contributions towards the elucidation of the structure of that difficult order of plants. He did not publish remarks on the foreign species of other orders, but Sir J. E. Smith states that the remarks in his Herbarium, preserved at Paris, display astonishing instances of his profound knowledge and acute judgment with respect to the genera, species, and synonyms of plants.

Vaillant had evidently during his life been preparing for some great work, but before he had arranged his materials he was attacked with the symptoms of pulmonary consumption, which obliged him to abandon his design. There was one work however on which he had spent a great deal of time and labour, and which he was anxious to have published, and that was on the plants growing around Paris. Tournefort had, in his 'History of Plants which grow in the Neighbourhood of Paris,' attempted the same thing; but this was admitted to be the least successful of his efforts, and Vaillant obtained for his work the assistance of Aubriet, the first botanical draughtsman of the day, who had made upwards of 300 drawings: the description of all the species were very carefully made, with an accurate account of the synonyms, in which Tournefort's work was very deficient; and, in addition, he had also examined to some extent the cryptogamic plants. Finding that he could not publish this work before his death, he wrote to the celebrated Boerhaave, requesting that he would consent to publish it: a negotiation was carried on between the two by means of our countryman Dr. William Sherard (SHERARD), and ended in the consent of Boerhaave to publish the work. Vaillant, having been thus relieved of this last earthly anxiety, prepared composedly for his death, which took place on his birth-day, May 26, 1722.

The posthumous work, entitled 'Botanicon Parisiense,' was published at Leyden in 1727, forming a large folio with 33 plates, containing between 300 and 400 figures of plants. The figures are uncoloured, and the plants are arranged in an alphabetical manner. The definition of the species is in Latin; the rest of the text is in French.

Vaillant was a man of no ordinary talent and integrity. His botanical works display the accuracy and originality of his mind, and it is probable that had not his plans been too gigantic for his enfeebled constitution and the shortness of his life, he would have left behind him more abundant proofs of his genius. He began to tread in the path which was so successfully followed up by Linnæus; and his attempt at improving the nomenclature of botany is an indication of his perception of the necessity of that change which was effected by the subsequent efforts of Linnæus. He was also one of those who, before the time of Linnæus, distinctly taught and upheld the doctrine of the sexuality of plants. He has been sometimes censured for his attacks on Tournefort, but these were directed, not towards the man, for whom he entertained a profound regard, but towards what he deemed his errors. When his friend and patron Fagon was on his death-bed, Vaillant was unremitted in his attentions throughout a painful disease; and when pressed to receive a sinecure under government, enjoyed by Fagon as a reward for his attentions, he refused. He left a widow, but no offspring. The genus *Vaillantia* of De Candolle was named in honour of him.

(Bischoff, *Lehrbuch der Botanik*; Haller, *Bib. Bot.*; *Hist. Univ.*; Sir J. E. Smith, in *Rees's Cyclopædia*.)

VAILLANT, FRANÇOIS LE, was born in 1733, at Paramaribo, in Dutch Guiana, where his father, a rich merchant and native of Metz, was French consul. His

parents had a taste for collecting objects of natural history. They were also in the habit of making frequent excursions to the less settled parts of the colony, always carrying the boy along with them. Le Vaillant at an early age had thus not only contracted the tastes of his parents and the habits of the backwoodsman, but at the age of ten years had acquired considerable experience in collecting, and arranging after a system of his own, insects and birds.

In 1765 the family of Le Vaillant left Surinam to return to Europe. They landed at the Texel, and after spending some time in Holland proceeded to Metz. Here Le Vaillant found a fresh stimulus to his favourite pursuits in the ornithological cabinet of M. Bécour. In Surinam he had been accustomed to dry and preserve the skins of birds; he now set himself assiduously to acquire the art of preserving the form and attitude of life by stuffing them. A passionate hunter, he tells us that during a residence of two years in Germany and of seven in Alsatin and Lorraine, he killed an immense number of birds. But he had also a taste for observing their habits, and spent whole days and even nights in watching them. These pursuits were in him the indulgence of a passion. What plan of education his parents adopted, or whether they destined him for any profession, is unknown. The only hint preserved on this subject is an incidental observation in his Travels, that his father insisted upon his acquiring a number of languages. Dutch he spoke fluently—probably learnt in childhood; German and French, it is said, well, though his writings are alleged by critics to want the idiomatic precision of a native.

In 1777 he came to Paris, where the rich collections of birds and the writings and conversation of naturalists at first attracted and then repelled him. He felt and acknowledged the genius of those in whose hands observations such as he had made self-taught after the desultory fashion of an amateur had become a science. He was delighted with the varied wealth of collections from all quarters of the world which were opened to his inspection. But accustomed to pry into the habits and economy of the living bird, the mere cataloguing and classifying of skins and skeletons soon became repulsive to him; and the inaccuracies of mere closet speculators nourished a perhaps overweening estimate of his own more living knowledge. This feeling, his sportsman habits, the pleasant recollections of his boyhood in the forests of Guiana, all contributed to make him dwell with pleasure on the project of ransacking the yet unexplored regions of the earth in order to drag to public view their feathered inhabitants. With this object he quitted Paris, unknown to his friends, in July, 1780. He repaired to Amsterdam, where he formed an intimate acquaintance with Temminck; and after five months spent in preparations, embarked, in December, for the Cape of Good Hope, where he arrived in March, 1781.

Le Vaillant remained in the colony till July, 1784. War had just broken out between England and Holland; the vessels at the Cape were ordered to Saldanha Bay, to conceal them from English cruisers: Le Vaillant accompanied them. An English squadron discovered their place of refuge, and the captain of the one on board of which Le Vaillant's travelling equipage was embarked, blew it up to prevent its falling into the enemy's hands. Le Vaillant, thus stripped by an accident of all the property he carried with him, was hospitably treated by the colonists; the fiscal Boers advanced everything that was necessary to fit him out for the expeditions he contemplated, and the other government officers did all in their power to promote his enterprise. During the three years which he spent in the colony he made two principal excursions. In the first, which occupied him from the 18th of December, 1781, to the 2nd of April, 1782, he advanced westward, at no great distance from the coast, to the Great Fish river; ascended its most western branch to the frontier of the Gonaquins and Caffres (apparently near to where Beaufort now stands), and from thence made an excursion into the country of the Caffres. He returned by a more northerly route to Cape Town. His second excursion appears to have commenced in April, 1783, and lasted sixteen months: in this time he advanced northward beyond the Orange river—how far is uncertain, probably not so far as the map which Laborde constructed from his journals represents, but farther than his rival travellers admit. On his return to the Cape, Le Vaillant contemplated a voyage to Madagascar, but soon

relinquished the idea, and embarked for Europe, on the 14th of July, 1784. In 1785 he returned to Paris.

Le Vaillant's first care on returning to Europe was to arrange his cabinet and prepare his journals for publication. The narrative of his first expedition from the Cape was published in 1790. In 1789, and again in 1795, efforts were made to have his cabinet purchased by government, but a price could not be agreed upon. In 1796 the second part of his *Travels* appeared. The first volume of the 'Natural History of the Birds of Africa' was published the same year; it was followed at intervals by four others; the sixth appeared in 1812; and Le Vaillant at his death left two additional volumes in MS. The 'Natural History of Parrots', in 2 vols., was published 1801-5; 'The Natural History of Birds of Paradise', 1801-6; 'The Natural History of Cotingas', 1804; 'The Natural History of Calaos', 1804.

The veracity of Le Vaillant has been questioned by Barrow and Lichtenstein, but on very insufficient grounds,—the loose statements of colonists speaking from recollection after a lapse of twenty or thirty years, or the non-appearance of a particular fowls at the place where it was met by Le Vaillant after a similar interval. It may be conceded to Barrow that Le Vaillant was not an accurate geographer—he made no pretensions to the character. In his ornithological works he describes the appearance and habits of birds; in his travels he narrates his adventures while in pursuit of them. His accounts of birds are such as could only be supplied by one with whom it was a passion to follow them into their most secluded haunts and watch all their actions. The narrative of his travels throws light upon his character, and explains how he came to be capable of such persevering and minute observation. It is allowed by all who have had opportunities of observing, that he has described the character of the Hottentot with perfect fidelity. The narratives of Barrow, Campbell, Pringle, and events still in progress, show how truthfully he has delineated the robust recklessness of the Dutch colonists. Mistakes there are doubtless many, but the history of his travels is essentially a truthful book. It is a sincere faithful record of his impressions, of things in the light in which he viewed them; and the author delineates himself so unreservedly and so unconsciously in his eagerness, buoyancy, enterprise, vanity, warmth of affection, and unregulated enthusiasm, that it is easy to estimate the colouring effects of the medium through which all objects are viewed. There is a graphic power and life in Le Vaillant's descriptions, that give all his writings the charm of romance. He is great in the description of an elephant or rhinoceros chase: his faithful moosey Klee is a most felicitous picture; and there is scarcely a more delicate creation in poetry than his Gonaquai girl Narina. Le Vaillant stands high in a class of writers, of which St. Pierre, Wilson (the ornithologist), and Audubon may be considered the types.

Neither Le Vaillant's entire devotion to his favourite pursuits, nor his innocent boyish enthusiasm for that kind of liberty which the possession of the wealth and acquisitions of civilised life can command in a genial climate among a rude and simple people, could enable him to escape entirely the dangers of the Revolution. He was only saved from the guillotine by the opportune death of Robespierre. After his liberation he retired to a small property which he possessed at La Nave, near Laurun; and there, except at brief intervals, during which he was obliged to visit Paris to superintend the publication of his works, he spent the remaining thirty years of his life. There he lived through all the wars of the Revolution, hustling as eagerly, and with as little distraction from the turmoil around him, as if he had been among the woods of Turin or in the valleys of the Cape. He died on the 22nd of November, 1824.)

(Le Vaillant, *Voyage dans l'Intérieur de l'Afrique*, and *Second Voyage dans l'Intérieur de l'Afrique*, and also incidental notices in his ornithological works; *Travels in Africa*, by Barrow, Lichtenstein, and Campbell; *Biographie Universelle*.)

VAISHNICA, or VAISHESHKA. [SANSKRIT LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE, p. 402.]

VAISON. [VAULN.]

VAKHTANG, the name of several kings of Georgia.

VAKHTANG THE FIRST, surnamed Goe Aslan, was, ac-

cording to the chronicles of Georgia, the thirty-third king of that country, and a descendant of Sapor the First, king of Persia, who ascended the throne in A.D. 238, and having conquered Iberia, gave it to his son Mirian, who founded the third dynasty of Georgia. Vakhtang the First died about the end of the fifth century. He was a great warrior, and extended the frontiers of his empire, and strengthened them by the construction of many fortresses. The Georgian chronicles of that period are however very uncertain, and contain much false mingled with truth.

VAKHTANG THE SECOND, of the dynasty of Bagratides, ascended the throne of his country in 1289, with the consent of the Mongols, whose dominion at that time extended over a great part of Asia. He died after a reign of three years, regretted by his subjects on account of his virtues.

VAKHTANG THE THIRD, of the same dynasty as the second of the same name, ascended the throne in 1301. The Mongols wishing to compel him and his nation to embrace Mohammedanism, he went to the court of the khan, in order to induce him to desist from his design against the Christians of Georgia. He did not succeed in his object, was imprisoned, and afterwards murdered in 1304. He is revered as a martyr.

VAKHTANG THE FOURTH belonged to the same dynasty as the preceding. He succeeded his father, Alexander, who became a monk in 1442. Having granted several provinces to his younger brothers, who governed them as his vassals, he assumed the title of king of kings. He died after a reign of three years, without issue.

VAKHTANG THE FIFTH, king of Kartli, is also known under the name of Shah NAWAR, which he assumed on being obliged outwardly to conform to Mohammedanism. He ascended the throne in 1605. He lived a long time in Persia, at the court of Shah Abbas the Second, with whom he enjoyed great favour. This and other favourable circumstances enabled him to reunite under his dominion, with the approbation of the Shah of Persia, the disjointed parts of Georgia, and this country enjoyed under his rule a repose of which it had been long deprived. He died in 1676, having during his lifetime divided his dominions between his two sons.

VAKHTANG THE SIXTH, the legislator of Georgia, and the grandson of the preceding, ascended the throne of Kartli in 1703, after his brother Khorev, who had become a Mohammedan, and during the lifetime of his father Leo, who was detained in Persia. Vakhtang assumed the government in the name of his father, and went to the court of Persia in order to obtain the confirmation of his dignity. The Shah would not grant the confirmation, except on condition of Vakhtang embracing Mohammedanism, which having refused to do, he was imprisoned, and his brother Jesse, who complied with the condition, was put in his place. Jesse governed Kartli two years, during which he suffered from internal troubles and the inroads of the Lezgians. Vakhtang, who had been imprisoned all this time at Ispahan, resolved, in order to restore tranquillity to his country, outwardly to conform to Mohammedanism. He thus conciliated the Shah, who nominated Vakhtang his sirdar, and appointed him governor of the provinces of Azerbaijan, and sent his son Bakar to govern Kartli, whence Jesse, having abjured the Islam, had retired. Vakhtang remained seven years in Persia before he was permitted to return to his own country. His first care was to improve the laws and the state of religion. He therefore assembled such learned men as he could find, translated from the Greek the statutes of the emperor Leo the Philosopher, accommodated them to the regulations of different Armenian and Georgian kings, added to them several of his own, and thus formed the code which is known by his name. He also undertook the printing of the Bible, which had been, as it is believed, translated as early as the fourth century from the Greek into the Georgian, and corrected in the eleventh by three Georgian princes, monks of the Iberian convent on Mount Althos. This version, being corrupted by successive copyists, required great emendations: the version of the books of the Ecclesiastical and of the Maccabees had been entirely lost. These were however supplied before the printing was undertaken, by Vakhtang's uncle, Archil, king of Imeritia, who, being expelled from his country, died in Russia. Vakhtang established at Tiflis a printing-press, and printed the Gospels, the Acts,

* Georgia was divided into several independent principalities, some of which were occasionally united. [Georgia.]

the Psalms, and several liturgies and prayer-books; but the court of Persia, perceiving that Vakhtang, instead of following the Koran, promoted Christianity, sent an army against him. Vakhtang, after having defended himself for some time at Tiflis, was finally expelled; his printing establishment and all the published books which could be found were destroyed; and his brother Constantine, who had become a Mohammedan, was established in his place. Vakhtang called the Turks to his assistance, and submitted to the authority of the Sultan; but these protectors, having occupied the country, gave the throne to his brother Jesse, who again became a Mohammedan.

In the invasions and wars between the Turks, Persians, and Afghans, three-fourths of the population of Georgia were destroyed; and Vakhtang, after having wandered a long time with his most faithful adherents in the mountains, sought protection from Peter the Great, who invited him to Russia. Vakhtang went to Ruma, in 1725, with his family, five bishops, and many inferior clergy of Georgia. Peter had just died, but his successor, Catherine the First, granted Vakhtang a large pension and considerable estates. Vakhtang resided in Russia till 1734, but in that year he resolved to make an attempt to recover his dominions by the co-operation of the Shah of Persia. The empress Anna consented to Vakhtang's project, but gave him instructions how to act in Persia, and in what manner he should induce the Georgians as well as the Caucasian highlanders to enter the Russian service, in order to bring about their entire submission to the authority of Russia. Vakhtang started for his diplomatic journey, in company with a Russian general, but fell ill on his way, and died at Astrakhan. His descendants exist to the present day in Russia under the name of the Georgian (Gruzinski) princes.

Vakhtang the Sixth was a man of considerable talents and attainments, which is shown by his engaging in literary pursuits amidst all the troubles with which his life was agitated. He wrote the history of Kartli, which is considered to contain very important materials for the history of Georgia, and is known under the name of the 'Chronicle of Vakhtang the Sixth.' One manuscript copy of this chronicle exists at Rome, and another at St. Petersburg, in the Rumianzoff Museum. Des Guignes employed it for the names of the kings of Georgia in his 'Histoire des Huns,' &c. It has been also mentioned by Gildenstein and Klaproth.

(Klaproth, *Tableau du Caucase; Encyclopedical Dictionary of St. Petersburg.*)

VAKHUSTA, a natural son of Vakhtang the Sixth, king of Kartli (Georgia). He completed, with his brother, Prince Bakar, the printing of the Bible in Georgian, which had been only partly done by their father. Vakhtang the Sixth. He established for that purpose, in his house near Moscow, a printing-press, taught the art of printing to several Georgian clergymen, and completed the first edition of the Bible in the language of his country in 1743. The printing-press was afterwards transferred to Moscow, where several religious works in Georgian were printed. Vakhtang wrote a history of Georgia, which still remains in manuscript.

VAL DE PEÑAS, a town of Spain, in the province of La Mancha and district of Ciudad Real, is situated in a fertile plain, on the road leading from Madrid to Andalusia, in 38° 45' N. lat. and 3° 54' W. long. The town is well built, and the streets, though narrow, are clean and well paved. The mansion of the marquis of Santa-Cruz, and the Tercia, or warehouse of the royal tithes, are conspicuous among many other good edifices. The environs of the town are mostly planted with vines, which produce the excellent red wine known as 'vino de Val de Peñas,' which is much in request at Madrid, and approaches in quality to some of the stronger Bordeaux wines. Corn, oil, and saffron are also grown in the neighbourhood. Some coarse linens and soap are manufactured in the town, which is also celebrated for a peculiar yellow dye for woollens, made with the flowers of the saffron plant. The town holds a fair on the 7th of January, which is greatly attended by the inhabitants of the province. The population, according to Mifano (vol. ix., p. 155), amounted in 1828 to 10,249 inhabitants.

VALAUS (Waldau, in German), a canton of the Swiss Confederation, consists mainly of a great longitudinal valley, the largest in all Switzerland, running in a general direction from east to west for nearly a hundred miles be-

tween two lofty and massive chains of alps, one of which, on the south side, divides it from Italy, and the other from the canton of Bern on the north. Both chains are connected at the eastern end of the Valais with the central group of the St. Gothard by means of the Gallenstock, the Furka, and the Muthhorn. The Rhône has its sources in a glacier which lies on the west side of the Gallenstock and the Furka, whence it flows westward through the whole length of the Valais, receiving numerous affluents on both banks. These streams are the drains of the two great chains, the offsets of which form sixteen transverse valleys, some of them more than twenty miles in length, which slope down into the great valley of the Rhône. Near St. Maurice the valley of the Rhône becomes contracted between two lofty masses, the Dent du Morcles, which forms part of the northern chain, and the Dent du Midi, a projection of the southern chain, which divides the Valais from Savoy, leaving between them at the bridge of St. Maurice merely space enough for the river. This is the geographical termination of the Valais, but the canton continues to stretch over a narrow and partly mountainous tract along the left bank of the Rhône, and between that river and the Alps of Savoy, for about 16 miles farther down, to the entrance of the river into the Lemman Lake: the opposite or right bank below the bridge of St. Maurice belongs to the Canton de Vaud.

The area of the Valais is estimated at about 1080 square miles, of which more than one half consists of high alps and glaciers, and the remainder of lower offsets and intermediate valleys. The breadth of level ground in the valley of the Rhône varies from a quarter of a mile to three miles. The heat in the summer is very great in the valley, especially in the neighbourhood of Sion and Siders (Sierre, in French), where the fig, mulberry, almond, and pomegranate thrive in the open air. The level of the Rhône at St. Maurice is about 200 feet above that of the Lemman Lake, and about 500 feet between Sion and Sierre. The lake itself is 1150 feet above the level of the sea. The vine and Indian corn are cultivated up to the height of 1000 feet above the level of the lake, barley to 2500, and potatoes to 3000. Walnut, chestnut, cherry, apple, and pear trees are abundant. In several localities excellent wine, both white and red, is made: the malmsay of Sion and Sierre rivals that of the southern coasts of Italy and Spain. Cider is made in other districts. In common years the crop of corn is sufficient for the consumption. The forests are extensive: great quantities of timber have been cut down of late years and sent by the Rhône into France. The horned cattle are reckoned at 47,000 head, and the sheep and goats at 55,000. There are about 2200 horses and 1500 mules. Mines of iron, copper, lead, silver, cobalt, and zinc have been found. There is little manufacturing industry in the country.

The population of the Valais amounted, in 1837, to 75,794 individuals: in 1816 it was only 62,000. The inhabitants of the highlands are stronger and healthier than those of the banks of the Rhône. In the Lower Valais cretinism is a common infirmity. The Valaisans are strict Roman Catholics, and much attached to their devotional practices; but they are neither fanatical nor intolerant towards strangers. A patois of the Romanco is spoken in the lower or western part of the canton; German in the upper or eastern part.

The canton is divided into thirteen communities or little republics, called *dixains*, every one of which has its council, the members of which are appointed by the respective communes, and which regulates all local affairs. Each *dixain* sends four deputies to the diet, or legislature of the whole canton, which meets every year at Sion. The diet appoints the members of the council of state, or cantonal executive, and sends also the deputy or deputies to represent the canton in the federal diet of all Switzerland. The bishop of Sion is president of the diet of the Valais, and has four votes.

In the middle ages the Valais was an independent republic, in which the seven *dixains* of the Upper or Eastern Valais, in conjunction with the bishop of Sion, ruled by right of conquest over the districts of the Lower or Western Valais. The bishop of Sion had the jus gladii, the power of life and death, and money was struck in his name. The Valais was allied to the cantons of Switzerland, and more particularly to the Waldstätten. At the time when the French invaded Switzerland, in 1798, the Lower Valais claimed

equal political rights with the upper country: the French hastened to interfere in the quarrel, and the consequence was a destructive warfare, which continued during the year 1799, and in which the Upper Valaisans made a desperate, though in the end ineffectual, resistance against the French, who forced their way by massacre, plunder, and fire into those remote districts. Afterwards, when Bonaparte, having assumed the government of France, acted as mediator in the affairs of Switzerland, he detached the Valais from the Swiss Confederation, and formed it into a distinct republic under the protection of France. He then began to make the new military road through the Valais and over the Simplon into Italy. The road being finished, he united by a decree, in 1800, the Valais to the French empire by the name of the department of the Simplon. The Valais was subject to the conscription, and furnished about 800 men yearly to Napoleon's army. In 1814 the country was restored to its independence, and made a canton of the new Swiss Confederation. A constitution was formed, in which the political distinction between the Upper and the Lower Valais was obliterated, but the aristocratic principle was maintained in the elections. Many of the members of the communal councils were appointed for life; others were appointed for twelve years, at the expiration of which they were often re-elected. Since 1830, after much remonstrance and disturbance, more democratic forms have been introduced.

The principal towns of the Valais are:—1, Sion (Sitten, in German), an old-looking town, surrounded with walls and towers and a ditch, in a picturesque situation at the foot of two insulated rocks, on the right bank of the Rhône: it has a large cathedral, several other churches, a fine old town-house, a college of Jesuits, a curious old tower, said to have been raised by Charlemagne, two ruinous old castles on the summit of the two hills, an hospital, an arsenal, and about 2400 inhabitants. It is the border district between the French or Romance patois, which is spoken in the Lower or Western Valais, and the German, which is the language of the Upper or Eastern country: both languages are spoken in the town. Sion is the ancient *Sedunum*, a Roman military station: it is called '*Civitas Sedunorum*,' in an inscription in honour of Augustus, which is preserved in the cathedral. It was the birthplace of Cardinal Schinner, bishop of Sion, who figured in the Italian wars in the early part of the sixteenth century. 2, Siders (in French, *Sierre*), ten miles east of Sion, is a large village in a beautiful and fertile country: it has some fine houses, belonging to some of the wealthiest families of the Valais; and an old castle with towers in the neighbourhood. 3, Brig, in the Upper Valais, a handsome village near the foot of the Simplon, has a college and church belonging to the Jesuits, with a library, a convent of nuns, and some other good buildings. 4, Martigny (Martinch, in German), the chief town of the Lower Valais, built on the site of the ancient *Otodurum*, a Roman military station, has several good buildings, inns, and shops, and above 3000 inhabitants, including the territory of the commune. The high-road of the Simplon, and that leading over the St. Bernard into Italy, pass through Martigny, and give a bustling appearance to the place. The Dranse, an impetuous torrent coming from the group of the St. Bernard, joins the Rhône near Martigny. 5, St. Maurice, on the left bank of the Rhône, ten miles below Martigny, a small town of 1300 inhabitants, is remarkable for its ancient abbey, belonging to the canons of St. Augustin, whose mitred abbot bears the title of count, and is immediately subordinate to the pope. The abbot and chapter have the gift of eight benefices, which are filled by the canons. There is a college annexed to the abbey, in which the classical languages, mathematics, physics, history, and geography are taught. This and the Jesuits' colleges at Sion and Brig are the only upper schools in the canton. The abbey of St. Maurice has a library with some valuable MSS. The well-known convent and hospice of the St. Bernard is in the territory of the Valais. [BERNARD, St.]

The Valais is a very remarkable country for its stupendous scenery, the variety of its climate and of its vegetable productions, and for its geological and mineralogical phenomena. The bridge of St. Maurice affords the only level entrance into the country: on every other side it is not accessible except by passes over the lofty Alps.

[Lerches, *Dictionnaire Géographique de la Suisse*.]
VALANGAY, or VALENGAY. [INDEX]

VALCKENAER, LOUIS CASPAR, a celebrated Dutch scholar, was born in 1715 at Leeuwarden in Friesland. He studied at Franeker, and although he had chosen philology as his department, he devoted considerable time to philosophy and theology. After the completion of his studies he was for a time master in a school, until, in 1741, he was appointed professor of Greek at Franeker, in the place of Hunsterhuis. In 1755 he obtained the professorship of Greek and of archaeology in the university of Leyden, which office he held until his death in the year 1785. The life of Valckenaer, like that of most scholars, presents few incidents worthy of note, and all that we can say of him is that he was a very modest man, and contributed greatly to maintain the high reputation of the university of Leyden. He possessed a very extensive knowledge of all matters connected with antiquity, but the department in which he excelled was his critical and grammatical knowledge of the Greek language; and what he has done in this respect, partly in his editions of Greek writers and partly in separate dissertations, has secured him a distinguished place among the illustrious scholars of his country. Among his editions of Greek authors, the following deserve especial notice:—1, The work of the grammarian Arrianus, '*De Differentia alifum Vocabulorum*,' to which are added some other ancient grammatical works, Leyden, 1739, 4to. (reprinted with some additions at Leipzig, 1822, 8vo.); 2, the '*Phoenice*' of Euripides, with a very excellent commentary, the Greek text, and a Latin translation by H. Grotius, Franeker, 1755, 4to. (reprinted at Leyden in 1802, 4to., and at Leipzig, 1824, 2 vols. 8vo.); 3, the '*Hippolytus*' of Euripides, with a Latin translation by Rastallus, and notes by the editor, Leyden, 1768, 4to. (reprinted at Leipzig, 1823, 8vo.); 4, the '*Idylls*' of Theocritus, with a Latin version by Wetstein, Leyden, 1773, 8vo. The commentary, especially that on the idyll called the '*Adoniae*,' is full of the most exquisite grammatical remarks. Valckenaer also wrote notes on other writers, such as Herodotus and Callimachus, which were inserted in the editions of others. Those on Herodotus are contained in the editions of Wesseling and Schweighäuser. Among his separate treatises, his '*Distributio in Euripidis Peritorum Dramatum Rerum*,' which is contained in his edition of the '*Hippolytus*,' was printed separately at Leipzig, 1824, 8vo. This is one of the most masterly treatises ever written on matters of antiquity, and should be studied by every scholar. His smaller essays were collected and published at Leipzig, in 1808, 2 vols. 8vo.

VALCKENAER, JAN, the only son of Louis Caspar Valckenaer, was born at Leyden, 1759. He studied jurisprudence in the university of Leyden, and was afterwards appointed professor of the same department in the university of Franeker. His reputation as a distinguished jurist, and still more his political sentiments, for he was one of the leaders of the anti-Orange party, procured him in 1787 the professorship of jurisprudence in the university of Utrecht. But in the same year the rights and claims of the hereditary Stadtholder of the Netherlands, William V., were victoriously established by the armed assistance of Prussia, and Valckenaer was obliged to quit Holland. The Dutch patriots, to whom Valckenaer belonged, were only intimidated, but not annihilated. They looked to France for support, and on the 6th of February, 1793, Valckenaer, together with other representatives of the patriots, presented himself at the bar of the National Assembly of France, and requested them to send an army into Holland to support the party of the patriots. In 1795 a French army under Pichegru made its appearance in the Netherlands, and Valckenaer returned to Holland and was appointed professor of public law in the university of Leyden. He now started a patriotic journal called '*The Advocate of Batavian Liberty*,' which however did not last long, for in the beginning of the year 1796 he was sent as ambassador of the Batavian republic to Spain. He returned to Holland in 1799, but was sent again in the same year as minister plenipotentiary to the court of Madrid. He remained there till 1801, and after his return he withdrew for a time altogether from public life. But soon after he was sent on a special mission to Berlin, to settle some financial matters, which however had not the result which was anticipated. On the 16th of March, 1810, Louis Napoleon, king of Holland, sent Valckenaer on a mission to Napoleon, to avert a rupture with the French emperor, and to prevent, if pos-

sible, the contemplated incorporation of the Netherlands with France. A few months later Louis Napoleon abdicated, and the events which followed induced Valckenner to withdraw from public life. He spent the remainder of his days in study and in the enjoyment of the company of a select circle of friends, partly at Amsterdam and partly at his country-seat near Hamelen, where he died on the 25th of January, 1821, at the age of sixty-two. Valckenner was an able politician and statesman, but he had the misfortune to see nearly all the plans for which he had struggled thwarted by the circumstances of the time. He wrote several political pamphlets, which have been praised for the soundness of their arguments and the eloquence with which they are treated.

VALDAL (RUSSIA.)

VALDENSES. (VALDON.)

VALDES, or VALDESIO, GIOVANNI, a native of Spain, studied law, was employed in several missions by the emperor Charles V., and appears to have lived to an advanced age in retirement at Naples. He died in 1640. He carried from Germany to Italy several works of Melancthon and other reformers, and adopted several opinions condemned by the Roman Catholic church, to which he converted some of his familiar friends. Neither Valdes nor any of his disciples during his life separated themselves from the Romish communion; and he remained unmolested on account of his opinions, although they appear to have been generally known. A similar spirit of negative or latent heresy prevailed at the same time in different parts of Italy, in Piedmont, at Bologna, Padua, and Vicenza. In 1542 the Italian governments, especially that of Naples, took the alarm, and the friends of Valdes were obliged to fly or recant. Valdes has been claimed by the Socinians, but it is difficult from the few works attributed to him, and published after his death, to glean what his doctrinal opinions really were. That which was published at Basle in 1550, with the title 'Le cento dieci Considerazioni del S. Giovanni Valdesio, nelle quali si ragiona delle cose più utili, più necessarie, a più perfette della Cristiana Professione,' consists of commentaries on the gospels of St. Matthew and St. John, the Epistle to the Romans, and the Epistle to the Corinthians. It is exclusively practical. Bayle attributes to Valdes two dialogues printed at Venice without date or author's name, which, judging from their titles, must be rather historical than polemical.

VALDIVIA is a town in Chile, situated in 39° 49' S. lat. and 73° 18' W. long., at the inner extremity of an estuary formed by the confluence of several rivers, among which the Calla-Calla and the Cruces are the largest. The town is built at the mouth of the first-named river: it consists of a number of scattered wooden houses surrounded by a forest of apple-trees. According to Darwin, no country on the globe is more favourable to the growth of the apple than the vicinity of Valdivia. Its population, according to some statements, does not exceed 400 individuals, whilst others increase it to 2000. This might be a matter of surprise, when it is considered that the harbour of Valdivia is the best harbour on the west coast of America between S. Carlos de Chiloé and Guayaquil, if we did not know that the whole surrounding country is still in possession of independent tribes, and covered with large forests. A few spots only are cultivated. The town owes its origin to a colony of Dutchmen, who settled there about the middle of the seventeenth century for the purpose of carrying on a smuggling trade with the Spanish colonies. The Dutch were soon expelled by the Spaniards, who expended great sums in fortifying the harbour and rendering it impregnable. It remained in the hands of the Spaniards up to 1820, when the Chilians, commanded by Lord Cochrane, took it from them. Since that time the numerous fortifications erected by the Spaniards have been neglected and have fallen into decay. The mouth of the estuary, which is 15 miles from the town, is more than two miles wide, and the channel by which it is entered has from 14 to 19 fathoms of water, which decreases gradually to eight fathoms at the narrowest part, which is three-quarters of a mile wide. Near this strait, along the southern shores of the estuary, is the best anchorage for large vessels, under the high rocks which surround the castle of Coral. Further east the estuary is crossed by a bar, produced by the mud brought down by the numerous rivers which enter it. The water on the

bar is less than four fathoms deep, and decreases at the shallowest part to less than two fathoms. Only vessels of moderate size therefore can sail up to the town. Captain Fitzroy states that the safe anchorage of this port is very limited, on account of the extensive banks which are formed by the mud and sand brought down by the rivers; and that these banks increase yearly. The commerce of Valdivia is limited to the exportation of boards, which are brought to this place by the Indians from the interior, and find a ready sale in all the ports of South America bordering on the Pacific.

(Miers, *Travels in Chile and La Plata*; Fitzroy and Darwin, in the *Narrative of the Surveying Voyages of the Adventure and Beagle*.)

VALENCE, a town in France, capital of the department of Drôme, 295 miles in a direct line south-south-east of Paris, or 352 miles by the road through Melun, Auxerre, Châlons-sur-Saône, and Lyon; in 44° 56' N. lat. and 4° 54' E. long.

Valence existed in the days of the Romans, by whom it was called Valentia, and was the capital of the Segalunni, or Segovellanni. It is mentioned by Ptolemy (who writes the name *Valentaria*) as a colony. It was included in the province of Viennensis, a subdivision of Gallia Narbonensis. In the time of the later Western emperors it was a place of considerable strength, and afforded a refuge to Constantine, who had assumed the purple in Britain, and was fruitlessly besieged here by Sarus the Goth, whom Stilicho had sent against him. Jovinus, another usurper, sought refuge here, but the town was taken by the Visi-Goths, who, under their king Athaulfus, had taken part against him. It was afterwards subject to the Burgundians, and passed from them to the Franks. In the middle ages it formed part of the kingdom of Arles, and was the capital of the Valentinois, a district of Dauphiné: this district was included in the Marquisate (not the county) of Provence, held by the counts of Toulouse, and was after some changes united to the crown. The territory of Valentinois was made a duchy and conferred by Louis XII. on César Borgia, a natural son of Pope Alexander VI. It was conferred by Henri II. on his mistress, Diana of Poitiers.

The town is in a fertile plain on the left bank of the Rhône, a few miles below the junction of the Isère, and is united by an iron suspension-bridge with the opposite bank. It is ill laid out, with winding and narrow streets, and ill built; and is surrounded by old walls, out of condition, flanked with towers, and having few gates. The high road from Paris and Lyon to Marseille and the adjacent parts of the south of France does not pass through the town, but skirts the wall on the outside and passes through the suburb of Saunière, adjacent to the town on the south side. On the north side of the town is a citadel called 'Le Gouvernement,' fronting a park or exercise-ground planted with trees. The buildings of the town have little claim to notice. The principal are—the cathedral, dedicated to St. Apollinaire; the former residence of the bishop; the prefect's residence, formerly an abbey, with extensive gardens; the house in which Pius VI. resided, also having delightful gardens; and a private house, the front of which is accounted by Vayme de Villiers one of the richest specimens of Gothic architecture in France. There are two public walks. There are scarcely any Roman remains existing.

The population of the commune of Valence, in 1826, was 10,283; in 1831, 10,406 (1808 of them in the town itself); and in 1836, 10,967. The townsmen manufacture cotton-yarn, printed cottons, silks, gloves, hosiery, and cutlery; there are dye-houses, tan-yards, rope-walks, saw-yards for marble, tile-yards, potteries, lime-kilns, and a great number of cartwrights' shops. Trade is carried on in the wines, fruits, and silks of the south of France; in brandy, liqueurs, corn, and manufactured goods: there are six fairs in the year. The well-known Hermitage and St. Pény wines are grown in the neighbourhood of Valence.

There are in the town two Catholic churches besides the cathedral, a Lutheran church, a nunnery, two seminaries for the priesthood, a high school or college for the commune, a drawing-school, and a public library of 14,000 volumes; two hospitals, one of them for foundlings; a theatre and baths, barracks, a school of artillery, and an arsenal. Near the town are a château and park, formerly belonging to the dukes of Valentinois. A number of an-

tial families are resident in Valencia, and the society of the place is very good. There are a subordinate court of justice and some fiscal government offices.

Valencia had a university, founded by Louis XI., while dauphin, A.D. 1452, and confirmed in its privileges by him after his accession to the throne, A.D. 1473. According to Piganiol de la Force, the university of Valencia was not a new establishment, but was the university of Grecooble (founded A.D. 1339, by Humbert II., dauphin of the Viennois) transferred to Valencia in A.D. 1452. The first buildings were erected at the cost of the town; but the university having acquired wealth, the old buildings were replaced by new ones, neat and convenient though not magnificent, built with the university funds.

The bishopric of Valencia comprehends the department of Drôme; the bishop is a suffragan of the archbishop of Avignon.

The arrondissement of Valencia includes 101 communes, and is subdivided into ten cantons or districts, each under a justice of the peace; the population, in 1831, was 135,193.

(Malte-Brun, *Géographie*; Vayac de Villiers, *Itinéraire Descriptif de la France*; Millin, *Voyage dans les Départemens du Midi de la France*; *Dictionnaire Géographique Universel*.)

VALENCIA. [TARN.]

VALENCIA, formerly a kingdom, now a large province of Spain, in the eastern part of the peninsula, between 37° 50' and 40° 46' N. lat. and 1° E. long. and 1° 23' W. long., consists of a long and comparatively narrow strip of land extending along the Mediterranean, and bordering to the south on the province of Murcia, to the west on the provinces of Cuenca and Teruel and the Sierra de Albarracín; and to the north on the province of Lerida. Until the year 1832 Valencia was called a kingdom (Reyno de Valencia), having once formed part of the crown of Aragon; but since the late division of the Spanish territory, this district has been subdivided into three provinces, Valencia, Castellón de la Plana, and Alicante. Although considerably reduced in extent, Valencia is still one of the finest and most productive provinces of the peninsula. A large proportion of the surface, particularly in the north and west, is mountainous, but the plain country, which stretches along the coast, and is watered by the rivers Xucar, Guadalquivir, and Segura, is one of the most fertile and best cultivated spots in Europe. The plain or vega of Valencia, especially, is a delightful spot; it is about thirty miles long and twenty wide: on three sides it is bounded by the mountains of Segura, and on the fourth by the sea. The whole of this vast extent is planted with olive, mulberry, figs, almonds, orange, and palm trees, and has the appearance of an immense garden. Such is the fertility of the soil, that two and three crops in the year are generally obtained, and the greater part of the land returns eight per cent. The rice crops are the most valuable, and are chiefly produced in the tract which is irrigated by the Albufera, a large lake in the neighbourhood of Valencia. Rice being the principal food of the lower classes, the crop is generally consumed in the province, with the exception of a small quantity which finds its way into Castile and Andalusia. The annual produce is estimated at 12,000,000 arrobas, the average price of which may be taken at 3r. the arroba, or about 14d. per lb. The other chief product is the white mulberry, once the source of great wealth; it was worked in the silk-factories of Valencia. In 1828, when Miñano wrote, the produce of silk from the vega of Valencia only amounted to one million of pounds yearly, the greater part of which was exported in its raw state, at an average price of from 8s. to 10s. per pound. But, according to the last official returns, the produce has greatly increased since, owing to demands from the manufacturers of Lyon and other towns in the south of France. The export of fruit from Valencia is also considerable, particularly of raisins. The raisins are of two kinds, the muscatel, and an inferior and smaller raisin, called *passa de legio*; but neither is equal to the raisins of Malaga. In 1829, 47,000 quintals of the best, and 42,000 of the inferior sort, were exported, exclusively for the English market. The export of figs, oil, and wine from the province and different parts of Valencia is also very great, particularly the wine, called Beni Carlo, which comes from a town of that name. This wine is chiefly shipped to Cetta, whence much of it comes by the canal

of Languedoc to Bordeaux, and is used to give body and colour to the clarets.

No great number of cattle or horses are kept by the Valencians; and the sheep, though numerous, yield wool of indifferent quality. Mercury, copper, sulphur, arsenic, argentiferous lead, iron, coal, &c. are among the mineral products, but they are procured only in small quantities. The manufactures are unimportant; woollen and linen stuffs are indeed made in several towns of the province, and silk goods in Valencia, Gandia, and other places, but they are chiefly consumed within the province. The fabrication of satins, silk ribbons, and velvets has of late so much improved and increased as to render a supply from France no longer necessary. Cloth of superior quality is also made at Alcoy, and silk is no longer exported in its raw state, but spun at Valencia and other places by steam. Cordage is made from the fibre of the esparto (*stipa tenacissima*), also, juncos, &c.; and tiles (*azulejos*), soap, glass, paper, pottery, and earthenware are exported to all parts of Spain.

In 1828, before the division, the population of the kingdom of Valencia amounted to about one million of inhabitants; but it is supposed that what is now called the province of Valencia does not contain much above one-half of that number. The dialect spoken in the province, though much akin to the Catalanian, differs considerably from it, as it retains more of the Provençal. Upon the annexation to the Spanish monarchy, Valencia, like the other provinces composing the kingdom of Aragon, preserved its representative body and its privileges; but the inhabitants having taken an active part against the Bourbon dynasty during the war of the succession, Philip V. deprived the province of its old constitution, and obliged the inhabitants to conform in every respect to the laws of Castile.

Those who wish for information on the geography, climate, and natural productions of the kingdom of Valencia may consult Cavanilles, *Observaciones sobre la Historia Natural, Geografía, Agricultura, Población, y Frutos del Reyno de Valencia*, Madrid, 1765-67.

VALENCIA DEL CID, a city of Spain, capital of the province of Valencia, on the Guadalquivir, about four miles from its mouth, and 188 miles east-south-east from Madrid; in 38° 28' N. lat. and 0° 24' W. long. Valencia stands in a wide plain, called *La Huerta*, or the Garden, on the bank of the Guadalquivir, which washes its walls and separates it from its suburbs, with which it communicates by five stone bridges of from ten to thirteen arches. Valencia was a city of some importance under the Romans, being a colony and the capital of the *Eduetani* (Valencia *Eduetanum*). The Arabs under 'Abdu-l-aziz, son of Musa Ibn Nusseir, took it in A.D. 712. From that time it continued annexed to the empire of Cordova. On the overthrow of the dynasty of the Beni Umayyad, in A.D. 1452-6, 'Abu-l-husain 'Abdu-l-aziz, grandson of the celebrated Al-mansur, who was then governor of Valencia and the districts appertaining to it, declared himself independent, and reigned until A.D. 1000, when he was succeeded by his son 'Abdu-r-rahman (others call him 'Abdu-l-malek), who became in time the son-in-law and the vassal of Al-mansur, king of Toledo. Having offended his huge lord by refusing to join him with his forces in an attack upon Cordova, 'Abdu-r-rahman was dispossessed of his dominions, and a governor appointed in his stead. Soon after however the friends of 'Abdu-r-rahman stirred up a revolution in Valencia, and having expelled the governor appointed by Al-mansur, re-established 'Abdu-r-rahman on the throne. When, in A.D. 1063, Yahya Al-kadir, the grandson of Al-mansur, surrendered his capital, Toledo, to Alfonso VI. of Leon, it was stipulated between the two kings that the Christian would assist Yahya in regaining possession of Valencia. Alfonso did so; but scarcely had Yahya reigned two years when a portion of his subjects revolted against him, and at the instigation of an influential chief, named Ibn Jehaf, loudly called upon him to dismiss the Castilian bands which he still retained in his pay. Yahya was obliged to yield, and the Christians under Alvar Yañez were accordingly expelled from his dominions. This being done, Ibn Jehaf, who was in correspondence with the Almohades, attacked the royal palace, slew Yahya, and surrendered the city to them. The news of this revolution having reached Rodrigo Diaz de Bivar, better known as the Cid, who about that time was indiscriminately assail-

ing the Moorish dominions, he marched to Valencia and besieged the place, on the plea that the murdered Sultan was his friend and ally. After a siege of several months Valencia was taken, and Ibn Jafar was burnt alive in the principal square of the city. The Almoravides, however, listening from all parts of Spain, Rodrigo was compelled to evacuate the place. Owing to this momentary occupation of Valencia by the bands commanded by Rodrigo de Bivar, the city received the name of Valencia del Cid. Valencia continued in the hands of the Almoravides, and after them of the Almohades, until Jayme I. of Aragon took it from Zayyan Ibn Merdanish on the 20th of September, A.D. 1298. Valencia was taken by the French under Suchet, in 1812, and held by them till June, 1813.

Valencia is nearly circular, and about 24 miles round; it is enclosed by massive walls built by the Moors, flanked at intervals by round towers. The gates are four: that of the Cid (la puerta del Cid) being very remarkable for its architecture. The streets, like those of most Moorish-built cities, are narrow, crooked, unpaved, and frequently destitute of thoroughfares; but those which have been lately built on the site of demolished convents and churches are wider and tolerably well paved. The city is furnished with public sewers of great solidity, which are said to be the work of the Romans: it has also good quays, faced with stone and planted with trees, which line the whole length of the Guadalquivir. The cathedral is of mixed architecture, with a very lofty tower called 'el Miguelete,' from the top of which a commanding view of the whole plain or 'huerta' of Valencia is obtained. It contains numerous altars richly decorated with gilt-work and the finest marbles obtained from the quarries in the province, as well as with paintings by Juan de Juanes, Espinosa, Ribalta, Victoria, a pupil of Carlo Maratti, and other painters of the Valencian school. The Lonja (Exchange), the custom-house, el Temple, a palace built by Charles III. for the military order of Montesa, the archbishop's palace, the enlaga of Pius V., and several noble residences, are worthy of notice. The university, founded in 1411, was formerly considered the best in Spain, particularly for the study of medicine. In 1830 it had nearly 2500 students. There was once a magnificent library attached to it, which contained a valuable collection of ancient manuscripts, made by the celebrated Perez Bayer, the author of the work 'De Nummis Samaritanis,' Valencia, 1781, and other learned works; but it was entirely burnt by the explosion of a shell during the Peninsular war: another library has since been formed with the books of the suppressed convents, as well as a gallery of paintings and sculpture, collected from the various religious houses in the province. Besides the university, there are at Valencia six colleges and many inferior academies; as well as a public school where the fine arts are gratuitously taught.

To the west of Valencia is a large lake, called Al-bufera, the waters of which are used in irrigating the rice-grounds in the plain. The port of Valencia is at Grao, about two miles distant. It is connected with the city by a broad planted avenue, which constitutes a favourite promenade for the inhabitants. The harbour is suitable only for boats, and the roadstead is exposed to the south and south-west gales. Various plans have been suggested to render it more commodious, but hitherto they have produced little or no effect. There are several histories of Valencia, among which that of Martin Viqueana (*Cronica de la Inclin y Coronada Ciudad, &c., Valencia, 1564, fol.*) is considered the best. There is another, by Escobedo (*Historia de la Insigne Ciudad y Reyno de Valencia, Val., 1610-11, fol.*). According to Miñano, the population of Valencia, in 1828, amounted only to 65,840; but it is generally believed to have considerably increased since. The inhabitants are chiefly devoted to agriculture, although many branches of trade flourish in the city. Velvets, taffetas, flowered damask, and other silk-stuffs are still manufactured, though not to such an amount as when the markets of Spanish America were open to them. Woolfens, camlets, hats, table-linen, gauzes, artificial flowers, pottery and outware, glass, paper, are also made in small quantities.

There are in Spain several other towns called Valencia: as Valencia de Alcantara, in the province of Extremadura, not far from the frontiers of Portugal; Valencia del Ventoso, also in Extremadura; Valencia de Don Juan, in the province of Leon, &c.

VALENCIENNES, a town in France, capital of an arrondissement in the department of Nord, 114 miles in a direct line north-north-east of Paris, or 125 miles by the road through Senlis, Roye, Peronne, and Cambrai; in 50° 21' N. lat. and 3° 31' E. long.

The name of this town (which is Latinized Valentianae) seems to indicate a Roman origin, but it is not mentioned by any ancient writer, nor does any historical interest attach to it until quite modern times. It was taken by Louis XIV. in 1677, and was fortified by Vauban; and by the treaty of Nimeguen, A.D. 1678, was ceded to France. It was taken by the allies after a brave defence in the early part of the revolutionary war (1793), and retaken easily by the French the next year. The town is situated on the river Escant or Schelde, by which it is divided into two unequal parts, the greater part being on the south-east or right bank of the river. The town is irregularly laid out and ill built. The fortifications are extensive, and on the west side of the town is a citadel in an island formed by the Escant. There is a good place or square, and the front of the town-house deserves notice.

The population of Valenciennes, in 1826, was 19,841; in 1831, 18,953; in 1836, 19,499. The chief manufactures are of linens and lawns; but lace, cambric, earthenware, children's toys, and powder-blue are made; and wire-weaving, dyeing, and tanning are carried on; there are a number of mills and a great number of forges for iron. Near the town are the important coal-worcs of Anzin or Anzain. [ANZAIN.] Trade is carried on in coal, firewood, timber, corn, and seeds for oil.

Valenciennes has a subordinate court of justice and a commercial tribunal, and one or two government offices, military or fiscal. There are a high school for the commune, a public library of 8000 volumes, a society of sciences, arts, commerce, and industry; a gallery of pictures and an academy for painting; a museum of natural history; three hospitals, one of them for foundlings, another for the military, and the third a general hospital; and four establishments of the Sisters of Charity.

The arrondissement of Valenciennes has an area of 244 square miles, and comprehends 80 communes: it is divided into seven cantons or districts, each under a justice of the peace: the population was 123,272 in 1831, and 130,061 in 1836.

(Malte-Brun, *Géographie*; Dupin, *Forces Productives, &c. de la France*; *Dictionnaire Géographique Universel*.)

VALENS, FLAVIUS, emperor of Constantinople, reigned from A.D. 364 to 378. He was a brother of Flavius Valentinian, who, after being proclaimed emperor in A.D. 364, made Valens his colleague, and gave to him the government of the Eastern empire, and Constantinople as his capital. The year after his accession, while he was staying at Caesarea in Syria, he received intelligence of a rebellion, which was headed by Procopius, a Cilician, who assumed the purple at Constantinople. Valens himself was in despair at the news, and would have resigned himself to his fate, but the courage and resolution of his generals saved him; and in the two engagements of Thysira and Naesia, Procopius was deserted by his troops and conducted by some of his own followers to the camp of the enemy, where he was immediately beheaded, A.D. 366. The year after this victory Valens marched with an army across the Danube against the Goths, who had supported the usurper Procopius. During the war which now ensued, and lasted for upwards of two years, the Goths acted on the defensive. In the third year the Goths suffered a great defeat, and Athanaric, the judge of the Visigoths, sued for peace and obtained it, A.D. 369. Valens returned to Constantinople in triumph. About the same time he was threatened with a war by Persia, but he confined himself to the protection of Armenia, without letting matters come to an open war. His empire now enjoyed peace for several years, during which some wise regulations in the administration and legislation were made. In A.D. 375 his brother Valentinian died, and Valens was thus deprived of a wise adviser at a time when he was most in need of him. In the year following the Huns entered Europe from Asia, and after having subdued the Alani, pressed upon the Goths north of the Danube, some of whom were likewise subdued. About 200,000 Visigoths took refuge in the Roman territory as suppliants, and obtained permission to settle in

it. They were soon followed by hosts of Geuthungi, or Ostrogoths, who crossed the Danube without having asked the permission of the Romans. The Goths soon found themselves exposed to all kinds of vexations from the Roman officers: in consequence of which a part of them, headed by Fritigern, took up arms, defeated the Romans near Marcianopolis, and began ravaging the country. Valens had been staying during the last years at Antioch, watching the proceedings of the Persians, and was still there when these events occurred. Two generals whom he sent to Pannonia were unable to effect anything against the Goths. Fritigern secured the assistance of the cavalry of the Huns and the Alani, and at last Valens himself hastened with an army of veterans from Syria against the Goths. A slight advantage gained by his general Sebastianus emboldened him so much that he hastened to fight a decisive battle in the neighbourhood of Adrianople before the emperor of the West could come to his assistance. The victory of the Goths on that memorable day in A.D. 378 was so complete, that scarcely the third part of the Roman army escaped. Valens himself was wounded and carried to his tent, which, according to some accounts, was set on fire by the barbarians, and the emperor ended his life in the flames.

Valens, who at the time of his elevation was in his thirty-sixth year, was a man of a passionate and also of a cruel character, and always lent a ready ear to informers. Most of the noble acts of his reign, such as his legislative measures, the establishment of schools, and the reduction of taxes, were owing partly to the influence of his brother, to whom he was sincerely attached, and partly to the wisdom and virtue of his prefect Ballust. During the first year of his reign he imitated the toleration of his brother; but after he had received baptism at the hands of the Arian bishop Eudoxus, he adopted his theological views, and persecuted those who differed from him.



Coin of Valens.
British Museum. Actual size.

(*Ammianus Marcellinus*, xvi.-xxxi.; *Aurelius Victor*, *Epitome*, 46; *Orosius*, vii. 32; *Socrus*, vi. 8; compare *Gibbon*, *Decline and Fall*, chaps. 25, 26.)

VALENTIN, MOÏSE, a French painter of great ability, born at Coulommiers, in Brie, in 1600. Writers differ as to the Christian name of Valentin; some call him Moses, and others Peter. He was first educated in the school of Vouet; he afterwards visited Italy, and adopted the style of Michel Angelo Caravaggio, in which he painted several admirable pictures, and he became one of the best of the *naturalists*, or followers of Caravaggio, at Rome, although he died in 1632, aged only thirty-two. Valentin died of a fever in consequence of taking a cold bath on a hot summer's evening, after smoking and drinking wine to excess. Cardinal Francesco Barberini, nephew of Pope Urban VIII., was a great patron to Valentin, and employed him to paint several pictures for him, a Death of John the Baptist, and others: it was also through his interest that Valentin was commissioned to paint an altar-piece for St. Peter's, of the Martyrdom of St. Proculus and Martiniano. There is also in the Corsini palace an excellent picture by him of the Donal by Peter. He did not often paint religious subjects: his favourite pictures were scenes from common life, as soldiers playing at cards, fortune-tellers, concerts, and tavern scenes, &c. He painted with ease and rapidity, generally from nature, had a light touch, and coloured well and forcibly, but his drawing is often incorrect, and his forms are vulgar. There are eleven pieces by Valentin in the Louvre at Paris, but his works are not numerous: several of them have been engraved. N. Ponsin and Valentin were contemporaries at Rome, and were great friends.

(Baglione, *Vite dei Pittori*, &c.; D'Argenville, *Abregé de la Vie des plus fameux Peintres*.)

VALENTINIAN I., PLAVIUS, a Roman emperor, who reigned from A.D. 364 to A.D. 375. He was a son of

count Gratian, and a native of Cibalis in Pannonia. He distinguished himself as a gallant warrior in various campaigns: his mind was uncorrupted by the sophistries of the age, and his body was strong and healthy. After the death of Jovian in A.D. 364, Valentinian, then at the age of 43, was proclaimed emperor at Nicenes, although he himself was absent at Ancyra, and had never employed any means for the purpose of raising himself to that high station. Shortly after his accession he divided the empire between himself and his brother Valens, reserving for himself the western portion. [VALENS.] The frontiers of the empire were successively exposed to great danger during his reign. The Alemanni and Burgundians penetrated into Gaul from the east, the Franks from the north, and the Saxons made incursions from the sea. The Piets and Scots pressed forward from the north, and ravaged the province of Britain. Valentinian chose Paris as the central point for his operations against the barbarians, and through his general, Jovinus, he gained a great victory over the Alemanni in A.D. 368. The year following he was attacked by a dangerous illness, and on his recovery he raised his son Gratian to the rank of Augustus. Britain was in the meantime delivered from the incursions of the Piets and Scots by count Theodosius, who recovered the country as far as the wall of Antoninus. In A.D. 369 the Alemanni renewed their attacks upon eastern Gaul, and plundered Moguntiacum (Mainz); but Valentinian drove them back, crossed the Rhine, and defeated them in their own country, near Solheim (Schelmzingen or Salzbach), and as they retreated into their forests, the emperor recrossed the Rhine, and took up his residence at Treves. With the view of securing the eastern frontier of Gaul against further incursions of the neighbouring Germans, Valentinian built a line of fortifications along the banks of the Rhine, and a bridge of boats on the Rhine at Moguntiacum. Peace was also concluded with Marcianus, king of the Alemanni, and security on that side was for the present firmly established. The Saxons, in one of the predatory incursions on the coast of Gaul, were likewise defeated, and all who fell into the hands of the Romans were cut to pieces. After these victories and the establishment of peace, Valentinian celebrated a splendid triumph at Treves, and the orator Q. Aurelius Symmachus proclaimed the valour and enterprising spirit of the emperor. Theodosius, who after the recovery of Britain had been raised to the rank of magister equitum, was sent, in A.D. 372, into Africa, where Firmus had revolted and set himself up as an independent prince. Firmus was conquered by Theodosius, and reduced to such extremities that he put an end to his own life, A.D. 373. While peace was thus restored in Africa, the Quadi and Sarmatians rose in arms and invaded Pannonia. Valentinian himself set out from Treves at the head of his army, drove the barbarians across the Danube, and pursued them into Hungary. He ravaged the country, and put to death all the Quadi who fell into his hands. The barbarians, despairing of success, sent ambassadors to the emperor to sue for pardon and peace. Valentinian, who was staying at Bregio when they arrived, poured out against them all his indignation. During this excitement he broke a blood-vessel and was choked, A.D. 375. Valentinian was a man of sober and temperate habits, and observed a general toleration towards persons of all creeds, without however entertaining any indifference or contempt for the Christian religion. But he was of a passionate character, which often led him to acts of cruelty. The condition of his subjects, and of Italy in particular, was greatly improved by his wise legislation.

(*Ammianus Marcellinus*, xvi.-xxx.; *Zosimus*, iii. 36, &c., iv. 1, &c.; *S. Aurelius Victor*, *Epitome*, 45; compare *Gibbon*, *Decline and Fall*, chap. 25.)

VALENTINIAN II., PLAVIUS, also called Valentinian the Younger, was a son of Valentinian I. by his wife Justina, and was only four years old at the time when his father died: Gratian, who had been raised to the rank of Augustus in A.D. 367, succeeded Valentinian I. in A.D. 375, and made his brother, Valentinian the Younger, his colleague in the government of the empire, assigning to him the præfecture of Italy and the western part of Illyricum. His mother Justina was to reign in his name, until he should become of age. Gratian was greatly attached to young Valentinian, but his government was more nominal than real, since Gratian in fact governed the whole of the Western empire. The education of Valentinian was left to his

mother, who, being an Arian, endeavoured to instil the same opinions into the mind of her son. Their residence was at Milan, and when Justinia requested the archbishop Ambrose to assign a church for the use of herself and her son, that they might exercise divine worship according to the Arian forms, Ambrose strenuously refused to comply with her request. This gave rise to tumults at Milan, in which the life of the young emperor himself was endangered. The court however was at last obliged to give way in the archbishop; but an edict was promulgated in the name of the emperor, which granted the free exercise of religion to all Christians, which again created great disturbances. [Ambrose.] Maximus, who after the death of Gratian, in A.D. 383, had been recognised as the lawful sovereign of Gaul, Spain, and Britain, on condition that he should leave Valentinian unmolested in the government of Italy, was tempted by the religious disputes in Italy to make himself master of that country also; and while he feigned a faithful attachment to Valentinian, he invaded Italy. The afflicted Justinia fled with her two children, Valentinian and Galla, to Theodosius, to implore the protection of Theodosius. The usurper was conquered, and Valentinian was restored to his throne, A.D. 389. [Theodosius.] Justinia did not long survive this event, and after her death Valentinian gave up his Arian heresies, and thus gained the attachment and admiration of his subjects. Peace was thus restored in Italy, but another usurper arose in Gaul. Count Arbogastes strove to gain the sovereignty of the West. Valentinian allowed himself to be persuaded to go to Gaul himself, A.D. 392. While staying at Vienne, in the midst of his secret enemies, he ventured to oppose the arrogance of Arbogastes, and a few days afterwards, on the 16th of May, 392, he was found strangled in his own apartment. His body was conveyed to Milan, and the funeral oration which Ambrose delivered over it is still extant.



Coins of Valentinian II.
British Museum. Actual size.

(Paul. Diacon., ii.; Pomponius Let., in *Valent.*; Orosius, vii., 35; S. Aurelius Victor, *Epitome*, 48; compare Gibbon, *Decline and Fall*, chap. 27.)

VALENTINIAN III., PLACIDIUS, a Roman emperor, son of Constantius by Galla Placidia. In A.D. 425, when he was only a boy of six years, his uncle Theodosius II. raised him to the rank of Augustus, and assigned to him the western portion of the empire, which his mother Placidia was to govern in his name. She was little fit for such a task, and the contemptible character which her son afterwards displayed was probably the result of the dissolute manner in which she brought him up. Her two generals, Aëtius and Bonifacius, who have justly been called the last of the Romans, might yet have saved the sinking empire had they acted in concert, but the enmity between them hastened its downfall. Gaul was constantly invaded by fresh hosts of barbarians, but Aëtius compelled them to sue for peace. Africa, where Bonifacius had the command, was lost, and fell into the hands of Genseric, king of the Vandals. In A.D. 437, Valentinian went to Constantinople, and married Eudoxia, the daughter of Theodosius II. and Eudocia. When he had reached the age at which he might at least have taken a part in the administration of his empire, he passed his time in acts of wanton cruelty and debauchery, leaving the administration in the hands of his mother, and the conduct of the wars to his generals. After the death of Theodosius II., in whose reign the Eastern empire had been ravaged and ransacked by the Huns, Attila, their king, invaded Gaul and destroyed many of the most flourishing cities. But in A.D. 451 they were defeated in the plains of Châlons by Aëtius, and driven back across the Rhine. In the year following however they invaded Italy, and, as Aëtius had not sufficient troops to meet them in a decisive battle, the freedom of Italy was purchased by humiliation and great sacrifices. The greatness of Aëtius had long nourished the secret envy and jealousy of the

impotent Valentinian, and in A.D. 454 he overcame him with his own hand. But the emperor himself did not long survive this atrocious act; on the 16th of March, 455, he was murdered by the patrician Petronius Maximus, whose wife had been violated by Valentinian, and who now usurped the throne of the West.



Coins of Valentinian III.
British Museum. Actual size.

(Paul. Diacon., v.; Pomponius Let., in *Valent.*; compare Gibbon, *Decline and Fall*, chap. 33 and 35.)

VALENZA, a town of Piedmont, in the province of Alessandria, situated on the right bank of the Po, in the district known by the name of Monferrato, and on the road from Alessandria to Casale. It is a fortified town, and has sustained several sieges. It has a communal college, several churches, and about 6000 inhabitants. (*Calendario Sardo*.)

VALERIAN; [VALERIANA.]

VALERIANA, a genus of plants, the type of the natural order Valerianaceae. This name has a somewhat doubtful origin. Linnaeus supposed, like *Geranium*, *Eupatorium*, *Tracium*, and other names, that it was derived from some distinguished individual of the name of Valerius; whilst Caspar, Bauhin, Ambrosius, and others derive it from *valere*, on account of the medical virtues of some of the species.

The species of this genus are herbs or undershrubs, with very variable leaves, and mostly reddish-white corymbose flowers. The limb of the calyx is involute during flowering, but it at last unfolds itself in the form of a feathery pappus, which is seated on the inferior ovary. The corolla is infundibuliform, gibbous at the base, and 5-cleft. The stamens are 3, and the fruit is indehiscent, 1-celled, and 1-seeded. This genus presents many diversities of form, although its species are obviously closely related. Linnaeus, in remarking on the want of constancy in the characters of this genus, under which he included the modern genera *Fedia* and *Valerianella*, observes, 'The calyx in some is a scarcely discernible border; in others 5-cleft. Tube of the corolla in some oblong; in a few furnished with a spur-shaped nectary; in others very short. Its limb in some equal; in others two-lipped, the upper lip divided. Stamens in several three; in some two; in others one or four; in some removed to a different flower from the pistil. Stigma in some 3-cleft; in others emarginate; in others globose. Pericarp, in some scarcely any; in others a thick capsule; in others of two cells. Seed sometimes crowned with feathery down, whose form is various; sometimes without any.' Nearly 100 species of Valeriana have been enumerated, of which 12 are European, and 4 are British. They are found in abundance in many districts both of the Old and New World.

V. officinalis, the Official or Great Wild Valerian, is a smooth erect plant with serrated stems, with all the leaves pinnate, the leaflets being serrated and lanceolate, in 7 or 8 pairs with an odd one. The inflorescence is at first a corymb, but by growth becomes a panicle. The fruit is globose. This plant is a native of Europe, and by the sides of rivers and in ditches and moist woods is abundant in Great Britain. This plant was introduced into medicine, and admitted into the Pharmacopoeia, on account of its being supposed to be the *Phu* (gale) of Dioscorides. The *V. Phu* of Linnaeus was afterwards supposed to be the genuine *Phu*, but Dr. Sibthorp discovered another species of Valerian in Greece, which Smith has named *V. Dioscoridis*, and which is probably the plant of Dioscorides. The root has a very strong smell, which is dependent on a volatile oil. It is very attractive to cats, and also to rats, and is employed by rat-catchers to decoy rats. It is much employed also in medicine at the present day. [*VALERIANA OFFICINALIS*—*Medical Properties of*.]

V. rubra, the Red Valerian, has ovate or lanceolate leaves, with a spur to the corolla half as long as the tube, and one stamen. This is a native of the south of Europe, the Levant, the north of Africa, and of Mount Vesuvius.

It is admitted into the English Flora on account of its being found occasionally wild; but as it is a very commonly cultivated plant, there is no reason to suppose that it is anything more than an outcast of gardens. This plant with four other species from the genus *Valeriana* have been made by De Candolle to form the genus *Centranthus*. The leaves have a glabrous aspect, and the flowers are of a dark-red colour. A variety is recorded with narrow leaves, and another with white flowers. The root of this plant has a sweet scent. This and the other species of *Centranthus* are elegant flowers for the garden, and may be easily propagated by seed: they will grow in any common soil or on rockwork.

V. dioica, the Small Marsh Valerian, is a glabrous erect plant, with a striated stem; the radical leaves ovate, undivided; those of the stem pinnatifid, with linear oblong leaflets; the stamens and pistils are on separate flowers in different plants, the corymbs of staminate flowers are loose, those of the pistilliferous flowers are contracted; the lobes of the stigma are almost united; the fruit is smooth. This plant is a deciduous herbaceous perennial, very common in moist meadows, by the sides of rivers, and in ditches throughout Europe. It is abundant in some parts of Great Britain. Its roots are often substituted for those of the *V. officinalis*, but they possess little medical value.

V. pyrenaica, the Pyrenean or Heart-leaved Valerian, has the corolla gibbous at the base, the leaves all pinnated, the leaflets lanceolate, nearly uniform and serrated. This plant is a native of the Pyrenees, but has been abundantly cultivated in British gardens. It is probably from this source that it has become to be a wild plant in Scotland, growing in woods about Glasgow and Edinburgh. Most of the Valerians, on account of the feathery nature of their calyx, may have their fruit conveyed to a distance, and thus germinate far from the spot where they were originally planted.

V. Dracoidea, the ancient Grecian Valerian, is an erect glabrous plant, with the lower leaves pinnated, and the leaflets toothed and ovate, the terminal one largest; the upper leaves with equal lanceolate toothed leaflets; inflorescence paniculate. This plant was first described by Smith, in the 'Flora Græca'. Dr. Sibthorp having discovered it near the river Limyris in Lycia. Professor Edward Forbes, in his late visit to Lycia, met with this plant in great abundance over a large district. It is a deciduous perennial about two feet high, and is a very distinct species and typical of the genus. The *V. Italica* of Lamarck closely resembles this species, and Smith thought it might be the same. It is said to have four sinuses.

V. Phu, the Garden Valerian, is an erect glabrous plant with square smooth stems; the root-leaves entire, oblong or elliptic; those of the stem pinnatifid, with oblong lobes; the corymbs panicled; lobes of the stigma 3; fruit smooth, except in two hairy lines. This plant is a native of Europe, in Belgium, Alsacia, Switzerland, Silesia, &c. It has a thick matted pale-green root. The flowers are white and give out a pleasant smell. It was supposed by Linnaeus to be the ancient *Phu*, *Phu* is the Arabic name of this species.

The preceding species are for the most part exclusively European: about 28 species have been described as inhabitants of the New World, resembling generally its structure and in properties the European species.

V. Celtica, Celtie Nard, or Nard Valerian, is a glabrous plant with entire obtuse leaves, the radical ones being obovate, those of the stem linear; the stems are simple; the flowers disposed in racemose spikes, and the fruit hairy. This plant is a native of France, Italy, Blyria, and Switzerland, in alpine districts. Its roots are sweet-scented and of a black colour. The roots of this plant are still imported into Egypt, for the purpose of perfuming the water used in baths. They very closely resemble in form and smell those of the Nardostachys, which there is every reason to believe yields the spikenard of the ancients. [SPERNARD.]

V. Hardwickii, Hardwick's Valerian, is an erect downy plant, with striated villous stems; root-leaves cordate, undivided, those of the stem sessile, remote, pinnate; corymbs at length panicled; stamens enclosed; fruit tetragonal, hairy; stigma 3-lobed. This plant is a native of Nepal. It attains a height of about three feet. The root has a strong scent like the common Valerian, and is used by the Hindus in medicine in the same manner as the common Valerian in this country. This is the plant which Sir

William Jones, in his 'Asiatic Researches,' supposed to yield the Spikenard, or Jatamansi of the Hindus. [SPERNARD; VALERIANACEÆ.] There are about eight other species of Valerian natives of Asia, all of them having herbaceous stems, and with the peculiar aromatic property of the genus more or less developed.

Many of the species of Valeriana are introduced into the garden, for which their ornamental flowers, easy culture, and hardy habits well adapt them. Those from warmer climates should be grown in pots, in order that they may be removed to the greenhouse during the winter months. Most of the species may be propagated by parting their roots and planting them out in the autumn or spring season where they are to grow; or they may be raised from seed sown at the same seasons and in the same situations.

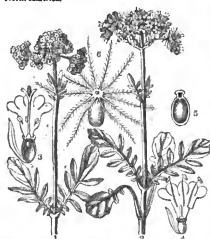
(Don's Miller; Cyc. of Plants; Hooker's British Flora; Koch, Flora Germanica.)

VALERIANA OFFICINALIS—Medical Properties of. The root, or more properly the rhizoma with its root-fibres, of this species, particularly the variety termed *alcyonitis*, is used in medicine. It should be collected in spring before it shows flower, or late in autumn. It is best from plants of two or three years old, which grow in elevated stony places, rather than in very moist meadows. It varies considerably in appearance and in its sensible properties, according to the age of the plant, its place of growth, and the length of time it has been kept. The rhizoma is small, short, rounded or oblong, truncated, furnished with very many root-fibres, which are about the thickness of a straw, and from two to six inches long; the colour of the freshly obtained root is a dirty yellowish-white; the consistence fleshy; by drying, which is easily effected, it becomes wrinkled, more yellow or brownish, and in time dark. The root gathered in spring becomes most wrinkled. The odour is heavy, penetrating, and very characteristic, and said to resemble that of the urine of cats. This odour is stronger in the dried than the fresh root, and is scarcely impaired by time, even when the access of the air is freely allowed. The taste is acridly aromatic, camphoraceous, and bitter. The English Valerian is the most esteemed: it is abundant in Kent and Essex, and the wild plant is to be preferred to that which is cultivated for medical use at Ashover in Derbyshire. It is to be regretted that this root is often confounded or fraudulently adulterated with that of the Valeriana dioica, which is smaller and of much feebler odour, and that of the *Geum urbanum* or *arvense*, which is pleasantly aromatic. Much more serious is the confusion, probably always accidental or merely from ignorance, of the genuine root with those of several species of ranunculus, or crowfoot, viz. *R. repens*, *serotinus*, and even *polyanthemos*, also those of *Stium angustifolium* and *S. latifolium*, or more rarely *Helicoborus niger* and *Asclepias Vincetoxicum*; but the absence of the peculiar odour of valerian, or the presence of a very repulsive one, may always distinguish them with moderate attention.

According to the analysis of Trommsdorff (*Journal der Pharmacie*, xviii., p. 3), 100 parts of the dried root yield of volatile oil 1·2, peculiar resinous extractive 12·5, gummy extractive 9·4, soft resin 6·2, woody fibre 70·7; by distillation a volatile fatty acid termed valerianic acid is obtained, besides the volatile oil. The medicinal action is chiefly due to the volatile oil and extractive. Valerian is considered a *cerebro-spinal* stimulant, large doses of it causing marked excitement of the nervous system, not only of the human race, but also of cats, which are remarkably fond of it. In the slightest forms of nervous diseases not dependent on any change of structure of the brain or spinal chord, valerian is of considerable utility. In several instances, especially if there be much acidity of stomach, its beneficial effects are increased by combination with ammonia. In other instances valerian (in powder) greatly heightens the tonic power of the *sulphate of quina*, the absence of all aroma from which renders it inferior as a tonic to many of the other forms of administering bark. [CINCHONA.]

VALERIANACEÆ, a natural order of plants belonging to Lindley's Aggregose group of Monopetalous Exogens. The order is composed of annual or perennial herbs or undershrubs with opposite exstipulate leaves. All the perennial species have roots more or less strongly scented; the annual are mostly inodorous. The flowers are either co-

rymbose, panicked, or in heads: sometimes changing from one form into the other. The calyx is superior, the limb either membranous or forming a feathery pappus. The corolla is tubular, 3-6-lobed, regular or irregular, and sometimes spurred at the base. The stamens vary in number from 1 to 5, and are inserted into the tube of the corolla alternately with its lobes. The ovary is inferior and 1-celled, with sometimes 2 imperfect and aborted cells; the ovule is solitary and pendulous, the style simple, and from 1 to 3 stigmas. The embryo is straight and without albumen, with a superior radicle. These plants are most nearly allied to Dipsaceae; from which they are distinguished by their looser inflorescence, sensuous properties, want of albumen, and the absence of an involucrellum. They are more remotely related to Rubiaceae. They are natives of temperate climates or elevated positions in both the Old and New World. They are more abundant in the north of Asia, Europe, and South America, than in Africa or North America.



Valeriana dielsii.

1, Cutting with glabrous flowers; 2, section of staminate flower with fertile cell; 3, section of staminate flower with sterile cell; 4, section of staminate flower with permanent feathery calyx.

The principal uses of this order will be found referred to under the articles VALERIANA; VALERIANELLA; and SPIKENARD. The genus *Nardostachys* is known by the following characters:—the limb of the calyx 5-parted, with the lobes ovate-oblong, acute, slightly toothed; the corolla is regular and bearded in the throat; the stamens 4; the capsule 3-celled, surmounted by the lobes of the calyx. Of this genus there are two species, the *N. jatamansi*, the spikenard, and the *N. grandiflora*. The former has a villous stem, downy leaves, of which the radical ones are lanceolate, whilst those of the stem are subsessile; the fascicles of flowers are opposite, pedunculate, and terminal. The smell of the roots of this plant, as well as of others of the order, is not at all agreeable to European taste, so much so that some have doubted as to whether this can be the true spikenard which was so valued as a perfume by the ancients. Dr. Francis Hamilton says, 'As there can be no disputing about taste, I cannot take upon myself to say how far the encomiums bestowed on the spikenard are applicable to this valerian (*Nardostachys*), and the native women, no doubt, consider the smell very agreeable, because most of such as can afford it use oil impregnated with this root for perfuming their hair. All I can say is, that if this root is the spikenard of the Roman ladies, their lovers must have had a very different taste from the youth of modern Europe. Notwithstanding the objections that might be raised against the *Jatamansi*, on the ground that the perfume produced by its roots would not prove perhaps so grateful to our modern ladies, yet to the ladies of ancient Rome it might have been highly grateful, as it is to those of Nepal at the present day.'

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The genus *Putrinio* was named by Jussieu after M. Patrin, a traveller and collector of plants in Siberia. It has the limb of the calyx truncate, very short; corolla regular, without any spur, and bluntly 5-lobed; four stamens; a 3-celled capsule. The flowers are corymbose, and of a golden yellow colour. *P. Sibirico* has a very strong-scented root; whilst the *P. ceratophylla*, an American species, has a root that is eaten by the Indians. The root of this plant has at first some of the smell of the order, but previous to being eaten by the Indians it is baked on heated stones, by which process it is converted into a soft and pulpy mass, which has a sweet taste, resembling that of treacle, and appears to be a wholesome article of diet. The process of heating expels the volatile oil that gives to all these roots their peculiar odour; and the starch that is left, which is similar to that in other roots, is nutritious. This plant is a native of the north-west of America, and on the west side of the Rocky Mountains.

VALERIANELLA, a genus of plants belonging to the natural order Valerianaceae. This name is a diminutive of Valeriana, but was rejected by Smith, Hooker, and others, as not being in accordance with the Linnaean laws of nomenclature; and accordingly they have described its species under the Adansonian genus *Fedia*. De Candolle, Lindley, and other systematic botanists however still retain *Valerianella*, and confine the genus *Fedia* to a single species, the *F. cornucopiae*.

Valerianella, as at present constituted, consists of annual herbs, with oblong or linear undivided toothed or pinnatifid leaves, and small white solitary or corymbose flowers. The limb of the calyx is toothed and permanent; corolla regular, 5-lobed; stamens 3; stigma nearly entire or trifid; fruit 3-celled, membranous, indehiscent.

This genus includes about twenty-five species. Their distinctions are not easily made out, on account of the variable character of the different parts of the plant. De Candolle has divided them into four subgenera, depending on differences existing between the structure of the fruit, which is sometimes 2-celled and sometimes 3-celled; but only one of the cells ever contains the seed. Varieties in the structure and form of the fertile and sterile cells are the foundation of De Candolle's subgenera. Koch, in his 'Flora Germanica,' divides the German and Swiss species, which are only eight in number, into four sections, depending principally on the structure of the calyx. Four of the species are British, belonging to three of De Candolle's subgenera.

V. officinale, Common Corn-Salad, or Lamb's Lettuce, has globose, compressed, inflated, glabrous, oblique, 2-lobed fruit; the limb of the calyx almost wanting; the two sterile cells of the fruit in one produced by an incomplete dissepiment; the flowers capitate; leaves linear, and angles of stem scabrous. This plant is an annual, from four inches to a foot high. It is a native of Europe, in corn-fields and cultivated ground, and is found abundantly in such situations, especially in a light soil in Great Britain. In France and Germany it is much eaten as a salad, and is frequently cultivated for that purpose in this country. It attains a much greater size in gardens than in the fields. In France it is called *Mache salade de pître douceille*; and in Germany, *Acken-salat*. Its English name, Lamb's Lettuce, refers to its appearing at the time that lambs are dropped. The following directions are given for cultivating it by Don:—It is raised from seed, of which a quarter of an ounce is sufficient for a bed four feet by five. To answer the common demand, two, at most three, sowings will be sufficient, viz. a principal sowing at the beginning or towards the middle of August; a secondary sowing early in September, to furnish together crops in winter and early spring; and a smaller sowing in spring, at the close of February or in the course of March, if the plants are required in continuation throughout that season, though they are apt to get rank-tasted in warm dry weather. If wanted throughout summer, sow once a month, and cut the crop quite young. Sow the seeds in any bed of common mellow earth, broad-cast, and rake in the seed. When the plants are up, thin them to two or three inches asunder, that they may have room to acquire some small stocky growth for gathering. For seed leave some plants in spring. (Don's Miller, vol. lii.)

The other British species of the genus are *V. dentata*, Smooth Narrow-fruited Corn-Salad; *V. mixta*, Sharp

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Rough-fruited Corn-Salad; *F. eriocarpa*, Blunt Rough-fruited Corn-Salad. All the species are innocuous, and may be eaten as salads.

VALERIANIC ACID, an acid obtained from valerian root by heating it in water as long as it reddens litmus. The liquid is afterwards neutralized at a gentle heat with magnesia or carbonate of soda, and the solution of the resulting salt is to be evaporated to dryness in a water-bath. The dry mass is to be mixed with a proper quantity of sulphuric acid diluted with half its weight of water; when the mixture is gently heated, valerianic acid is set free, and it separates in the state of an oily stratum; it is to be poured off and submitted to distillation, the receiver being changed as soon as the acid passes over unmixed with water.

According to Dumas and Stas, this acid may be prepared from the oil of potatoes by adding to it ten times its weight of a mixture of equal parts of the hydrates of potash and of lime, and heating the mixture to 342° Fahr. The mass is to be allowed to cool excluded from the air, then to be moistened with water, and to be mixed with a slight excess of diluted sulphuric acid and distilled: the product distilled is to be saturated with lime or soda, as already mentioned, and the resulting salt is to be decomposed by distillation with sulphuric or phosphoric acid.

Valerianic acid forms two hydrates. When it is separated from the aqueous solution of a valerianate by a stronger acid, it contains, according to Liebig, three atoms of water, of which two may be separated, by distillation, in the state of pure water, which afterwards becomes milky, and at last the colourless monohydrate passes over in distillation.

This monohydrate is oleaginous, very fluid, of an acid penetrating odour, like the valerian root; its taste is acid and sharp with a sweetish after-taste; it produces a white spot on the tongue. It does not become solid at 4° Fahr.

According to Dumas and Stas, its density is 0.937, and it boils at 317° Fahr.; while Trommsdorff states its density to be 0.944, and that the trihydrate boils at about 270° Fahr. The monohydrate dissolves in 30 parts of water at about 53° Fahr.; it dissolves in all proportions in alcohol, ether, and crystallizable acetic acid; and sulphuric acid when heated carbonizes it; but nitric acid, whether cold or hot, appears to have no action upon it. It dissolves iodine and camphor.

Valerianic acid combines with bases to form salts, which are called *valerianates*; the potash and soda salts are very soluble, deliquescent, and crystallize with difficulty. The valerianates of lime and barytes are also very soluble, but they are crystallizable and unalterable in the air; the magnesium salt crystallizes to efflorescent needles. Several of the metallic oxides have been combined with this acid, but the resulting compounds are not of sufficient importance to require minute description.

Anhydrous valerianic acid is probably constituted of—

Ten equivalents of carbon	60
Nine equivalents of hydrogen	9
Three equivalents of oxygen	24
Equivalent	93

VALERIANUS, PUBLIUS LICINIUS, a Roman emperor, who reigned from A.D. 253 till 260. He was a Roman by birth, and descended of a noble family. He rose gradually from one office to another, and at the time when Decius was carrying on the war against the Goths Valerian held a distinguished post in his armies. In A.D. 251, Decius, in his desire to revive the ancient political virtue of the Romans, conceived the idea of restoring the censorship, which had been extinct since the days of Titus and Vespasian. The election was left to the senate, and the senators unanimously elected Valerian as the most worthy. A speech in which the emperor Decius is said to have announced to Valerian his elevation to the censorship, and described to him the powers it conferred upon him, is preserved in Trebellian Pollio's history of Valerian (c. 2). Valerian urged his incapacity to perform the arduous duties of such an office; and while the negotiations were still going on, a new war with the Goths broke out, and the censorship of Valerian remained a mere title, as Decius and his generals had to use all their energy against the enemy. In A.D. 253, when Gallus was murdered by *Æmilianus*, Valerian had the command of the legions in

Gaul and Germany, and with them he hastened to Italy to avenge the death of his sovereign. *Æmilianus* however was put to death by his own soldiers in the plains of Spoletto, before Valerian had time to strike a blow, and Valerian was called to the imperial throne by the unanimous voice of the Roman world. His mild and unblemished character, his prudence, experience, and learning, inspired both the senate and the people with confidence. The Roman empire was threatened at that time by formidable enemies on all sides, and required the emperor to be an energetic general as well as a wise ruler. Valerian, who on his accession was at least sixty years of age, immediately appointed his son Gallienus his colleague in the empire. This choice was very unhappy, for Gallienus was an effeminate and careless man, and the whole period of their joint reign was a series of calamities, interrupted only by one great victory of Postumus, a general of Gallienus, over the Franks, in A.D. 260, while his master was revelling in the pleasures of his court at Treves. Some German tribes ravaged Gaul and Spain, while the Goths crossed the Danube and invaded the countries south of that river. At the same time, Sapor I., king of Persia, who had already made himself master of Armenia, disturbed the peace of the eastern provinces. Notwithstanding his advanced age, Valerian left the care of the eastern provinces to his generals, and marched in person against the Persians. He crossed the Euphrates, and met his enemy in the neighbourhood of Edessa. The Romans were vanquished, and the treachery of Macrianus, the prefectus prætorio, delivered Valerian into the hands of Sapor, A.D. 260. The Roman soldiers laid down their arms, and Sapor himself filled the vacant throne of the empire with one Oryndes of Antioch, who received the acclamations of the army. In order to gain the favour of his conqueror, Valerian betrayed his own country, and conducted Sapor to Antioch; which was taken by surprise and destroyed, and Syria and Cilicia fell into the hands of the victor. But notwithstanding this, Valerian was dragged about by Sapor as a slave, dressed in the imperial purple, and treated in the most humiliating manner. It is related that whenever Sapor mounted his horse, Valerian had to kneel down and serve as a stepping-stone to his master. Valerian soon sank under the weight of grief and shame: after his death his body was flayed, his skin was stuffed with straw, and set up in a temple in Persia as a monument of Sapor's victory.

Valerian deserves both the praise and censure which have been bestowed upon him: he was a well-meaning but feeble governor. In his conduct towards the Christians he was at first mild and tolerant, but during the latter half of his reign the influence of Macrianus, a zealous upholder of paganism, induced Valerian to begin a bitter persecution of the Christians as that which had taken place in the reign of Decius.



Coin of Valerianus.

British Museum. Actual Size.

(Trebellian Pollio, *Valerianus*; S. Aurel. Victor, *Epitome*, c. 32; Eutropius, ix. 8; Zonaras, xii. p. 625; Eusebius, *Hist. Eccles.*, vii. 10; compare Gibbon, *History of the Decline and Fall*, c. x.)

VALERIUS ANTIAS, QUINTUS, or Valerius of Antium, wrote Annals of Rome from the foundation of the city to about the time of Sulla, in forty-five books at least. Gellius (vii. 9) mentions the forty-fifth book. He is often cited by Livy; but Livy used his Annals with caution, and observes on his exaggerations in numbers.

VALERIUS FLACUS. [FLACCUS, CAES. VALERIUS.] **VALERIUS MAXIMUS** was, according to an anonymous Latin life of him, of a Patrician family, and of the gens Valeria: on his mother's side he belonged, according to the same authority, to the gens Fabia, and from these two families derived his name of Valerius Maximus. But this account of the origin of the name Maximus may be safely rejected. The anonymous life states that Valerius Maximus spent his youth and part of his early man-

nood in improving himself by education: he afterwards served in the army, and accompanied Sextus Pompeius to Asia. This last circumstance is confirmed by Valerius (6. c. 9), in a passage in which he speaks of Sextus Pompeius and himself witnessing in the island of Ceos the death of an old woman, who, being weary of life, determined to die by poison, and invited Pompey to be present on the occasion. This Sextus Pompeius was consul in A.D. 14, the year in which Augustus died, and seems to have been afterwards proconsul of Asia, and to have had Valerius Maximus among his comites. Nothing more is known of Valerius.

Valerius Maximus is the author of a work in nine books, entitled 'Exemplorum Memorabilium Libri novam ad Tiberium Caesarem Augustum.' It is dedicated to the emperor Tiberius Caesar Augustus, who is eulogized as the patron of all virtues and the enemy of vice. It is concluded from a passage in the ninth book (c. 11) that this work was written after the downfall of Sejanus, who appears to be clearly pointed at in this passage, though his name is not mentioned. The work of Valerius consists of short stories and anecdotes, taken from various writers. The chapters into which each book is divided have their appropriate headings, under which the subdivisions of each chapter are arranged: such as (lib. i.) 'on religion,' 'on simulated religion,' 'on foreign religion rejected,' 'on auspices,' 'on omens,' 'on prodigies,' 'on dreams,' 'on marvellous things' (lib. ix.), 'on luxury and lust,' 'on cruelty,' 'on anger and hatred,' and so on. Each head is illustrated by examples. This collection has some value, as the author has preserved many facts which would be otherwise unknown; but his want of judgment renders his statements doubtful when they cannot be confirmed by other authority. He was not critically acquainted with the history and constitution of his own country, and accordingly his work should be used with caution. A singular blunder of his is pointed out by Savigny (*Das Recht des Römischen Rechts*, p. 175, 5th ed.). The style of Valerius Maximus is totally devoid of all merit: it falls so far below the best writers of his age, that some critics have, on this ground alone, in opposition to the evidence already given, assigned him to a much later period. Julius Paris, a writer of uncertain date, epitomized the work of Valerius; and this epitome, which has been published by Mai, varies somewhat from the present text of Valerius both as to matter and expression. There is also an epitome by Januarius Nepotianus; and another, which was made at the close of the fifteenth century, by J. Honorius.

There is appended to the work of Valerius in the present form a fragment of a work, entitled 'De Nominibus, Praenominibus, Cognominibus, Agnominibus,' which is on a different subject from the other nine books. It professes to be an epitome or compendium by the same Julius Paris. This is clearly an extract from some other work than that of Valerius Maximus, and it has been conjectured that it is an extract from the 'Annales' of Valerius of Antium; but on what this conjecture is founded is not clear.

The first edition of Valerius Maximus was printed at Strasburg about 1470. Subsequent editions are numerous. One of the best is by A. Torrenius, Leyden, 1726, 4to. Valerius Maximus has been translated into most European languages. There is an English version by Speed, London, 1678, 8vo. The epitome of Julius Paris was published by Mai, in his 'Scriptorum Veterum Nova Collectio,' Rome, 1828, 4to., vol. iii., which also contains the epitome of Januarius Nepotianus.

(Vossius, *De Historicis Latinis*; Baehr, *Geschichte der Römischen Literatur*.)

VALERIUS POPLICOLA. [PUBLICOLA.]

VALERIUS PROBUS, MARCUS, a Roman grammarian, who was living in the time of Nero, was a native of Berytus in Syria. He served originally in the army, but afterwards betook himself to study. Having formed a taste for verbal criticism, he applied himself to the emendation of authors and to annotations on them. A short time before his death he made an emendation of the following passage of Sallust—'Satis eloquentiae, sapientiae parum,' in which he read 'loquentiae' for 'eloquentiae.' He was perfectly satisfied of the truth of this emendation, and gave a reason for it. (Gellius, i. 15.) According to Gellius, he also wrote on the accent of certain Punic words, and on the secret meaning of the letters or symbols in the Epistles of C. Julius Caesar to C. Oppian and Balbus Cor-

nelius. This Valerius Probus may be the grammarian of the same name who is often cited in the Scholia on Terence, and also the author of Scholia on Virgil's 'Georgics' and 'Bucolics.'

The work entitled 'De Interpretandis Notis Romanorum' is not that to which Gellius refers, for the work mentioned by Gellius was on secret writing, whereas this is on abbreviated writing, or stenography. There are several editions of this work. One of the best is by Lindebrog, Leyden, 1599, 8vo. The two books 'Institutum Grammaticarum,' which bear the name of Valerius Probus, are also supposed to be by another and a later writer. They were edited by Lindemann, in his 'Corpus Grammaticorum Latiorum,' Leipzig, 1831, 4to.

(Suetonius, *De Illustribus Grammaticis*; Bähr, *Geschichte der Römischen Literatur*.)

VALE'RY-EN-CAUX, ST. [SEINE INFÉRIEURE.]

VALE'RY-SUR-SOMME, ST. [SOMME.]

VALE'SIUS. [VALUUS.]

VALETTA. [MALTA.]

VALLA, LORENZO, one of the most distinguished Latin scholars of the fifteenth century, was born at Rome, according to Drakenborch, in 1407, but according to others five years later. He was the son of an eminent lawyer, was educated at Rome, and became acquainted with the Greek language under the tuition of Aursipus. Owing to the troubles consequent upon the death of Pope Martin V. Valla withdrew from Rome, and was engaged for a time in teaching rhetoric at Pavia and Milan. In 1435 he went to Naples, where he continued the same occupation, and gained the friendship of King Alfonso I. of Naples. He is said to have instructed the king in the Latin language. Valla and Beccadelli used to read to the king during dinner the works of the ancients, and especially Livy's Roman History, and to converse with the king about the subjects which were read. While at Naples, Valla began by his writings to show his talent as a critic and a scholar. The freedom with which he treated Livy, and the fearless manner in which he attacked historical and theological errors, drew upon him the enmity of contemporary scholars and theologians, for to doubt the accuracy of Livy's statements was regarded in those times as a kind of heresy. After having spent some years at Naples, he went to Rome, and became a canon of St. John in the Lateran. But his heresies endangered his safety; and after some time he was compelled, by the command of the pope, to quit Rome. Valla returned to Naples, where Alfonso, as before, gave him protection against his enemies, and in 1443 the king appointed him his private secretary. The number of his enemies, among whom we may mention Beccadelli, Facius, and Poggio, was increased by the bitterness with which Valla inveighed against them; and a theological dispute, in which he became involved at Naples, had the most serious consequences for him: he was summoned by the archbishop of Naples, before an assembly of all the clergy of the city, and condemned to be burnt alive. Valla evaded the execution by declaring that he believed everything which the church required, until Alfonso had time to rescue him. Poggio relates that he was scourged round a convent at Naples, and then expelled from Naples. This story is believed to be a malicious fabrication of Poggio; but however this may be, Valla left Naples and went to Rome to justify himself before the pope and the cardinals, and he succeeded so well that Pope Nicholas V. not only treated him with great distinction, but appointed him professor of rhetoric with a handsome salary. He was also restored to his place as canon of St. John in the Lateran, and was at last raised to the office of secretary to the pope. He died at Rome in 1457, or, according to others, in 1463, and was buried in the church of which he had been a canon, where his tombstone still remains. It had at one time been removed from the church, but Niebuhr discovered it and caused it to be restored.

Valla was the ablest Latin scholar of his time. He was the first who read the ancient writers in a true critical spirit. He was also the first who pointed out inconsistencies in Livy, for which he was bitterly persecuted by Poggio and Morandus of Bologna. The controversies which were carried on between him and his antagonists are almost unequalled in the history of literature for their bitterness; they are full of the most vehement invectives and slanderous imputations. Valla's works are partly historical, partly

controversial or critical: after his death, two collections of them were published, one at Venice in 1492, and a more complete one at Basel in 1540. Those works which deserve especial mention are his 'Elegantiae Sermonis Latini,' which has often been printed, and is still very useful; his 'Notae in Novum Testamentum, sive de Collocatione Novi Testamenti,' in two books; and his Commentaries on Livy and Sallust. Valla also translated into Latin, the Fables of Aesop, Homer's Iliad, Thucydides, and Herodotus. The last translation was incomplete when he died, and was finished by Pontanus. His translations have been severely censured by modern critics for their carelessness and inaccuracy, but it must be borne in mind that many of their deficiencies may not have risen altogether from his imperfect knowledge of Greek or carelessness, but also from the bad manuscripts which he used.

The biography of Valla involves many difficulties, which partly arise from the false or exaggerated accounts of his enemies. A minute and critical history of the life of Valla is given by Drakenborch, in the seventh volume of his edition of Livy. Compare also Hodius, *De Graecis Illustribus*, p. 104, &c.; Vossius, *De Hist. Lat.*, p. 573, &c.; Fabricius, *Bibliotheca Latina Mediae et Infimae Aetatis*, under 'Valla,' where a complete list of his works is given; Bayle, *Dictionnaire Historique et Critique*, under 'Valla.'

VALLADOLID, a city of Spain, capital of the province of its name in Old Castile, 73 miles south-west of Burgos, and 100 miles north-west of Madrid; 41° 40' N. lat., 4° 42' W. long. The city stands in a plain bordered by limestone hills, at the confluence of the Pisuerga and the Esgueva. Its ancient name was Pintiia; but the Arabs changed it into Belad Walid, or the town of Walid, after Walid Ibn Hisham, the eleventh khalif of the race of Umayyad, in whose time Spain was conquered by Tarik Ibn Zeyad and Musa Ibn Nusseyr. The exact time at which Valladolid was recovered from the Moors is not known; but it was probably taken with other cities of Castile early in the eleventh century. Philip III. having made it his constant residence, the city is full of sumptuous edifices and palaces, which, though now untenanted and falling to ruin, give it a very imposing aspect. The Plaza Mayor, or great square, and the streets built on porticoes leading to it, are the only parts of the city which present some animation; the rest looks miserable and deserted. The cathedral, an unfinished edifice, built by Juan de Herrera, the architect of the Escorial, at the expense of Philip II., who was a native of Valladolid, was intended to have been one of the most sumptuous in Spain; but, like many other similar buildings, it was never completed. The church and convent of the Benedictines, that of San Gregorio and Las Hoelgas, are very handsome; but the college of San Pablo is without dispute the most remarkable edifice in Valladolid, from its general elegance and the exquisite finish of the bas-reliefs on its portada, or frontispiece, which after a lapse of 300 years preserve all their freshness and beauty. The royal palace is also a very fine building of mixed architecture, but it suffered much during the Peninsular war. The chancilleria, or house where the court of justice holds its sessions, is a large and fine structure in the Tuscan order. Valladolid has a university, founded by Alonzo XI. in 1346; it was formerly celebrated for its school of jurisprudence, and continued to flourish till the end of the last century. Among the colleges were one for the Scotch and one for the English; they have since been blended into one, called Colegio de los Irlandeses. Valladolid has also an academy of the fine arts, which supports a school of painting and design, and possesses a fine collection of models in sculpture, architecture, and painting. Since the suppression of the convents, all the objects of art belonging to the various religious houses in the province have been collected in Valladolid, and a good museum of painting and sculpture has been formed. Among the sculptures are the works of Juan de Juni, Berruguete, Becerra, Tordesillas, and Gregorio Hernandez.

Valladolid was formerly an opulent commercial city; but since the loss of the Spanish colonies, its manufactures of woollen stuffs, hats, silk-ribbons, linen and cotton yarn, paper, liquorice, pottery and earthenware, leather, &c. are now little more than sufficient for the supply of the town. Trade however has considerably increased of late by the opening of a canal which connects the Pi-

suerga with the river Douro, only 10 miles distant from Valladolid, and which is intended to go as far as Santander. The country round Valladolid produces white wine of good quality, madder, silk, olives, and corn. Coal is said to be abundant in the neighbourhood; but if so, no use is made of this valuable article. Valladolid is the see of a bishop, suffragan of the archbishopric of Burgos, the residence of a captain-general, gefe politico, or prefect, an intendente, and other public functionaries of the province. Columbus, the discoverer of America, died in this city on the 20th of May, 1506.

(Mifano, *Diccionario Geográfico*, vol. ix. pp. 230-4; Pons, *Viaje de España*, vol. ix.)

VALLADOLID. [MEXICAN STATES.]

VALLA'RIS, a genus of plants of the natural family of Apocynaceae, so called from *vallo*, 'to enclose,' in consequence of its being used for fences in Java. The genus is characterised by having a silver-shaped corol, of which the tube is naked and the limb 5-parted. Stamens 5, exserted; anthers adhering, filaments with a fleshy gibbosity at the apex. Hypogynous scales 5, combined at the base. Ovary 2-celled. Fruit of 2 foliaceous. Seeds furnished with a tuft of hairs at the umbilical end. The species consist of a few twining shrubs, which are found in China, the Indian islands, and the plains of India. Of these *V. Pergulans*, called *Echites hirsuta* by Roxburgh, and common in the Indian Peninsula and Archipelago, is remarkable for its offensive, goat-like smell; while *V. dichotoma*, indigenous in the north-western provinces, is remarkable for its agreeable odour. Its leaves are employed there as poultices.

VALLÉ, PIETRO DELLA, surnamed Il Pellegrino, a traveller of the 17th century, was born at Rome on the 2nd of April, 1586. Possessed of an independent fortune, he spent his youth in literary pursuits; his verses procured him admission into the academy of the Umoristi. The expectation of a war created by the disturbances which followed the death of Henry IV., induced Della Valle to turn soldier. He does not appear however to have seen any land service at that time; and of a cruise which he made off the coasts of Barbary in a Spanish fleet in 1611, he says himself that they had only scuffles, not battles.

An unsuccessful love affair, in which he was engaged on his return to Rome, drove him to Naples to consult his friend Mario Scipiano, about a project he had formed to visit the Holy Land. At Naples he took upon him the habit, and made a vow always to bear the name, of a pilgrim. He embarked at Venice on the 8th of June, 1614, and continued an unsettled traveller till 1626. He first bent his course to Constantinople, which he reached on the 15th of August; he remained there till the 25th of September, 1615. From Constantinople he proceeded by way of Rhodes and Alexandria to Cairo. Leaving Cairo on the 8th of March, 1616, he travelled by land to Aleppo and Bagdad, where he fell in love with Maani Giordana, a young Chaldean, a native of Mardin, whence her parents had been driven by the Kurds, and married her. Della Valle carried his wife into Persia, where he was favourably received by Shah Abbas. He remained in Persia six years (January, 1617, to January, 1623), during which time he visited, in the suite of the king, Ispahan, the Caspian provinces, and Azerbaijan. He served in a war between Persia and the Porte, and endeavoured to procure some amelioration of the condition of Christians in Persia. In December, 1621, his wife died: he had her corpse embalmed, intending to carry it to Rome with him. In the beginning of 1623 he sailed from Gambrun to Surat: he remained in India till the close of 1624. He returned by Muscat to Basmah, traversed the desert to Aleppo, and visiting Cyprus, Malta, Sicily, and Naples by the way, he arrived at Rome on the 28th of March, 1626. Here Della Valle deposited the body of his wife in the tomb of his ancestors, on the 23rd of May, 1627: he pronounced a funeral oration over her, in the delivery of which he was interrupted by his tears. Some authors say that his audience sympathised with him; others that they laughed at him.

Urban VIII., to whom Della Valle presented a memoir on the condition of Georgia, appointed him an honorary gentleman of his bedchamber. Soon after he buried his first wife, Della Valle married a young relation of hers who had accompanied him on his travels. Having in a violent access of anger killed a coachman on the Place of St.

Peter, while the pope was in the act of pronouncing the benediction, Della Valle was banished from Rome, but soon obtained a pardon and leave to return. He died on the 20th of April, 1692.

Della Valle caused to be printed in 1627, but did not publish, the oration which he pronounced over his wife's body at the funeral ceremony. In 1628 he caused to be printed at Venice an account of Shah Abbas, which Bellori (1682) says was not published: a French translation of this work appeared at Paris in 1631. Della Valle published, in 1641, 'Di tre nuove Maniere di Verso adrucciolo, Discorso di Pietro della Valle nell' Accademia degli Umoristi il Fantastico, detta nella stessa, a' 20 di Novembre, 1631.' In 1650 he published the first part of the letters written to his friend Schipano in the course of his travels: this first part was contained in one 4to. volume, and brought down the narrative to the time of his marriage with Msaia Gioconda. The letters relating to Persia were published after his death, in 1659, in two volumes: the third part—his Indian travels and his return to Rome—were published in 1662. This work has been translated into French, Dutch, and German: an English translation of the last part was published in 1665. The memoir on Georgia presented to Urban VIII. was inserted by Thévenot in the first volume of his collection. In 1644 Della Valle composed a narrative of the adventures of his second wife, which does not appear ever to have been published. He also left in MS. an account, in Latin, of the kings or chiefs subject to Persia, and some plans and drawings, which his widow refused to communicate for publication. Della Valle appears to have been rash and vain, but he possessed the susceptibility to external impressions, retentive memory, and facility of expression, which is frequently found in persons of that character. His accounts of routes and distances, of the external appearance of countries, and of manners and customs, are lively and accurate.

(Pietro della Valle, *Viaggi descritti in Lettere famigliari al suo amico Mario Schipano*; Bellori, *Life of Della Valle*, prefixed to the edition of his Travels published at Rome in 1662; *Biographie Universelle*.)

VALLEYS. 'Why has the earth any mountains?' is the question from which De Lac, writing in 1792, sets out to expound his whole geological system; and to answer at the present time the corresponding question, Why has the earth any Valleys? requires reference to almost the entire series of general truths which have been established by investigation into the structure of the crust of the globe. For in these hollows on the surfaces of plains, hilly slopes, and steep mountains, we behold not only the results of atmospheric agencies, both chemical and mechanical, and of the flowing of streams, operating under the actual conditions of nature on materials of unequal induration, but also the earlier effects of other watery agencies, under

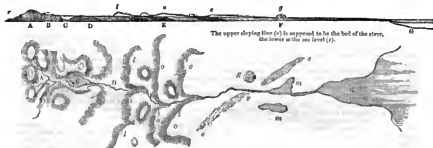
other physical conditions, on materials differently circumstanced, both as to their consolidation and their position in reference to the general curve of surface of the globe and the relative level of the sea. The origin of valleys ascends to the earliest geological eras, but their completion includes the latest phenomena produced in our own days.

To discuss the literary history of this celebrated question, and estimate the degree of truth attained in the conflicting hypotheses of Dr. Hutton and De Lac—which may stand as the types of two great classes of rival speculations, not yet completely reconciled—would be a long, intricate, and unfruitful labour. The problem to be solved has seldom been seized by any but the most modern writers in all its generality; and the partial solutions, really arrived at in particular cases, were not permitted to have even the value which limited truths often do possess, because they were unwisely made the basis of what was called a general theory. Though De Lac could prove that valleys on whose line were deep lakes could not have been excavated by the streams now running in them, he was scarcely entitled to say that 'all the notions of the great ravages produced by the rain-waters upon our continents since their existence have been mere illusions.' (*Letter I. on Geology*.) And Dr. Hutton might have carried his pupils beyond the mechanical effects of 'rivulets that run only in time of rain,' before he required them to admit 'the great fact, that rivers have in general hollowed out their valleys.' (*Playfair's Illustrations of Huttonian Theory*, Note xvi.)

Theories thus supported were only successful in destroying each other: modern geology has been advanced by a very different process. Mr. Lyell, Mr. D'Hallay, Mr. Serape, and other modern writers, have contributed similar partial solutions of particular cases, by careful investigation of the features of the valleys of Auvergne, Belgium, and the Rhenish provinces; but to obtain a general view of the theory of valleys, we must add to these many other equally established local results. This necessity is indeed virtually acknowledged by the eloquent writer to whom the Huttonian hypothesis owes its celebrity, for even while he declares the great hollow of the Valais to be the work of the Rhône, he adds, in this tract, when the Alps rose out of the sea, may have included many depressions of the surface which the river joined together, and, from being a series of lakes, became one great valley.

To take the problem of the formation of valleys in all its extent, let us trace in imagination the course of a considerable river, which, commencing in a mountain-ridge, runs to the eastward, namely, in the direction of the dip of the strata, and, after traversing the usual variety of ground, empties itself into a shallow sea full of powerful currents.

A. The summit of drainage between one river area and another being supposed to be below the level of per-



petual snows, we find, above the permanent sources of many rivers, occasional feeders, which depend on particular falls of rain, becoming dangerous torrents or appearing as mere lines of pebbles according to the state of the weather. After heavy rains the hill-sides of the highland districts of Scotland, Wales, and Cumberland are whitened by abundance of short-lived torrents, which hurry down considerable heaps of the loosened materials of the hills, and spread them into little deltas on the margin of the valley below. Similar effects on a particular slope follow

the bursting of a waterspout (High Pike, in Cumberland) or the intumescence of a wet peat-bog (above Keighley, Yorkshire). Frost and the sun's heat are felt in extreme in the high regions which give birth to rivers, and by their alternation the rocks are broken and disintegrated. To these regions Hutton and Playfair rightly propose to carry their pupils for the purpose of impressing upon their minds the extensive waste produced on the earth's surface by modern causes in action. Examples are everywhere abundant; Glen Coe, Borrowdale, Snowdonia, may be

eited. (N.B. The general features of the higher parts of mountain-valleys are nearly the same around glaciers, and these features are liable to change by the violent alternations of temperature.)

B. The second stage of valleys is that which admits of the union of permanent natural springs to the occasional hill-side floods, and of the gathering of these streamlets into a rapid and agitated river. The now augmented water is often confined in a narrower glen than any of its tributaries, and rushes and cascades among rocks and mounds, which are so disposed as to show proof that the course of the stream has varied from time to time, as the levels changed, in consequence of eroding action.

C. At length the glen opens in a pebbly plain, or sinks into a broad and quiet lake. Such lakes, or plains which seem to have been lakes, are of very general occurrence along the line of rivers, while they are engaged in the midst of their parent mountains (Derwent Water, Ilanberis, Loch Tay). They even appear at the foot of particular mountains, receiving only occasional streams (Had Tarn, under Helvellyn), and in a great variety of cases appear to be irregular hollows left after great disturbances of the stratification amongst the angularly posited masses of broken ground. Their depth is from a few feet to a thousand feet (Lake of Geneva) below the level of the valley; and as the rivers which enter the upper ends there lose their force in the expansion of water, and drop their transported sediments, the growth of new land in that part of such lakes is proportioned to, and is in truth a measure of, the whole effects of those rivers in transporting away the detritus of the mountains round their source.

Such lakes then are natural *dynamometers*, which may with proper caution be used to determine the amount of transported materials delivered into them in given times by rivers; they also give the sum of all the effects of this kind performed by such rivers; and thus finally they are natural *chronometers*: for by dividing, in any particular case, the integral effect or mass of deposited materials by the rate of annual progress, an approximate answer in years is given to the question of the length of time which has elapsed since that river began to flow. By this argument De Lue arrived at the conclusion that the desiccation of our continents by elevation above the sea is a phenomenon of no very great antiquity, belonging to an epoch only a few thousand years removed from our own. Though geologists cannot, from the evidence of particular lakes in certain districts, adopt this conclusion for other districts where quite different phenomena appear, Professor Sedgwick and other eminent persons have declared the argument of De Lue, within its proper limits, to be unanswerable and unanswerable. In all cases then where lakes are so interposed in the path of a river that they must be believed to have received all the sediments which that river has brought, the cubic volume of these accumulations in the lake may be compared with the cubic space of the concavities between the hills along the line of the rivers and rivulets above the lake; and if found to be inferior in a notable degree, we may positively conclude that these concavities have not been produced, though doubtless they have been enlarged and modified, by the atmospheric agencies belonging to that particular area of drainage. Now this comparison has been often made, and generally with the positive result, that the excavation of the valleys above the lakes is not the effect of those watery agencies now exerted within them. Excavated however some of them have been by watery agency, and in all of them the surface slopes have been adjusted by this power, both in level and in direction, to the boundaries of the present lake; but we must avoid the error of assuming that no other currents having a different origin may have operated in those valleys before the existence of the lakes.

D. Beyond the region of the lakes, the rivers, flowing away from the rugged mountains, encounter ranges of stratified rocks, often very regularly inclined at a moderate angle, in parallel ridges and hollows which correspond to alternately hard and soft portions of the series of strata. If there were no gaps across these ridges, so as to connect their intervening hollows, each of these hollows would include one or many lakes, and the river whose course we are tracing could not pass over the first of the ridges until the hollow space between it and the lake district (C) was filled with water, generally at a high level. If such

a circumstance were supposed ever to have happened, the waters might be imagined to make themselves a passage across this ridge, and, by like reasoning, across any lower ridges lying beyond. (See the figures, art. GEOLOGY, vol. ii., p. 145, and those in page 97.)

It sometimes happens that more than one group of such parallel ridges and hollows—as the mountain limestone group (f), followed by the oolitic ridges (o), or those by the chalk-hills (c)—lie on the course of even one river, and require the repetition of such phenomena to account for the course of the valley. But a greater difficulty must be encountered. The very hollows themselves in which these sheets of water are imagined to have spread are valleys, and yield as plain proof that they also have been excavated and modified by watery action, as the river-channels which cross them. For in the midst of such hollows, insulated hills (the unremoved portions of the same or the nearest superjacent strata) remain variously distributed, to mark the ancient height of the land therein, and attest the enormous degradation which has been there occasioned. If then the supposed lake gave the force to break over and cut through the enclosing barrier of rock beyond, so as to shape a course and descent to the river, the excavation of the space in which the lake was gathered was the fruit of earlier and different watery action. This conclusion is again and again forced upon our attention as we proceed along the line of the valley.

E. In crossing through the parallel ridges and hollows of hard and soft strata, the river is confined to steep, narrow, angularly bent passages among the hard rocks; but in the softer strata between them it flows and winds more at liberty, through wider spaces, which open far on each side, and bring additional supplies of water. In these hollows the velocity of the stream dies away, and the sediments derived from wasting of the adjoining high grounds fall on fertile meadows in floods or silt up their own channels in times of slack-water, while around appear insulated hills, left by the ancient water-currents which swept away the materials around them.

F. The river on emerging from these ranges of secondary strata enters a wide region of plains and low hills of gravel (g), rising irregularly amidst alluvial plains and marshes (m), amongst which, for a certain distance, the tide flows up the expanded river-channel.

Wherever these marshy plains and gravelly ridges are locally related by geographical situation and distribution to the main stream or smaller branches, so as to allow of the possibility of referring their formation to the action of the existing fluvial and tidal currents, it would be false philosophy to look for a more remote or more general cause. This is often the case, perhaps generally so, with the alluvial sediments, for they contain often freshwater shells and other marks of limited lacustrine or fluvial action; but it is seldom the case with the gravel beds and ridges. These often lie across the path of the river (e e'), and often rise to a great height above it; often consist of stones not only beyond the present power of the river to transport, but such as do not occur *in situ* in any part of the area drained by its main stream or tributary waters.

Yet, from their form, distribution, and composition, there is no doubt that some have been wholly accumulated and all modified by water-currents: so that here again we have proof of the waste and remodelling of the surface of the earth by other forces than the existing atmospheric agencies.

G. On reaching the sea, we find the influence of the river prolonged into the salt-water: augmenting the mass of sediments drifted coastwise by the tide, and feebly assisting in the distribution of them. But the bed of the sea is unequal, soft, or rocky, excavated into hollows, and varied by sand-banks and gravel-beds, not unlike those on the neighbouring land, and even yielding, as they do, bones of gigantic extinct mammalia (Happisburgh coast). These points of agreement between the actual sea-bed and the neighbouring lands mark some community of origin: the land has been raised out of the sea, and owes some of its irregularities to marine currents (as Buffon thought), or the sea's bed is subsided land. Each of these may be partially and locally true, but there can be no doubt of the sea-currents having power to alter the distribution of sand-banks and gravel-beds to some considerable, though not precisely known, depth; and as all the stratified crust of the earth has been once the bed of the sea, it is evident that the action of marine currents is a cause of universal appli-

cation to the theory of the inequalities of the earth's surface, as well as of extraordinary power.

The slight sketch here presented includes phenomena which may be seen on the English rivers, though not all on one and the same stream: the description may be verified in every one of its stages a hundred times, and augmented with additional phenomena by any intelligent reader personally acquainted with the physical geography of Britain. Exactly similar phenomena, either all in the same order or variously associated, may be paralleled by instances selected from other parts of the world, and it only remains to apply a plain course of reasoning to them.

The action of atmospheric agencies, river-streamlets, and rivers, with or without lakes, with or without glaciers, is always one and the same: to degrade the high lands and to raise the low, and thus to equalize the levels, and to diminish the irregularities of the surface of the globe; and this because of the universal action of gravity, wherever there are weighty masses and inequality of level. The sea's action is similar, and though complicated by tidal fluctuations, as rivers and lakes are by droughts and inundations, and by the variable influence of wind and temperature, its final results are of the same character.

This is indisputable. It is equally true that the direction of the existing watery agencies on the land is determined by the present relation of levels between the different parts of the land, and between the land and the sea. Moreover the effects of these agencies are perfectly adjusted to these levels. It follows inevitably that the sum of the effects of these existing agencies has been to diminish the original inequalities of the earth's surface, that is to say, to lower the hills, to smooth and level the valleys, to fill up the lakes, which are a part of the valleys; in a word, to change gulfs into lakes, and chasms into vales, by a mere surface action on forms which had been more boldly marked in earlier areas of nature.

We must therefore believe that immediately after the desiccation of the land, its grand chains of mountains and long continuous vales were more firmly outlined, more roughly and strongly modelled, deeper and higher than they now appear, and it only remains to inquire to what known geological causes this can be justly ascribed.

We must remember, first, that the surfaces of stratification on the sea's bed were once continuous, but on the land they are now interrupted by excavated valleys and left dismembered on residual hills: secondly, that these surfaces were plains or nearly so, and horizontal or nearly so; but now they are found contorted, ruptured, placed in angular positions, vertical, or even reversed in particular regions. The latter class of effects depends on the violent nature of the elevating movements to which the land was subject; the former is often independent of local disturbance, and seems to be due to the mere action of powerful currents of water. But it is often seen that the line of these valleys is the line of a fault, of a synclinal basin, or anticlinal ridge, that is to say, a line of weakness, a line of least resistance, determined by causes anterior to the current of water which, flowing up or down the line, or both up and down, has worn it into a valley.

Now if we remember that the most powerful mechanical action of water takes place on the seabed; if we remember that, by the continual or the periodical rising of the land, this littoral action has been transferred from point to point over every part of the area of the land, beginning among the mountains at the source of the present rivers, and successively washing and wasting every part; we shall readily admit in this one universal and powerful agency the principal cause which broke the continuity of the planes of strata, washed away the least resisting and left the hardest parts, and, by successively retreating lines of action, gradually completed the main features of the valleys and hills which had not been previously impressed by violent subterranean movements.

Atmospheric agencies must be admitted to have greatly co-operated in this result, especially if, as geologists suppose, there were grounds for believing these to have been more powerful in the earlier areas of the world, when the temperature was perhaps higher and the atmosphere in consequence more highly vaporous. Nor must we undervalue the eroding power of modern streams, or the volume of the disintegrated earthy masses which they transport away. It is put a question that modern rivers have cut

their own channels through lava (Lyell, *Principles of Geol.*, vol. i.), through diluvial gravel and clay drifted from other regions (Phillips, *Sections of the Yorkshire Coast*), and through trap thrown up by the Eifel volcanoes (M.B. 1829). But in each of these latter instances the valley of diluvial gravel and clay lies in and conceals in part an older valley of ruder aspect, excavated in the stratified rocks of sandstone or limestone or argillaceous slate; and we may often contemplate in the course of one stream the fragmentary state of the rocks as left by elevatory forces, the wasting of these when they formed part of an antient shore, the obliteration of the old valleys by some yet ill-understood cause of local accumulation, and the final adjustment of levels and slopes by causes which are still continuing this beneficent process, enlarging and enriching our meadows, contracting the areas of our lakes, and softening for the future wants of mankind the rugged features of hills which will not always defy the hand of industry.

(The reader who desires to follow out this large subject may consult with great advantage De Lac's works—*aa*, *Letters on Geology*; *Lettres sur l'Étât de la Terre et de l'Homme*; Playfair, *Illustrations of Huttonian Theory*; Buckland's *Reliquiæ Diluvianæ*; Lyell; Murchison; Darwin; and other modern writers. The article PARALLEL ROADS in this work may also be read: M. Agassiz's *Speculations on Glaciers* have several points of important bearing on the subject of Valleys.)

VALLÉEVO. [SEEVIA.]

VALLISNERI, or VALLISNERI, ANTONIO, an Italian naturalist, was born on May the 3rd, 1661, at the castle of Fresco, of which his father was governor. He received his early education from the Jesuits at Modena, and by them was instructed in the philosophy and science of the schools of the day. In 1613 he repaired to Bologna, where he studied medicine under the celebrated Malpighi, and acquired from him a taste for the observation of nature, as well as an impression of the unsoundness of the prevailing systems of philosophy and science. In 1614 he graduated at Reggio, but again returned to Bologna, to pursue his natural-history studies under Malpighi, who after three more years of application, is said to have dismissed his pupil in these words: 'Systems are ideal and mutable. Observation and experience are solid and unchangeable.' He visited Padua, Venice, and Parma, and in 1688 commenced the practice of a physician in Reggio. Here he devoted all his leisure to the study of nature: he planted a botanic garden, made collections of plants, minerals, and objects of interest in his neighbourhood, and commenced a series of observations on the anatomy of the silkworm, from which he was led to the study generally of the metamorphoses and generation of insects. Having published his observations, they acquired him great reputation, and he was invited to occupy a chair amongst the medical professors of the University of Padua in 1700. On taking his position amongst the teachers of an old university, he felt that his views were opposed to prevailing systems, and in order to prevent any alarm at his teaching, he published a lecture in which he endeavoured to maintain the position that the studies of the moderns do not overturn, but confirm the medical knowledge of the ancients. Notwithstanding this attempt to appease the advocates of old systems, and of entire obedience to prescribed authority, Vallisneri attacked with so much energy the prevailing errors in medicine, and especially in the sciences of anatomy and physiology, that he met with much opposition. But he found an able protector in Frederic Marcello, the procurator of St. Mark, and in 1711 was appointed to the first chair of the theory of medicine.

During the interval of his lectures Vallisneri took every opportunity of studying natural history, and for this purpose made an excursion to the Apennines, and also visited Lucca, Pisa, Leghorn, Florence, and other parts of Italy. In these excursions he made considerable collections of objects in natural history, as well as found many subjects of interesting research for the microscope, which he used with great success. In 1720 he was invited by Pope Clement XI. to become physician to his holiness in the place of the celebrated Lancisi, but he refused. In 1728 the duke of Modena presented him with the order of knighthood, which was to be hereditary in his family. He was also invited early in his career to become first professor

of physica at Turin, with a large salary, which he declined. He was known by his writings and correspondence to men of science in Great Britain, and was elected a fellow of the Royal Society of London. He was married in 1692, and although his wife produced him eighteen children, she managed his family with so much good sense and prudence, that he was always in easy circumstances, and enjoyed much domestic felicity. He died on the 12th January, 1730, and was buried in the church of the Eremitani at Padua. He left behind him only four of his numerous family, three daughters and one son, who published an edition of his father's works, in three folio volumes, at Venice, in 1733.

Vallisneri deservedly ranks high as a naturalist and a physician. He published many papers on the various departments of natural history, in which he pointed out the necessity of observation of external nature before proceeding to generalization. He did much by his anatomical and physiological inquiries, in conjunction with the labours of Malpighi, Redi, and others, to rescue medicine from the thralldom of received opinions, and to upset the absurd hypotheses of the functions of the animal economy which prevailed in his day. He was a great opponent of the doctrine of equivocal or spontaneous generation, a notion that was generally entertained by physiologists of that day, and which then, as now, was often looked upon as involving consequences opposed to religious truth. His contributions to botany were not numerous; but his catalogue of plants collected around Leghorn was a valuable production of its time, and his paper on the fructification of *Lemna* was an important addition to existing knowledge of the structure of a very obscure and interesting tribe of plants. As a physician he was a judicious observer of the effects of remedies in relieving disease, and was among the first to use Peruvian bark: he published several essays on the action of this and other medicines on the human economy. His name is perpetuated in that of a curious and interesting genus of plants, called by Micheli *Vallisneria*. (Bischoff, *Lehrbuch der Botanik*; Haller, *Bot. Bot.*; Sir J. E. Smith.)

VALLISNERIA, a genus of plants, named by Micheli in honour of Vallisneri [VALLISNERI], belonging to the natural order Hydrocharaceæ. The species of this genus are all water-plants. They are dioecious: the male flowers are seated on a spadix; the corolla is monopetalous with three segments. The female flowers are included singly in a spathe, and are seated upon a spiral peduncle; the calyx is composed of a single leaf; the corolla is polypetalous; the capsules are 1-celled, many-seeded; the seeds parietal. Several species of *Vallisneria* have been recorded as growing in Europe, New Holland, and America. The economy of these plants is exceedingly interesting in a physiological point of view. They are plants growing at the bottom of the water, and yet the male and female flowers are separated, and the mode by which they are brought together affords a singular instance of adaptation. These plants generally grow in running waters, and thus render the difficulty of the contact of their flowers greater. The mode by which this is effected in the *Vallisneria spiralis* is as follows:—the flowers with pistils are seated on spiral flower-stalks, and when the flower is expanded it floats on the surface of the water, and this is always secured, even in the waters of rivers that are very changeable in their height, by the lengthening and contraction of the spiral stalk on which the flowers are seated. On the other hand, the flowers with stamens are seated on short peduncles at the bottom of the water, but when their stamens are ready to shed their pollen, and the pistil is ready to receive its influence, the peduncle that holds them then gives way, and they are floated to the surface of the water, where, coming in contact with the pistilliferous flowers, the function of impregnation is effected. When the seeds have become developed, the spiral peduncle on which the fruit is now seated coils entirely up, so that the seeds are brought to the bottom of the water, in a position in which they can germinate and produce new plants. The *V. spiralis* is found in Italy, in ditches near Pisa, and in the Rhine. There are two New Holland species, and also an American and East Indian species. The latter is the *Hydrilus* of Dr. Hamilton, and is used in Hindustan under the name of Jangi, for the purpose of supplying water mechanically to sugar during the process of refining.

VALMIKI. [SANSKRIT LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE.]

VALMONT DE BOMARE, J. C., was born at Rouen in September, 1731. He originally studied the law for the purpose of practising at the bar, but his attachment to natural history induced him to abandon a profession so foreign to his tastes. Having obtained from the Duke d'Argenson a travelling appointment of some kind, he visited the principal cities of Europe, and examined with great care the various museums of objects in natural history which they contained. He took an especial interest in mineralogy, and visited mines and metallurgical establishments for the purpose of increasing his knowledge in this department of science. During his travels, of which he published an account, he visited Lapland and Iceland, and returned, laden with objects of natural history, to Paris in 1756. In 1758 he published a list of objects in natural history, under the title 'Catalogue d'un Cabinet d'Histoire Naturelle,' 12mo. In 1761 and 1762 he published a large work on minerals generally, in 2 vols. 8vo., entitled 'Nouvelle Exposition du Règne Minéral.' His greatest work was a dictionary of natural history, entitled 'Dictionnaire Raisonné Universel d'Histoire Naturelle,' in 6 vols. 8vo. This work was one of very considerable merit, and gave descriptions of the various objects in the three kingdoms of nature, and of their uses in the economy of the arts. It has gone through a great number of editions, printed at various places, and is the basis of more modern dictionaries on the same subject. He gave courses of lectures on natural history in Paris from 1756 to 1788. He had offers to accept chairs of natural history in Russia and Portugal, but refused. He died at Paris, in August, 1807. (Haller, *Bot. Bot.*; Sir J. E. Smith.)

VALOGNES. [MANCHE.]

VALOIS, LE, a province of France, belonging originally to Picardie, but incorporated in the military government of the Ile de France. Its capital was Crépy: it is now included in the departments of Oise and Aisne. Le Valois constituted a county in the middle ages, and was held by a younger branch of the family of Vermandois. It was united for a time with the counties of Vexin, of Bar-sur-Aube, and of Amiens, and with several lordships, which made the counts of Valois rank with the most powerful and richest of the French nobles. On the abdication of Simon, count of Valois (A.D. 1077), these territories were separated, and the county of Valois united to that of Vermandois. [VERMANDOIS.]

Philippe III. le Hardi, king of France, gave the county of Valois (A.D. 1285) as an appanage to his second son Charles, whose son became king of France as Philippe VI., or Philippe de Valois. His title was disputed by Edward III. of England, among others; and from this dispute originated the long wars of the English in France under the Plantagenet and Lancastrian kings. Philippe VI. bestowed the county of Valois on his fifth son Philippe; from him it came to his wife Blanche, and on her death (A.D. 1392) it came to Louis, duke of Orleans, second son of Charles V. of France. While held by the dukes of Orleans, the descendants of Louis, the county of Valois was raised to the rank of a duchy. The accession of the duke of Orleans to the crown as Louis XII. re-united Le Valois to the crown domains. The kings of France from Philippe VI. to Henri III. inclusive are known as the race of Valois. The direct male line ended with Charles VIII.; Louis XII., his successor, belonged to the collateral branch of Valois-Orléans, and the remaining kings, from François I., to that of Valois-Angoulême. (*L'Art de Vérifier les Dates*.)

VALOIS, HENRY DE, commonly called by his Latinized name, *Henricus Valensius*, a celebrated French scholar, was born at Paris, on the 10th of September, 1603, and was descended of an ancient noble family of Normandy. He was educated at Verdun, in the college of the Jesuits, and afterwards at Paris, in the college of Clermont, where he had the instruction of Petavius and Sirmond, both of whom entertained a high opinion of his talents. In 1622 he went to Bourges to study jurisprudence, and after the completion of his studies he practised for several years as a lawyer, but more to please his father than from his own inclination, for the study of the ancient authors was his favourite pursuit. At last however he gave up his professional occupations altogether, and devoted himself entirely to literature. He worked very hard and without any intermission, except on a Saturday afternoon, which he used to

devote to his friends. His excessive study cost him his right eye, and the left was so much weakened that he could not continue his studies without a reader. But his father was too economical to allow his son any sum of money for this purpose, and De Valois would have had a miserable existence, had not a friend, M. de Mesmes, given him a handsome pension. De Valois enjoyed this until the death of his father in 1650, which placed him in independent circumstances. The reputation which he had acquired by this time as a scholar and a critic induced the French clergy to apply to him for a new edition of the Greek writers on ecclesiastical history. De Valois, who had before been requested to lend his assistance in this undertaking, had refused to do so; but now, when the whole was left to him, he readily undertook the task. By way of encouragement he received from the clergy an annual pension, which was afterwards considerably increased by the liberality of Cardinal Mazarin. In 1660, while De Valois was still engaged upon this great undertaking, he was honoured with the title of historiographer to the king. Two years after this he became completely blind. Until the year 1664 he had devoted himself to literature, but now he surprised his friends by marrying a handsome young woman, who bore him seven children. He died on the 7th of May, 1676, after having suffered very much during the last few years from the infirmities of old age.

Henry de Valois was one of the last of that race of great scholars who adorned France during the fifteenth, sixteenth, and seventeenth centuries. He possessed very extensive learning and great critical sagacity, but he knew his powers, he was vain and proud, and resented any neglect of the respect which he thought due to him. His ill temper increased as he advanced in years. His works are still very useful. The following list contains the most important among them:—1. *Excerpta Polybi, Diodori, Nicolai Damasceni, Dionysii Halicarnassensis, Appiani Alexandrini, Dionisii et Joannis Antiocheni, ex Collectaneis Constantini, Augusti Porphyrogenitis, nunc primum Græce editis, Latine versa, cum Notis*, Paris, 1634, 4to. These are the so-called *Excerpta de Virtutibus et Vitiis*, or *Excerpta Peiresciana*, after M. Peiresc, to whom the MS. of the *Excerpta* belonged, and to whom De Valois dedicated his edition. 2. *An edition of Ammianus Marcellinus, with critical and explanatory notes*, Paris, 1636, 4to. A second edition, with additional notes by H. de Valois, Lindebrog, and the editor, was published by Adrien de Valois, the brother of Henry, Paris, 1681, fol.; and a third, containing the notes of the Valois and Lindebrog, with some of his own, by J. Gronovius, Leyden, 1693. 3. *A series of the Greek Ecclesiastical Historians, in 3 vols. fol.*, with notes and Latin translations. They appeared in the following order:—Eusebius (Paris, 1659), Socrates and Sozomen (Paris, 1668), Theodoretus, Evagrius, and Philostorgius (Paris, 1673). This edition of the ecclesiastical historians was afterwards reprinted at Amsterdam, 1699, and at Cambridge, in 1720. 4. After his death there appeared his *Notæ et Animadversiones in Harpocrationem et P. J. Maussacii Notas*, edited by J. Gronovius. They are reprinted in Blancard's edition of Harpocration, Leyden, 1683, 4to.

The Life of H. de Valois was written by his brother Adrien. It is printed in Bales's *Vitæ Selectorum aliquot Virorum*, and some additions to it were afterwards published by P. Burmann, in 1739.

VALOIS, ADRIEN DE, commonly called Adrianus Valesius, a younger brother of Henry de Valois, was born at Paris on the 14th of January, 1607. He received the same education as his brother, but he devoted himself principally to the study of poetry, oratory, and history. History, and more especially the history of his own country, engaged his attention for many years, and in 1646 he published the first volume of his great historical work of France, under the title *Gesta Francorum, seu de Rebus Francicis*. The whole work consists of 3 vols. fol., and the last two appeared in 1658. This extensive and very learned work comprises the history of France only during the short period from a. u. 234 to 752. It raised his reputation so much, that in 1660 he received the title of historiographer to the king, with a pension of 1200 livres. The minister Colbert wished him to continue the work, but De Valois declared that he could not, the difficulties being insurmountable. In 1675 he published a very useful work on the state of ancient Gaul, entitled *Notitia Galliarum*

Ordine Alphabetico digesta, in fol. His edition of Ammianus Marcellinus and his *Life of Henry de Valois* are noticed in VALOIS, HENRY DE. His other works are now of little importance, and a list of them is found in the works cited below. He died at Paris, on the 2nd of July, 1692. A collection of some minor works of A. de Valois was afterwards published by his son, under the name of *Valesiana*.

(Perrault, *Les Hommes Illustres qui ont paru en France*; Nicéron, *Mémoires des Hommes Illustres*, vol. iii.; Chaulupié, *Nouveau Dictionnaire Historique*.)

VALPARAISO, the principal port of Chile, is situated in 71° 45' W. long. and 33° 2' S. lat. It is 55 miles south of Santiago, and 225 north of Concepcion. The town has been nearly rebuilt since the great earthquake in 1822. It consists of 'a long narrow street, built, like Hastings, under the cliff, and it follows the sinuosities of the shore close to the seaside.' (Hon. P. C. Scarlett's *South America*.) The houses have all stories above the ground floor, and they are not flat-roofed. Painted piazzas are substituted for balconies almost at every house, and their different colours give the town a gay appearance. The new custom-house and several of the new churches and other public buildings are handsome edifices. The exchange was built at the expense of the foreign merchants, and is provided by them with fire-engines for the service of the town. The Protestants have a cemetery, and a place of worship, where the service of the church of England is performed. Trade is in the hands of the English, Americans, and French, and a handsome suburb on the heights above Valparaiso is almost exclusively inhabited by them. In 1817, the population of Valparaiso was 17,000; in 1823 it was estimated at 14,000; and in 1834 it was 25,000, according to a census, by les foreigners, whose number in 1841 was between 3000 and 3000. Valparaiso has become a port of great importance since the independence of Chile. In 1800 only nine vessels entered the harbour in twelve months, while in 1830 the number averaged 40 per month. The total number in 1834 was 450, and, excluding 41 ships of war, the burthen of the remainder was 77,700 tons. There are extensive bonding-warehouses, in which goods are deposited to the amount of many million dollars annually. Besides the ships engaged in the import and export trade of Chile, Valparaiso is a most convenient port for vessels from the eastern coast of Asia, the islands of the Pacific, the western coast of North America, and they may be provisioned without even coming to anchor. The roadstead is good in a southerly and easterly wind, but is exposed to the northward. Mr. Sutcliffe, the author of *Sixteen Years in Chile*, who was harbour-master in 1836, says that in summer there is danger of ships being blown out to sea, unless they anchor near the beach.

VALSALVA, ANTONIO MARIA, was born of a noble family at Imola, in 1666. After a preliminary education by private tutors, he was sent to the University of Bologna, where he studied medicine, and especially anatomy, under Malpighi, Salani, and others. He received his doctor's degree in 1687, and was even at that time distinguished for his industry and learning. After this, he devoted himself with extraordinary zeal to the study of both normal and morbid anatomy; dissecting night and day, preparing the dissected parts, and performing experiments; and all this, although he was of a weakly constitution, and was much occupied in private practice. He was equally excellent in surgery and medicine. In the former he is celebrated for having first in Bologna discarded the cautery and adopted the ligation of the arteries in amputations; for having materially improved the whole practice of aural surgery; and for his inventions and improvements of many surgical instruments. He also described the true nature of the stercoraceous tumours formed by diseased hair-follicles, the morbid anatomy of apparent glaucoma from amber-cataract, and the constancy of the seat of cataract in the lens or its capsule. In medical practice, applying his unusually great knowledge of morbid anatomy, he was particularly celebrated for accuracy of diagnosis, and for his skill in treating those who suffered under diseases reputed incurable. To these he gave indeed his chief attention; striving to discern what those diseases are in their early stages, when, if ever, some remedy might be used. Among the most remarkable results which he thus attained was that mode of treating aneurisms which is still commonly called Valsalva's method, and which

consists in reducing the force of the patient's circulation to the lowest degree compatible with life, by repeated bleeding, absolute rest, and starvation; a method which, often as it has failed, is the only one which offers any prospect of success in aneurism of the aorta. It was he also who first pointed out the dependence of hemiplegia upon effusion in the opposite side of the brain. In normal anatomy he rendered great service by his accurate description of the muscles and other parts of the ear before scarcely known; and by his account of the muscles of the pharynx and soft palate, and of the sinuses of the aorta. Among his errors must be mentioned his notion that the attachment of the muscles of the eye around the optic nerve forms a ring capable of compressing and moderating the action of that nerve, and his account of a duct which he supposed to pass from the renal capsule to the ovary or testis.

In 1697 Valsalva was made professor of anatomy in the University of Bologna, and in 1705 surgeon to the Hospital of Incurables. He was three times president of the Bologna Institute; he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of London, and received honours of various kinds from the states and from the learned societies of Italy. He died at Bologna in 1723, leaving to its public institutions a large philosophical and medical library, and the museums of anatomy and surgical instruments, which he had formed. His statue was placed in the hall of the Institute by order of the senate, and his great pupil, Morgagni, wrote his life.

Valsalva's published works are few and small, though full of value. They are, 1, 'De Aure humanæ Tractatus,' Bologna, 1704, 4to., which was several times afterwards published at Utrecht and other places, and reprinted in Morgagni's 'Epistolæ'; 2, 'Dissertationes Tres Anatomice Posthumæ,' Venice, 1740, 4to., read at the Bologna Institute in 1715-16-19, and edited by Morgagni. There is also a letter by Valsalva to Larber's edition of Palfyn's 'Surgical Anatomy.'

(Morgagni, *Life*, prefixed to his edition of Valsalva's works.)

VALTELLINA, a longitudinal valley on the Italian side of the Rhaetian Alps, drained in its whole length by the river Adda. The Adda rises at the foot of the Stiller Joch, over which the new road made by the Austrian government leads from the Tyrol into Lombardy, crosses the district of Bormio, or Worms, which lies east of Valtellina, and then entering Valtellina at the defile of La Serra, flows in a general direction from north-east to south-west until it enters the lake of Como at the western extremity of the valley. Valtellina Proper is about 45 miles in length, but if we include Bormio, which is a continuation of the same valley, the whole length is 55 miles. It is bounded on the north by the Swiss canton of the Grisons, the main ridge of the Rhaetian Alps dividing the valley of the Adda from that of the Inn or Engadine; on the north-east by the Tyrol, from which it is separated by the lofty group of the Ortler and the Stiller Joch; on the south by the Lombard provinces of Brescia and Como; and on the west by the upper part of the lake of Como and by the district of Chiavenna, with which it is politically united. Chiavenna consists mainly of the valley of the Liro, a stream which rises at the foot of Mount Splügen, and flowing from north to south, joins the Maira, which comes from the Grisons country. A few miles lower the united stream enters the Laghetto, or upper lake of Como. From the Splügen to the lake is a distance of about 20 miles. The three districts of Valtellina, Bormio, and Chiavenna have been for ages united under the same administration; first under the government of the Grisons, and since the beginning of the present century under the government of Lombardy. For this reason they are often included in historical notices under the general name of Valtellina. They now constitute a province of the Lombardo-Venetian Kingdom under the crown of Austria, by the name of 'Delegazione di Sondrio.' Valtellina Proper is the largest and finest part of the whole: it has a genial climate and a fertile soil. The heat is very great in summer. All the fruit-trees of Italy thrive there. It produces abundance of wine, Indian corn, millet, and wheat. It has excellent pastures and meadow-land, and its cheese rivals the best made in Lombardy. The slopes of the lower hills along the northern side of the valley are covered with vines planted in terraces. The level land along the banks of the Adda is not more than a mile and

a half in breadth, the mountains rising gradually on both sides and forming numerous transverse valleys between their offsets. Some of the valleys of the northern chain however belong to the canton of the Grisons, which stretches in several places over the Italian slope of the Alps. Such are the Val Poschiavo, south of the Bernina range, whose boundaries extend to within a mile or two of Tirano on the banks of the Adda, and the Val Bregaglia, through which flows the Maira to within two or three miles of Chiavenna. The southern ridge, which separates the Valtellina from the province of Brescia, is a lower offset of the Rhaetian Alps, which detaches itself from the group of the Ortler, and runs in a south-west direction towards the lake of Como. Its principal summit is Monte Legnone, about 4000 feet above the sea. The district of Bormio, being more elevated than Valtellina, is colder and less fertile. [Bormio.] The northern part of the district of Chiavenna is likewise an alpine country, but there is a fine plain between the town of Chiavenna and the lake of Como, which is as productive as any part of North Italy.

The population of Valtellina Proper is about 70,000, but the whole province, including Chiavenna and Bormio, reckons above 85,000 inhabitants. The spoken language is an Italian or Lombard dialect. The province is divided into seven districts, namely: Sondrio, which contains 21 communes; Ponte, 10 communes; Tirano, 17 communes; Morbegno, 19 communes; Traona, 12 communes; Bormio, 9 communes; Chiavenna, 18 communes. The principal towns are—1, Sondrio, the head town of the whole province, situated in a fine and fertile territory on the right bank of the Adda, and near the confluence of the torrent Mallero, which rises in the glaciers of Mount dell' Oro in the Bernina range. Its cathedral or collegiate church is a handsome structure, and is adorned with paintings by Pietro Legnino, a native of the place. Sondrio has a gymnasium, a college for boarders, a court of justice, a theatre, an hospital, and about 4000 inhabitants. 2, Morbegno, a well-built little town on the left bank of the Adda and at the foot of Mount Legnone, over which there is a pass leading into the Val Brembana, in the province of Brescia. In the church of the Dominicans of Morbegno is a good fresco painting by Gaudenzio Ferrari. 3, Ponte, a pretty village a few miles east of Sondrio, out of the high road, and at the foot of the mountains, is the birthplace of the astronomer Piazzi. In the parish church is a very fine painting of the Virgin by Luini. 4, Tirano, a large village on the Adda, is exposed to the inundations of that impetuous river, which has repeatedly threatened it with destruction. Near Tirano is a handsome church cased with white marble and dedicated to the Virgin. An important fair is held here twice a year. 5, Chiavenna, or Clavenna, a pretty town on the river Maira at the branching off of the two roads that lead from Italy into the Grisons, one by Mount Splügen and the other by the Septimer and the Maloja, has several churches, a town-house, once the residence of the Grisons bailiffs or governors, a castle, an hospital, several manufactures of silk and of paper, a manufactory of cloth made of amianthus, and another of kitchen utensils made of 'pietra ollaria,' a kind of soft stone found at Prosto, in the neighbourhood, and which are exported in considerable quantities to Italy. A short distance east of Chiavenna, near the borders of the Grisons, is the site of Plüra, a town which was destroyed in 1618 by the fall of a mountain. (Lerchse, *Dictionnaire Géographique de la Suisse*; Mercet, *Le Tyrol et le Nord d'Italie*.)

Chiavenna, Bormio, and the Valtellina Proper were in the middle ages dependencies of the duchy of Milan; they were conquered by the Grisons in 1512, in the war against the French, who had occupied Lombardy, and were constituted by them as subject bailiwicks. The Reformed religion gradually spread from the Grisons into the Valtellina, and clergymen and churches of the new communion were established, although the majority of the people remained attached to the Roman Catholic church. The Spanish viceroys of Milan were anxious, both on political and religious grounds, to recover for the duchy of Milan the possession of this fine valley, which could afford the only communication between the Spanish possessions in Italy and the dominions of the house of Austria. The court of France, on the contrary, was opposed to such an approach between the two branches of the house of Austria.

Two political parties existed among the Grisons: one, headed by the powerful house of Salis, was partial to French politics; whilst the other, headed by the family of Planta, was inclined towards Spain. Each party accused the other of treasonable practices: the minds of the people were inflamed, and at last the French or Salis party contrived to have their rivals outlawed by a *straßgericht*, or summary court appointed by the people. Among those who were arrested was Ruesca, the Roman Catholic archpriest of Sondrio, who died in prison in consequence of the torture to which he was subjected. The Plantas and many of their friends took refuge in the Tyrol, from whence they corresponded with the disaffected Roman Catholics of Valtellina, who wished to get rid both of the Protestant clergy and of their Grisons rulers. They were encouraged by the Spanish governor of Milan, who supplied them with arms, and by the court of Rome, who blessed their exertions. Robuscelli, a man of noble family of Valtellina, and a relation of the Plantas, and an emigrant like them, put himself at the head of a number of adventurers and desperate men from various parts of Italy. In the night of the 19th of July, 1633, he entered Tirano with his band; the bells rang an alarm, the mass of the people joined the invaders, and the massacre of the Protestants began. All those who belonged to the Reformed religion, whether natives of the Grisons country or of the Valtellina, were put to death with circumstances of great atrocity: neither old men, women, nor children were spared, and their bodies were thrown into the Adde. From Tirano the murderous band spread downwards to Teggio, Sondrio, and the other towns and villages of the valley of the Adde. At Sondrio 140 persons were killed, and about 70 more contrived to escape to the mountains. Several Roman Catholics were killed also, because they showed compassion towards their Protestant countrymen. Paola Baratta, a Venetian lady of a patrician family, who had emigrated on account of religion, was seized and sent to Milan, where she was put to death by the Inquisition. At Morbegno the Roman Catholic population, before the arrival of Robuscelli, escorted the Protestant clergyman and his flock in safety into the country of Chiavenna, where the governor, Sprecher de Bernegg, had time to take measures of defence, and thus that district was spared. At Bormio the Protestants had time to save themselves. In all about 900 persons were killed, and others were lost and died of want in the wilderness of the Alps. The Valtellina massacre has been compared to that of St. Bartholomew. Robuscelli assumed the title of captain-general of Valtellina. The Grisons marched a force to reconquer the country, but they were repulsed by veteran Spanish troops sent from Milan; and at the same time a large body of Austrians invaded the Engadina, accompanied by the emigrant Plantas. And now began the war in the Grisons country, in which France took the part of the latter against Spain and Austria, and which lasted till 1635, when the treaty of Moncon, between France and Spain, settled for a time the affairs both of the Grisons and of the Valtellina. The Austrians evacuated the Grisons country, and the Spaniards the Valtellina. The latter country was to acknowledge again the Grisons as their rulers, retaining however the power of appointing their own magistrates and the exercise of the Roman Catholic religion exclusively. A body of Papal troops took temporary occupation of the forts of the Valtellina. A few years after, the war having broken out again between France and the house of Austria, a French corps, commanded by the duke of Rohan, joined to a body of Grisons militia, occupied the Valtellina. But the French had to give law to both parties, and the Grisons at last turned against their allies and drove them away. In 1639 a treaty was concluded between Spain and the Grisons, by which the Valtellina was guaranteed its municipal and religious liberties under the sovereignty of the Grisons. In 1641 Austria also joined the treaty. After this nothing particular occurred in the Valtellina until 1796, when General Bonaparte having invaded Lombardy, the people of Valtellina asked their Grisons rulers to be placed on a footing of equality with them by forming a fourth league or state of their Confederation. This demand being refused, some of the malcontents applied to Bonaparte, who, without any other formalities, declared the Valtellina to be annexed to the Cisalpine republic. The Grisons having resented this treatment, the property, public and private, which they held in the Valtellina was confiscated by the Cisal-

pine Directory, and all the subsequent claims of the Grisons during Bonaparte's government were neglected. In 1814 the Valtellina passed under the dominion of Austria, together with the rest of Lombardy. The Austrian government after some negotiations recognised the claims of the Grisons citizens who had been robbed of their property by the Cisalpine republic, and in 1833 granted them or their heirs an indemnity of 2,100,694 francs.

The history of Valtellina, and especially of the war of religion of 1620-39, has been written by several authors: the best accounts are by Lavizzari, *Memorie storiche della Valtellina*; Quadrio, *Osservazioni storiche critiche intorno alla Brevia*; Canth, *Storia di Como*; and Vulliemin, *Histoire de la Confédération Suisse dans le 16^e et 17^e Siècles*, being the continuation of Müller's *History of Switzerland*, and a very good work, in 3 vols. 8vo., Paris and Geneva, 1841.

VALUE signifies, in political economy, the quantity of labour, or of the product of labour, which will exchange for a given quantity of labour or of some other product thereof. It is necessary in the outset to distinguish utility from value, or, as Adam Smith expresses, the distinction, 'value in use' from 'value in exchange'. The utility of an article causes it to be an object of demand; and without some real or imaginary utility an article will not have value; or, in other words, no one will give other articles in exchange for it: but utility alone does not constitute value, except where there is a limited and exclusive possession, which enables one man to refuse to others the enjoyment of any natural product without the payment of an equivalent or price. It is the labour of man alone which in ordinary circumstances creates value. What all may enjoy alike without labour may indeed be most useful and necessary, but cannot be an object of exchange, and therefore is destitute of value. 'The real price of every thing,' says Adam Smith, 'what everything really costs to the man who wants to acquire it, is the toil and trouble of acquiring it. What everything is really worth to the man who has acquired it, and who wants to dispose of it or exchange it for something else, is the toil and trouble which it can save to himself, and which it can impose upon other people.' Hence the labour of man becomes the real measure of the exchangeable value of all commodities.

To illustrate the distinctive character of utility, and the effects of labour and of exclusive possession respectively upon value, suppose a party of settlers to occupy a tract of land, and to divide it amongst them in equal portions by lot. Suppose also that each settler has upon his own land timber, lime, and stone. They all need houses, and have the materials to build them with; but the unaided labour of each man is unable to appropriate and apply the materials in the manner he desires. One man calls in the assistance of his neighbour, and by their joint labour a house is built; and this service he repays by helping his neighbour also to build a house. He can only repay him by labour, because the materials, though of the highest utility, are common to both, but need labour to make them available. It is clear that the timber, the lime, and the stone are in this case without value, and could not be offered by one man in exchange for the labour of another. But suppose it should happen that all the timber, lime, and stone in the whole district should be found in the portion of land allotted to one of the party. Here the materials would not only be objects of utility, but the limited and exclusive possession of them would endow them with value. The fortunate owner of them might say to his neighbours, 'You shall not have any of my materials until you have first built me a house; but when you have each worked for me a day, instead of repaying each of you with a day's labour myself, I will permit you to take the materials for building from my estate.' Here the power of withholding the products of nature from others is productive of value, being equivalent to a certain quantity of labour. But even in this case it is labour which creates the value, and is the measure of exchange between the parties.

The great mass of commodities which are made the subject of exchange amongst men are produced by labour only, and are not affected by any exclusive possession whatever. With these therefore the quantity of labour used in their production is the measure of their real value. They will ordinarily exchange for other commodities upon

which an equal quantity of labour has been expended; but there are circumstances which may affect their exchangeable value, while their real value or cost of production may remain the same. If a larger quantity of any article has been produced than there is an effective demand for, its exchangeable value is reduced; if, on the contrary, its supply is unequal to the demand, its value is raised. But these variations cannot be of long duration. Articles which do not repay the cost of production will soon cease to be produced, until the diminished supply has again raised their value; and when articles bear a market value much higher than their cost, production will be encouraged until the supply is not very wide of the demand. Any permanent alteration, therefore, in the exchangeable value of one commodity as compared with another, cannot be referred to these fluctuating and accidental causes, but must be the result of a change in the real value of one or the other, that is to say, in the quantity of labour required to produce it. The value of labour is always the same, but the value of the products of labour changes with circumstances.

The real value of a commodity having been shown to be dependent solely upon the quantity of labour necessary for its production, and the exchangeable value, for the causes stated, never varying materially either above or below the real value, it follows that the price paid for labour does not affect the exchangeable value of articles produced under similar circumstances. If the labourer gains a larger share, the profits of his employer are proportionately diminished; and if his share is less, then profits are increased: while both are generally preserved by competition from any great disproportion.

Equal quantities of labour however are not always equivalent; the skill of one labourer, or the severity of his employment, may render the time for which he is engaged more than equivalent to the same time occupied in labour by another. But this circumstance, though it originally affects the comparative value of commodities produced by different descriptions of labour, is no cause of subsequent variation in their relative value. The relations of different qualities of labour are soon practically adjusted, and are not afterwards liable to much variation.

Every reduction in the quantity of labour required to produce a commodity diminishes its real value, and therefore, for the causes already explained, its value in exchange. Improvements in tools and machinery, by saving the labour of man, reduce the value of commodities; but in estimating their influence, we must not omit to calculate the quantity of labour bestowed upon the article, directly and indirectly—from the growth of the raw material to its finished state—throughout the whole process of manufacture—upon the tools, machinery, buildings, and other appliances by which labour is assisted. Upon the same principles every increase in the quantity of labour directly or indirectly applied adds to the value of a commodity.

The effects of labour upon price become further complicated by the durability of the machinery employed to assist it. If two commodities are produced by machinery at an equal cost of labour, and if the same quantity of labour has also been bestowed, in each case, upon the machinery—the value of such commodities would appear to be the same; but if one machine wears out in two years or needs much labour to keep it in repair, while the other lasts for ten years requiring but little repair—the relative quantities of labour expended indirectly upon the two commodities become so unequal, that a considerable disproportion must be found in their respective degrees of value.

Disturbances of the relative value of different commodities apparently produced by the same amount of labour, are also caused by the comparative quantities of fixed and circulating capital employed, and by the length of time over which the labour is spread, and before the products are brought to market. Under these varying circumstances in the production of articles, the price of labour becomes an element in their relative value, which is not the case when commodities are produced under precisely similar circumstances. If all commodities were produced by an equal proportion of fixed and circulating capital, any rise or fall of wages would affect them all equally, and would not therefore disturb their relations to each other. If a yard of woollen cloth, for instance, exchanged for a yard of silk, and wages rose, the value of each would rise in an equal

proportion, and the articles would continue to exchange for each other as before. But if the cloth were produced almost entirely by machinery and the silk entirely by manual labour, a rise of wages would scarcely affect the former at all, while it would add materially to the cost of producing the latter. They would therefore no longer exchange for each other, or, in other words, their relative value would be altered. The general law of such variations is thus stated by Mr. Ricardo, viz., that in the event of a rise in the price of labour, 'only those commodities would rise which had less fixed capital employed upon them than the medium in which price was estimated, and that all those which had more would positively fall in price when wages rose. On the contrary, if wages fall, those commodities only would fall which had a less proportion of fixed capital employed on them than the medium in which price was estimated; all those which had more would positively rise in price.'

With all these causes of disturbance in the relations which the different products of labour bear to each other, it is obvious that no commodity can be a perfect standard by which to compare the variations in the value of other commodities; but as, in an advanced stage of society, labour cannot be the ordinary measure of value, some representative of labour must be selected, by which to carry on the exchanges of trade, and the more nearly it represents the amount of labour expended upon it, and the less that amount varies, the fitter will it be for a common standard of value.

The precious metals, or paper convertible into them, are the standards usually adopted. They are however articles of commerce varying in supply and demand, and in the quantity of labour required, at different times, to produce them. They cannot therefore be invariable standards, but must fluctuate more or less like other commodities. Practically, this variation is not, upon the whole, so great as in the case of other articles, but in the degree in which it prevails it makes gold and silver imperfect standards of value. The circumstances and results of this imperfection and the means of obviating them are amongst the most important speculations of the political economist, but are more fully treated of in other parts of this work. [BANK; BANKING; CURRENCY; WAGES.]

(Adam Smith's *Wealth of Nations*; Ricardo's *Principles of Political Economy and Taxation*; Mill's *Elements of Political Economy*; MacCulloch's *Principles of Political Economy*; Say, *Richesse des Nations*.)

VALVATA, Müller's name for a genus of Gastropods, living in fresh waters. [PARASTOMIANS, VOL. XVII., p. 454.]

VALVE is the name given to any apparatus by which, in an hydraulic or pneumatic machine, the bore of a pipe or any orifice may be alternately covered and uncovered, in order in the one case to prevent, and in the other to permit, the passage of the fluid.

The ordinary pump-valve, frequently called a *clack*, consists of a piece of leather rather greater than the bore or orifice: its form is circular, except that at one part there projects beyond the circumference a portion which is attached to the top of the pipe or to the rim of the orifice. Circular plates of lead or brass are fastened to the upper and lower surfaces of the leather; that which is above being greater, and that which is below being less than the perforation which is to be covered. The valve thus formed is capable, from the flexibility of the leather, of turning, as on a hinge, at the place of its connection with the rim, when, in consequence of the partial rarefaction of the air above, the water from below presses against its inferior surface. After a certain quantity has forced its way through the orifice, the valve, by its weight, falls, and closely covers the latter, so that the water above is in great part prevented from returning. A valve unavoidably creates an impediment to the free ascent of the water; and in order that this impediment may be as small as possible, the valve should be enabled to turn on its joint till it is inclined to the axis of the orifice at an angle of about 60 degrees.

Frequently a narrow bar of metal is made fast across a circular orifice in the direction of a diameter, and two semicircular valves of leather, each of which is covered above and below with a brass plate of the same form, turn upon the sides of the bar as upon hinges; the two portions are turned upwards at the same time by the pressure

from below, and they fall back on the orifice when the water has passed through. This is called the double-check, or the butterfly-valve, and it possesses one advantage over the complete circular valve, in allowing less water to escape into the well or cistern while in the act of closing over the orifice.

Check-valves sometimes consist of four sectors of circles, the arcs of which are attached beyond the circumference of the orifice in such a manner, that each sector may turn at the place of junction as on a joint; the four angular points of the sectors, when the valve is closed, meet vertically over the centre of the orifice, and the edges, or radii, rest upon four ribs which are fixed so as to receive them. In this state the sides of the valve are disposed like those of a quadrangular pyramid.

The conical or spindle valve is a metal body in the form of a frustum of a cone, the side of which makes an angle of 45 degrees with a diameter of the base, and its convex surface is ground so as to fit exactly the corresponding side of the orifice. It is usually employed as the safety-valve to the boiler of a steam-engine. The frustum is lifted up vertically by the pressure of the steam, and when the latter has passed, it falls back by its weight: a spring balance is applied to it for the purpose of ascertaining the pressure which is equivalent to the elastic force of the steam. This kind of valve was formerly employed in the pipes connecting the great cylinder of the engine with the boiler and the condenser, but sliding valves are now preferred. [STEAM-ENGINE, pp. 476, 480.] Valves acting in a conical orifice have sometimes the form of a sphere or of a hemisphere, the convex surface of the hemisphere being downwards.

The button-valve is a thin circular plate of metal with a conical side like the former, and its movement is in a vertical direction: in order that this end may be gained, a guide-rod, which is attached at the centre of the plate perpendicularly to its surface, moves freely up and down through a perforation in each of two bars fixed diametrically across, and near the top and bottom of the orifice.

The valve employed for the usual air-pumps consists merely of a slip of thin bladder thoroughly soaked in oil, its breadth being little more than is necessary to cover the orifice, which is a very small perforation in the piston or in the plate under the barrel: the two ends of the slip are tightly bound to the exterior of the perforated plate; and when the pressure of the atmosphere is in part removed from the barrel, some of the air which is in the receiver forces its way, by its elasticity, through the orifice, and escapes at the sides of the valve. The air is prevented from returning merely by the contact of the oiled bladder with the plate at the parts immediately about the orifice.

The valves of machines for condensing air are like those of a rarefying pump, but they are placed in contrary positions: in the latter machines the valves open towards the barrel, and in the former they open towards the receiver in order that the air in the barrel may by pressure be forced into that vessel.

VALVE, in Botany, is a term applied to several parts of plants. Its most common application is to the parts of dehiscent fruits, these parts being in most cases the representative of the carpellary leaf. The term valve has also been applied collectively to the three classes of bracts of which the flower of grasses is composed. It is also applied to the opening in the cells of anthers, which occurs when the pollen is about to be discharged.

VALVULINA. [FORAMINIFERA.]

VAMPIRE. According to Dom Calmet's 'Dissertation sur les Vampires,' the vampire is a dead man, who returns in body and soul from the other world, and wanders about the earth, doing every kind of mischief in the living. Generally he sucks the blood of persons asleep, and thus causes their death. Those who are destroyed in this way become vampires. The only manner of getting rid of such unwelcome visitors is, according to the same author, to disinter their bodies, to pierce them with a stake cut from a green tree, to cut off their heads, and to burn their hearts.

The belief that the dead sometimes return to this world, in order to annoy the living, was prevalent among the nations of antiquity. Eastern nations have a similar superstition about malicious ghosts, called 'gouls,' &c. The belief in these apparitions was not destroyed by the introduction of Christianity, but remained, like many other

superstitions bequeathed by paganism, in full force during the dark times of the middle ages. The laws of Charlemagne ('Capitularium pro Partibus Saxonie') contain certain enactments respecting apparitions called *Striga* or *Masca* (this last word signifies a shapeless being). This circumstance proves the generality of this belief during that period.

The advance of civilization in modern times was unable to destroy a superstition founded upon a feeling by which the great mass of mankind is so frequently actuated—fear; and many authors wrote books on the subject. Besides Dom Calmet, whom we have quoted, we may mention—Philip Berius, an author of the 17th century; Michael Rault, who published in the last century a treatise 'De Masticatione Mortuorum in Tumbis;' Ferdinand von Scherz, 'In Magia Posthuma,' Oimütz, 1706, &c.

The superstition about the vampires is chiefly prevalent in some parts of Eastern Europe. These apparitions are known in Poland under the name of 'Upior;' in the Ukraine, 'Upeur;' in Russia, 'Gogooka;' in Hungary, Servia, Greece, &c., 'Vroucolica;' 'Vardolucka;' 'Broucolucka,' &c.

Of all those countries, Hungary and its dependencies may be considered as the principal seat of vampirism, and scarcely a century has elapsed since all Europe was filled with reports about the exploits of vampires in Hungary and Servia. It was during the five years from 1730 to 1735 that vampirism reached its height. It was so general, that Louis XV. of France commissioned his ambassador at Vienna, the Duc de Richelieu, personally to ascertain, in Hungary and other Austrian dominions, the reality of vampirism. The French diplomatist denied in his report to the king the existence of the vampires, and he informed him at the same time that the anecdotes about them were inserted in the contemporary records of the Austrian tribunals. This superstition gained ground so much that the chief periodicals of that time contain accounts of cases of vampirism in Hungary; such as, for instance, the 'Mercure Historique et Politique,' for October, 1736, pp. 403, 411; and the Dutch paper, 'Le Glaneur,' No. ix., for 1733.

We here insert one of them as giving an idea of those reports:—

The Hayduck* Arnold Paul, a native of Madrega on the frontiers of Servia, was crushed to death by a waggon. Thirty days after his death a report was spread that he was wandering about the world and frightening people. Immediately afterwards four of his acquaintances died suddenly: this brought into the recollection of many that they had heard from Arnold himself that he was bitten by a vampire, and the Hayducks believe that a man who has been bitten or sucked to death by a vampire becomes a vampire himself; consequently it was decided by the whole village of the Hayducks that the deceased Arnold Paul was a regular vampire. Forty days after his death, he was solemnly disinterred, and all the signs of vampirism were found on his body by the general consent of all the villagers: his body was as fresh as that of a living man; the nails, which had been pared, and the beard, which had been shorn, before the burial, had grown again; the veins were swollen and full of blood, with which himself and the winding sheet were covered. The elders of the village immediately ordered the body to be pierced straight through the heart, with a stake cut from a green tree; this made him, according to the relation of eye-witnesses, utter a cry; his head was cut off, and his body, as well as the bodies of those who were supposed to have died from his bite, were burnt.

The protocol of all this event was inserted in the records of a public office. A great number of similar anecdotes which had also been officially registered, are related by contemporary writers; some of them even described the manners and customs of those vampires; as for instance, that lying in their graves they suck and chew their winding-sheets, and that it was therefore necessary to place under their chins a piece of green turf in order that they might not be able to reach the sheets with their teeth, and to bind their hands, that they might not turn about in their coffins. Many believe that the vampires,

* The Hayducks were originally a kind of light infantry, instituted by Matthias Corvinius, King of Hungary, for the defence of the frontiers. They were afterwards settled as a military colony on the banks of the river Theiss, in a district still called the territory of the Hayducks.

notwithstanding all the means used to destroy their bodies, will resume their shape, and recommence their mischievous wanderings, as soon as the rays of moonlight fall on their graves. This superstition is chiefly prevalent in Greece, and the tale of 'The Vampire,' ascribed to Lord Byron, was founded upon it.

It may be supposed that the superstition about the vampire has derived considerable strength from cases where man, supposed to be dead, have been buried alive. Such cases have happened in many countries, as has been shown by the altered position of the body in the coffin, spots of blood on the torn winding-sheets, bites on the hands, and other marks of the struggle and despair before life became extinct. It is probable that such signs have been sometimes interpreted as the marks of vampirism.

(Dom Calmet's *Dissertation sur les Apparitions des Anges, des Demons, et des Esprits et sur les Vampires d'Hongrie*, Paris 1746, 2 vols. 12mo.; translated into English and published 1750.)

VAMPIRE (Zoology). In the article *CHEIROPTERA* will be found some account of the authorities relative to the blood-sucking acts of the vampire-bat. [Vol. vii., p. 23.] Since that article was written, Mr. Darwin's *Journal* has been published, and we there find a record of the blood-sucker being caught in the fact.

'The Vampire-bat,' says Mr. Darwin, in that part of his highly interesting book which relates his adventures when travelling on horse-back in the neighbourhood of Rio Janeiro, 'is often the cause of much trouble by biting the horses on their withers. The injury is generally not so much owing to the loss of blood as to the inflammation which the pressure of the saddle afterwards produces. The whole circumstance has lately been doubted in England: I was therefore fortunate in being present when one' was actually caught on a horse's back. We were bivouacking late one evening, near Coquimbo, in Chile, when my servant, noticing that one of the horses was very restive, went to see what was the matter, and fancying he could distinguish something, suddenly put his hand on the beast's withers, and secured the vampire. In the morning the spot where the bite had been inflicted was easily distinguished, from being slightly swollen and bloody. The third day afterwards, we rode the horse without any ill effects.'



Skeleton of Vampire. (Dr. Hahnville.)

VAN. [ARMENIA, p. 390.]

VAN ACHEN, HANS, or JOHN, one of the most distinguished German painters of the sixteenth century, was born at Cologne in 1532. His name is written in various ways, as Ab Ach, Dach, Da, Van Aken, and otherwise; but Van Achen is the correct form: a picture in the gallery of Schleissheim, near Munich, is marked HANS V. ACH. Fr. 1598. His family name is not known; he was called Achen, after the town of Achen or Aachen (Aix-la-Chapelle), the birthplace of his father. Van Achen was first instructed by a painter called Jerrigh by Van Mander, with whom he remained about six years. He studied also the works of Spranger, whose style of design he imitated, and although not so mannered as that master, he never forsook his style of design in after-life. Shortly after he left his first master he went to Venice to acquire the Venetian style of colouring, which he learnt of Gaupard Rema, a Fleming, who at that period was one of the most distinguished colourists at Venice. From Venice he went to Florence and Rome. In Rome he acquired a

great reputation by several pictures which he painted there, some of which were engraved by Raphael Sadeler, who was at Rome at the same time. A Nativity of Christ, painted for the church of the Jesuits at Rome, extended Van Achen's reputation to Germany. He visited Venice a second time, and whilst there received an invitation from Duke William of Bavaria to go to Munich, whither he repaired; and he received constant employment there for some years, and was paid very highly for his works. During his stay at Munich he was repeatedly invited by the emperor Rudolph II. to go to Prague; he however allowed four years to elapse before he complied with the emperor's request. At Prague he painted many pictures for the emperors Rudolph and Matthias, and, excepting a short time spent at Munich and Augsburg, he passed the remainder of his life there. Whilst at Augsburg he gained the affections of the daughter of the celebrated musician Orlando di Lasso, and was married to her. He died at Prague in 1615, aged sixty-three.

Van Achen had the reputation of being the richest painter of his time. He was a bold and a rapid painter, but was a great mannerist: he neglected both the study of nature and of the antique, and was one of the leading propagators of that gross and heavy style which prevailed in Germany at the beginning of the seventeenth century. It consisted of an attempted union of the Florentine and the Venetian styles, and combined a florid colouring with exaggerated and mannered forms. This style prevailed generally in Germany, until Rubens and Rembrandt and their imitators spread a very different taste. Achen's principal works are at Munich: the best are—the Calling of St. Peter, for St. Michael's Church; a St. Sebastian, for the Stanislaus Chapel, engraved by J. Müller; Christ upon the Cross, with John and Mary, for the Chapel of the Cross, engraved by E. Sadeler; and the Discovery of the Cross by St. Helena, for the chapel of the elector. There are several of his works also in the Gallery of Vienna: among them, portraits of Rudolph II. and his brother Ernest when young, both in armour. He painted many portraits: two of his best are considered, the portrait of Rudolph II., engraved by R. Sadeler; and that of Spranger the painter, engraved by J. Müller. Other celebrated works by Achen are—an 'Ecce Homo,' engraved by G. André; Mary Magdalen in the Wilderness, by L. Kilian; and Justice and Truth, by G. A. Wolfgang the elder. Many other eminent engravers have executed plates after this master.

(Van Mander; Sandrart; Florillo; Nagler.)

VANADIUM, a metal discovered in 1800 by Sefström, and named from *Vanadia*, a Scandinavian divinity; it has been since found by Professor Johnston: the former obtained it from the iron of Taberg in Sweden, and from the slag of the ore, and the latter from a new mineral occurring at Wanlock Head, which he found to be vanadate of lead. This metal may be obtained from the native vanadate of lead; its properties are, that it has somewhat of a silvery lustre, is extremely brittle, is a conductor of electricity, and at common temperatures is not acted upon by air or water; when heated to low redness in the air, it burns and is converted into black oxide; neither sulphuric, hydrochloric, nor hydrofluoric acid acts upon it, but nitric acid and aqua regia dissolve it, and blue solutions are obtained.

Oxygen and Vanadium combine to form two oxides, and an acid; protoxide of vanadium is produced by the action of hydrogen or charcoal on vanadic acid; it is a black powder, has a semi-metallic lustre, and when made coherent by pressure conducts electricity like a metal; when heated in the air it combines slowly with oxygen, and becomes the peroxide. It does not form saline compounds with acids, and it is composed of—

One equivalent of oxygen	8
One equivalent of vanadium	68
Equivalent	70

Peroxide of Vanadium.—This may be obtained by the partial deoxidization of vanadic acid by means of hydro-sulphuric acid, or by heating, excluded from air, 10 parts of the protoxide with 12 parts of vanadic acid. This is the only salifiable oxide of the metal: its acid solutions when decomposed by carbonate of soda yield a grey-coloured hydrate; when pure and free from water, it is black. The salts of vanadium, like those of iron, are precipitated black

* This bat belongs to the genus *Eidolon* of Dobigny, but is a new species. (Darwin.)

by the tincture of galls. Peroxide of vanadium consists of—

Two equivalents of oxygen	16
One equivalent of vanadium	68
Equivalent	84

Vanadic Acid is obtained by heating vanadates of ammonia so as to expel the alkali. The vanadic acid left is brown when in powder and red when fused; it suffers no change when heated; it is tasteless, nearly insoluble in water, and quite so in alcohol. It consists of—

Three equivalents of oxygen	24
One equivalent of vanadium	68
Equivalent	92

Chlorine and Vanadium.—When hydrochloric acid is made to act upon peroxide of vanadium, a brown compound is formed, which appears to be a bichloride of vanadium, composed of two equivalents of chlorine 72 + 1 equivalent of vanadium 68 = 140; the trichloride, composed of three equivalents of chlorine 108 + 1 equivalent of vanadium 68 = 176, is formed by passing dry chlorine gas over a red-hot mixture of peroxide of vanadium and charcoal; it is a yellow liquid, which, when acted upon by water, yields hydrochloric and vanadic acids.

Sulphur and Vanadium.—The bisulphuret is obtained by passing hydrosulphuric acid gas over the peroxide of vanadium heated to redness. The tersulphuret is formed by adding hydrochloric acid to a solution of vanadic acid in hydrosulphuret of ammonia.

Salts of Vanadic Acid are generally yellow or orange-coloured, but are sometimes colourless; it forms both neutral and bisalts, those containing the alkalis being soluble, but those resulting from most metallic oxides are sparingly soluble or insoluble in water.

VANBRUGH, SIR JOHN, was of foreign lineage, his grandfather, a citizen of Ghent, having come over to England at the time of Alva's persecution of the Protestants in the Netherlands. He died in 1646, leaving a handsome fortune to his son Giles, who seems to have been at first engaged in business, but afterwards held the place of controller of the treasury chamber. Giles lived till 1715, and had a family of eight sons by his wife Elizabeth, youngest daughter and coheir of Sir Dudley Carleton, who died in 1711. John was born in 1666, but beyond that very little is known with certainty respecting him till he began to write for the stage. We have no account of his early studies, and it appears rather doubtful if he was regularly educated to the profession of architecture; certainly no claim has been put forth in behalf of any one for the honour of having been the instructor of such a pupil. According to some anecdotes told of him, he studied architecture in France, where, being detected in making drawings of some fortifications, he was imprisoned in the Bastille. That he was sent by his father to that country at the age of nineteen does not admit of much doubt; yet whether it was for the purpose of completing or commencing his studies in architecture is not very clear. If this was the case, he did not attend to them very diligently, for in the course of his stay there he entered the military service, though he did not continue in it very long. It is certainly to be regretted that no more satisfactory account has come down to us, for it would be instructive to learn how an architect of such a peculiar taste formed a style which may be called his own. Still we think it may be traced to French models.—To the palaces and châteaux of that country, of which lofty pavilions, turrets, and chimneys were characteristic features, and produced that variety of outline which is considered the great merit of Vanbrugh's designs. From the same source he seems to have derived his predilection for arched windows and horizontal rustics, even to the exclusion of variety in that respect. In fact he seems to have had little knowledge of, or else little relish for, the works of the Italian school, since, with all his love for massiveness and boldness, he never availed himself of its more ornate and diversified modes of rusticated work. [RUSTICATION.]

Whatever may have been his progress up to that period, we must suppose him to have acquired some reputation for architectural skill previously in 1683, for he was then appointed one of the commissioners for completing the palace at Greenwich when it was about to be converted into an hospital. About the same time he began to dis-

tinguish himself in his other and widely different career of a dramatic writer; and of his masterly talent for comedy his plays of the 'Provoked Wife,' the 'Relapse,' and the 'Confederacy' (the last founded upon Dancour's 'Beaugrecious à la Mode'), afford sufficient proof, and also of the levity of his disposition, if not of the licentiousness of his morals. Considered merely as literary productions they are entitled to unqualified admiration; yet so libertine are they, not merely in language, but in plot, in sentiment, and in general tendency, that they are calculated to corrupt as well as to please. They are now banished not only from the stage, but almost from the closet; and he who might have been the Molière of our dramatic literature—a standard classic author in it—is now consigned to comparative oblivion. Fortunately he had an opportunity of displaying his other talent, and that upon a large scale. In 1702 he was employed by Charles, the third earl of Carlisle, to erect a mansion for him in Yorkshire, on the site of the ancient castle of Hinderkelf; and he produced the palace of Castle Howard, an extensive and noble pile (660 feet in length), though, like all his other works of that class, more satisfactory in its general character than when examined in detail. His patron Carlisle, who was then earl marshal of England, signified his approbation by bestowing on him the honourable and not unprofitable appointment of Clarenceux king-at-arms, in 1703. His work of Castle Howard also recommended him as architect to many noble or wealthy employers, for whom he erected stately mansions in various parts of the kingdom. Among them may be mentioned Eastbury in Dorsetshire, built for Bubb Doddington, but afterwards pulled down by earl Temple (a circumstance not greatly to be regretted, if we may judge of it from the designs in the 'Vitruvius Britannicus'); King's Weston, near Bristol, which is greatly admired for the effect produced by its chimneys; Duncombe Hall, Yorkshire; Grimsthorpe, Yorkshire, considered one of his most important works; Seaton Delaval, Northumberland; and Oulton Hall, Cheshire. He seems to have been employed exclusively on works of this class, country-seats and mansions: for no public buildings are attributed to him except one, which was a speculation of his own, connected with his dramatic pursuits, a theatre in the Haymarket, which afterwards became the original Opera-house, on the site of the present building. In this scheme he was assisted by many persons of quality, and had Congreve for his dramatic conditor and Betterton for manager, by whom the house was opened in 1706. This 'confederacy' of comic talent was not however so successful as Vanbrugh's piece of that name, which was first brought out there. Congreve very soon retired from the concern, nor was it long before Vanbrugh himself was glad to get out of his share in it.

It was at this period that the nation voted, as a monument of its gratitude to the first duke of Marlborough, a palace, to be named after the victory at Blenheim. The architect of Castle Howard was appointed as the fittest person for so important an occasion. Yet if the distinction and the reputation since derived to him from the building itself have shed lustre on Vanbrugh's name as an architect, the affair turned out for him a very vexatious and also a losing one. 'The secret history of the building of Blenheim,' in Dr Lister's 'Curiosities of Literature,' shows in what difficulties the architect was involved in consequence of no specific fund or grant for the work having been provided by parliament, and being afterwards refused. The queen furnished the necessary supplies for what was built during her life; but at her death difficulties increased, and on that of the duke, his wife Sarah, 'that wicked woman of Marlborough,' as Vanbrugh calls her, discharged him from his post of architect, and refused to pay what was due to him as salary. The structure was however finally completed according to the original model, and as long as it stands it will be a monument honourable to Vanbrugh. Yet it was a long time before its architectural merits were appreciated. Reynolds was almost the first who ventured to express his approbation of Vanbrugh's style, and to bear his testimony as an artist to the picturesque magnificence of Blenheim. Such authority, and afterwards that of Sir Uvedale Price and others, removed the prejudices that had been excited by former critics, and by the ridicule thrown upon Vanbrugh by Swift and Pope. But, in changing, public opinion ran almost from one extreme into the other: as it had been the fashion to see

in Vanbrugh's architecture nothing but heaviness, it now became the fashion to see in it nothing but picturesque effect. His works certainly are heavy; and although solidity and massiveness are far from being faults in architecture, they may be carried too far. Vanbrugh's buildings are to be studied both with diligence as to their merits and with caution as to their defects.

Sir John died at his house at Whitehall (erected by himself), March 26, 1726, leaving a widow, many years younger than himself, but no family, his only son having been killed at the battle of Tournay. Notwithstanding the licentiousness of his pen, his private character appears to have been amiable, and his conduct tolerably correct; and even his enemies Swift and Pope admitted that he was both 'a man of wit and man of honour.'

VAN CEULEN, or KEULEN, LUDOLPH, a Dutch mathematician, who lived in the latter part of the sixteenth and the beginning of the seventeenth century, and whose name indicates that his family came originally from Cologne. He was born at Hildestheim, but neither the year of his birth nor the manner in which he was educated is known; and it can only be surmised that his taste led him early to the study of elementary geometry and algebra. He taught the mathematics at Breda, and subsequently at Amsterdam; but his fame rests chiefly on the effort which he made to express by numbers the ratio which the circumference of a circle bears to its diameter. The determination of this ratio has engaged the attention of mathematicians from the time of Archimedes; and during the sixteenth century, Metius, Vieta, Adrian Romanus, and Van Ceulen laboured, by extending the approximative processes, to reduce the error within narrower limits. The diameter being supposed to be the unit, Romanus obtained an expression for the circumference in numbers consisting of seventeen decimals, and Van Ceulen computed one which differs from the truth only at the thirty-fifth decimal. It may be observed that the approximation has since been carried to a much greater extent by means of the well-known series for the value of a circular arc in terms of its tangent. [QUADRATURE.]

Van Ceulen published at Delft, in 1596, a tract on the circle, in Dutch; and a translation of it, in Latin, was published by Snellius in 1610, under the title 'De Circulo et Adscriptis.' The method pursued in the investigation is described in this work; and though extraordinary labour must have been undergone in the performance of the arithmetical computations, it may be seen that this was not accompanied by any display of genius; since, beginning with the known chord and the sagitta of one-sixth of the circumference, the process consists in computing the lengths of the chords and tangents of the arcs formed by continual bisections. As a monument of patient industry the determination has great merit; and it may be presumed that the computer estimated his labour highly, for, according to Snellius, he requested that the numerical expression of the circumference of a circle might be inscribed on his tomb.

Besides the work which has been mentioned, Van Ceulen published two others, in Dutch, on mathematical subjects, both of which were also translated into Latin by Snellius, and published at Leyden in 1615, under the titles 'Fundamenta Arithmetica et Geometrica,' and 'Zetematia (seu problemata) Geometrica.' From these works it may be seen that the author possessed considerable skill in the management of algebraic quantities.

He died at Leyden in 1610, and was interred in the church of St. Peter in that city.

VANCOUVER, GEORGE, was born, according to the author of his life in the 'Biographie Universelle,' about 1750, but probably some years later. Vancouver himself states, in the introduction to the narrative of his voyage round the world, that he entered the navy in his thirteenth year; and John Vancouver, who edited the work, states that his brother's first appointment was to the Resolution, by Captain Cook, in 1771.

George Vancouver served as midshipman on Cook's second voyage (1772-1775); and on the third voyage, in which that great navigator lost his life (1776-1780). His name only occurs once in the history of these two voyages: Captain King mentions his having sent Mr. Vancouver to Captain Clerke for instructions the morning after the murder of Captain Cook. When Captain King was promoted from being first lieutenant of the Resolution to be captain

of the Discovery, Captain Gore permitted him to take with him 'four midshipmen who had made themselves useful to me in astronomical calculations, and whose assistance was now particularly necessary, as we had no Ephemeris for the present year.' Of this number it is almost certain that Vancouver must have been one, for of the six original midshipmen of the Resolution, the two eldest had by that time been promoted in consequence of the deaths of Captains Cook and Clerke. A better school for a seaman than the two principal voyages of so accurate a navigator and surveyor, so strict a disciplinarian as Cook, can scarcely be imagined. Captain King has borne testimony to the merits of the young officers in the expedition of 1776-80:—

'The two ships never lost sight of each other for a day together, except twice; which was owing, the first time, to an accident that happened to the Discovery off the coast of Owhyhee; and the second, to the fogs we met at the entrance of Awataki Bay. A stronger proof cannot be given of the skill and vigilance of our subaltern officers, to whom this share of merit almost entirely belongs.'

The Resolution and Discovery reached the North on the 4th of October, 1780, and on the 9th of December following Vancouver was created a lieutenant and appointed to the Martin sloop. He continued on board this vessel until he was removed into the Fame, one of Lord Rodney's fleet in the West Indies, where he remained till the middle of the year 1783. In 1784 he was appointed to and sailed in the Europe to Jamaica, and remained on that station till the vessel returned to England, in September, 1789.

When Vancouver arrived in England, he found that a voyage had been planned by the government for exploring the Southern regions. A vessel, named the Discovery, had been purchased for this service, and Captain Henry Roberts, who had served under Cook during his two last voyages, had been named to the command. Commodore (afterwards Admiral) Sir Alan Gardiner, under whose flag Vancouver was then serving, recommended him to the Admiralty, and he was solicited by the board to accompany Captain Roberts. Having been intimate friends while on board Captain Cook's ship, the arrangement was agreeable to both officers. Towards the close of April the Discovery was nearly ready to proceed down the river, when intelligence arrived of depredations committed by the Spaniards on different branches of British commerce on the north-west coast of America. The equipment of the Discovery was suspended, and Vancouver resumed his professional career under his old captain, Sir Alan Gardiner.

The high prices obtained by the sailors of the Resolution and Discovery, at Canton, for the ill-selected, half-worn furs which they had brought from the north-west coast of America, had attracted a horde of adventurers to that region. Their inaccurate observations, published by ignorant book and map compilers, had given currency to the most inaccurate and contradictory accounts of the coast. The discoveries of Cook had also stimulated the Spaniards to resume their long-suspended maritime activity. A survey of the north-west coast of America by Spanish officers of marjoe was commenced in 1775, and prosecuted with intermissions for several years with skill and dexterity. In April, 1780, an attempt was made by some British subjects to establish themselves at Nootka: the attempt gave umbrage to the Spanish officer engaged in the survey; the settlement was forcibly broken up, and some commanders of British merchantmen made prisoners, and their vessels and cargoes seized. The court of Spain yielded to the representations made by the British resident, and at his request a letter addressed to the Spanish commandant at Nootka, instructing him to deliver up possession of the country and buildings to the British officer by whom the letter should be delivered to him, was transmitted to the court of St. James by Count Florida Blanca. The Discovery was again put in commission; the Chatham, an armed tender, destined to accompany her; and in March, 1791, Vancouver was appointed to command these vessels on an expedition to the north-west coast of America. His instructions were, to receive the surrender of Nootka by the Spaniards; to make an accurate survey of the coast from the 30th degree of N. lat. northwards; and to inquire after any communications, by inlets, rivers, or lakes, between the coast and Canada. The summers of 1792-93 were allowed for the execution of the survey; the intervening winter was to be spent in completing the examination of the Sandwich Islands. After

the completion of the survey, the vessels were to return to England by Cape Horn, and, if practicable, to examine the west coast of South America, from the south point of the island of Chiloe, supposed to be about 44° S. lat., in order to ascertain which was the most southern Spanish settlement, and what harbours there were south of that settlement.

The expedition sailed from Falmouth on the 1st of April, 1791. The close of that year and the beginning of 1792 were occupied in an examination of the Sandwich Islands. On the 16th of March the vessels sailed for the coast of America, which they struck in 39° 27' N. lat. They ran down the coast, examining it minutely, to Noetka, where the frank and honourable conduct of Quadra, the Spanish commander, rendered the diplomatic part of Vancouver's commission easy and agreeable. From Noetka the expedition returned southward to San Francisco de Monterey, examining more in detail the various inlets along the coast. When the season during which the operations of the survey could be carried on with safety terminated, Vancouver returned to the Sandwich Islands. On the 20th of April he was again off the coast of America, near Cape Mendocino. He landed at Rocky Point (41° 2' N. lat.), discovered and taken possession of by the Spaniards in 1775. Thence he ran along the shore to Noetka, where the coast survey was resumed. Vancouver returned on the approach of winter to Owhyhee, and in 1794 again returned to the American coast, which he surveyed as far north as Cook's Inlet. Having concluded this operation, he, in compliance with his instructions, sailed along the coast of South America, visiting the principal Spanish settlements, and doubling Cape Horn, brought the Discovery into the Shannon on the 18th of September, 1795. During the whole of these operations the most cordial assistance and frank communications were interchanged by Vancouver and the Spanish officers engaged in a simultaneous survey of the coast.

In 1794 Vancouver had without solicitation been promoted to the rank of post-captain. He was paid off at the conclusion of his voyage, and from that time till his death, which took place in May, 1798, he was incessantly busied preparing his journals for publication. Before his death, all the charts were completed, and the narrative printed and corrected as far as the 408th page of the third volume. The little that remained to be told was prepared for the press by his brother John. Of all the pupils of Cook, George Vancouver approached nearest to his master in accuracy and persevering energy. With the exception of sixteen months, and the two years during which he was busied preparing his journals for the press, he was engaged in active service till his death. The greater part of his survey of the north-west coast of America was performed in boats. The arduous service undermined his constitution, and on his return to England it was apparent that his death must be a premature one. The same exact enforcement of discipline, and the same incessant care of the health and comfort of his crew, which characterized Cook, were also found in Vancouver. The narrative of his voyage is still the principal authority for the delineations of the north-west coast of America: it is also an important part of the evidence upon which the rival claims of the United States and Great Britain to what is now called the Oregon territory must be decided.

Cook, Second and Third Voyages; Vancouver, Voyage of Discovery to the North Pacific Ocean and round the World; Humboldt, Essai Politique sur la Nouvelle Espagne; Biographie Universelle.

VANCOUVER ISLAND. [NORTH WESTERN TERRITORY.]

VANDA, a genus of plants, which gives its name to the tribe Vandee, of the natural family of Orchidaceae. The name is that of one of the species (*Vanda Roxburghii*) in Sanscrit, and which is commonly applied in Bengal to other species. These are mostly very ornamental, like others of the Indian epiphytal Orchidaceae. From the warm parts of Nepal and the peninsula of India the species extend into the islands of the Indian Ocean, and even into China.

VAN DALE, ANTON, a learned Dutchman, was born on the 8th of November, 1698. He was the son of a merchant, and, in compliance with the wish of his parents, he engaged in mercantile occupations up to the thirtieth year of his age. But the desire of knowledge which he had

felt ever since his childhood induced him to abandon commerce and devote himself to the study of theology and medicine. After the completion of his studies he took his degree of doctor of medicine; but, besides his medical practice, he officiated for several years as a preacher among the Mennonites, until he was appointed physician to the hospital at Haarlem, where he remained until his death, on the 28th of November, 1708.

Notwithstanding his medical practice, Van Dale never abandoned his theological studies, and he also devoted a great deal of his leisure to the study of Greek and Roman antiquities. His works, which are all of a theological and antiquarian nature, show great learning and critical skill, but they are deficient in method and arrangement. They are all written in Latin, but the language is bad, and his works have ceased to be of much use. The following were at the time regarded as the most important:—1. *Disertationes II. de Oraculis*, 1700, 4to.; 2. *De Origine et Progressu Idololatriae et Superstitionum*, 1696, 4to.; 3. *Disertatio super Aristotele de Septuaginta Interpretibus*, 1705, 4to. Several other dissertations, as *Super Sanchunianthone*, and nine *Disertationes Antiquitatis et Mariorum cum Romanis tum Graecis inservientes*, were published after his death (1712 and 1743, 4to.).

(*Acta Eruditorum*; Nicéron, *Mémoires des Hommes Illustres*; Jöcher, *Allgem. Gelehrten-Lexic.*)

VANDALS. [TEUTONIC NATIONS.]

VANDELLI, DOMINIC, an Italian physician, who paid much attention to the study of natural history. His earliest contribution to natural history was a dissertation on some insects and marine zoophytes, accompanied with drawings. This was published at Padua, where he probably graduated, with the title *Disertationes de Apozithermis, de nonnullis Insectis terrestribus, et Zoophyis marinis*, 4to., 1758. In 1761 he published an account of some of the Coniferae found in the hot-springs of Padua. He visited South America, and remained in Brazil some time, and on his return was appointed superintendent of the botanic garden at Lisbon. In 1768 he published an account of the dragon-tree, and in 1771 a small work entitled *Fasciculus Plantarum*, which he dedicated to Sir Joseph Banks. It was accompanied with four engravings of figures of plants. He also wrote against Haller, maintaining, in opposition to that distinguished anatomist, that the tendons and fibrous membranes generally possessed sensibility. This is said to have displeased Haller very much, who speaks of Vandelli's labours very disparagingly. He also wrote some small papers on the actions of medicine and other subjects. He visited England at a very advanced age, in the year 1813. He is since dead. He was a correspondent of Linnaeus; and, at the suggestion of Browne, Linnaeus named a genus of Scrophulariaceae plants, in honour of him, *Vandellia*. The species of this genus are West Indian plants, and one of them, the *V. praeutis*, is known in Cayenne by the name of Wild Basil, and is esteemed a powerful vulnerary.

(Haller, *Bot. Bot.*, vol. ii.; Bischoff, *Lehrbuch der Botanik*; Sir J. E. Smith.)

VANDELLIA, a genus of plants of the natural family of Scrophulariaceae, so named from Vandelli. The genus Vandellia is distinguished by having a nearly equal calyx, which is 5-toothed or 5-parted. Corol tubular, with a 5-cleft bilabiate limb. Stamens 4, didynamous, all fertile. Two lower filaments appendiculate, or gibbous at the base. Capsule globose, oblong, or linear; 2-celled; 2-valved; valves entire, membranous. The species are natives of warm parts of the world, such as India, Birma, China, and Brazil, forming smooth or hairy herbs, with tetragynous stems; leaves opposite, usually toothed. Flowers axillary, opposite or in fascicles; the upper ones generally racemose. The only species which has attracted any particular notice is *V. diffusa*, a native of Brazil, thought to be found also in the peninsula of India. It is the *Caetanica* of Pison, and described by Dr. Ilmcock as emetic, and its decoction as useful in fevers and liver complaints. It was mentioned in the address of the Earl Stanhope, in 1829, to the Medico-Botanical Society, that it might become a useful substitute for some of the purgatives now in use.

VANDER HELST, BARTHOLOMEW, a celebrated Dutch portrait painter, born at Haarlem in 1613, or, according to the *Museo Fiorentino*, in 1601. He was one of the best portrait painters of his time, and has by some

been compared with Vandeyck. He excelled equally in the head and figure and in the accessories, which he painted with the fidelity of representation almost peculiar to the painters of his nation: he also coloured richly and drew well. He painted likewise small historical pieces, and had great skill in landscape painting.

In the town-house of Amsterdam there is a large picture by Vander Helst, containing twenty-four full-length portraits of officers of the train-bands of that place, which Sir Joshua Reynolds pronounced the finest picture in the town-house, and the best picture of portraits in the world. He says, 'This is perhaps the first picture of portraits in the world, comprehending more of those qualities which make a perfect portrait than any other I have ever seen: they are correctly drawn, both heads and figures, and well coloured; and have great variety of action, characters, and countenances, and those so lively, and truly expressing what they are about, that the spectator has nothing to wish for.' This picture is dated 1648. Vander Helst was still living in 1668: Pilkington and some others mention 1670 as the date of his death; Houbraken gives no date, and Nagler says the date of his death is unknown. Vander Helst left a son, according to Houbraken, who painted battle-pieces and landscapes, but he was very inferior to his father.

(Houbraken, *Groote Schouburg der Nederlandsche Kuntchilders*, &c.; Nagler, *Neues Allgemeines Künstler Lexicon*.)

VANDER HEYDEN, JAN, a celebrated Dutch architectural painter, born at Gorcum in 1637. He learnt originally of an obscure painter on glass, and commenced early without other instruction to paint pictures of old buildings, churches, palaces, and other architectural views. He is unrivalled for the representation of modern architecture; his pictures are remarkable for their elaborate finish and the beautiful arrangement of their masses of light and shade; and yet, through their admirable perspective and harmony of colouring, they have all the softness and truth of nature, and in this respect are superior to the works of Canaletto.

Sir Joshua Reynolds says that the works of Vander Heyden have 'the effect of nature seen in a camera-obscura.' There are several of his works in this country. In the collection of Sir Robert Peel there is a very small view, on wood, of a street in Cologne, with figures by A. Vanderveelde, which was purchased for 415 guineas. There is also in the collection of Lord Ashburnham a small town view, on wood, with twenty figures by A. Vanderveelde, which was sold for 600*l*. It was taken by the French, and was placed for some time in the Louvre, but was sent back to Holland at the general restoration of the works of art carried off by the French to their rightful owners. There is likewise in the Bridgewater Gallery an excellent specimen of the works of Vander Heyden. A. Vanderveelde painted figures in many of Vander Heyden's pictures, and after that painter's death he was assisted by Lingelbach. One of his best pictures is a view of the town-house of Amsterdam: it is now in the Louvre. He painted also views of the Royal Exchange of London, and of the London Monument.

Vander Heyden was a mechanic as well as a painter, and he is said by some Dutch writers to have been the inventor of fire-engines. This is however not sufficiently attested; yet he is known to have been a great improver of those machines, both in their efficiency and portability. He published, in 1690, a book in folio upon the subject, with illustrations drawn and etched by himself; and he was appointed by the authorities of Amsterdam to the office of director of the fire-engines of that city, with an annual salary. This appointment interfered with Vander Heyden's time for painting; he executed several good pictures after it notwithstanding.

(Houbraken, *Groote Schouburg*, &c.; Descamps, *La Vie des Peintres Flamands*, &c.; Waagen, *Kunstwerke und Künstler in England und Paris*.)

VANDER MEER, JAN. There were apparently three Dutch painters of this name, but the accounts of them do not agree; some writers relate of only two artists who others relate of three.

Jan Vander Meer, the old, was born at Rotterdam in 1627. He painted in various styles, but excelled chiefly, according to D'Argenville, in small landscapes with figures, and in sea-pieces, in which he displayed a perfect

knowledge of the construction of ships. This account has however been questioned, for Vander Meer painted historical pieces and portraits, and is said also to have painted some battle-pieces; and it is not probable that the same painter should practise in so many different lines. According to Houbraken, he visited Italy and spent some years in Rome. In 1664 he was dean of the guild of painters in Amsterdam, and was at one time in affluent circumstances: he purchased a picture of De Heem for 2000 florins, which eventually proved of great service to him.

In 1672, when nearly all his property was either destroyed or stolen by the French at Utrecht, he presented this picture to the Prince of Orange, who gave him a situation under the government, and in 1674 created him a counsellor. The landscapes and other small pieces attributed to this painter are executed in a light and free manner, but are too blue in the distances. According to Van Eynden and Vander Willigen, in their 'History of National Art,' Vander Meer painted only history and portrait. The date of his death is not known.

Jan Vander Meer, the young, a relation of, and, according to some, the son of the preceding, was born in 1656. He was first instructed by the elder Vander Meer, and after his death he became the scholar of N. Berghem, in whose style he executed a few pictures, but he painted chiefly landscapes with sheep and goats. His landscapes are excellent, and in painting sheep, which predominate in his pictures, he has not been equalled by any of his countrymen: he seldom painted horses or cattle. He excelled also in making pen-and-ink drawings, which he shaded very skillfully with Indian-ink. He died likewise a few plates in a very masterly manner. He died in 1705, in great poverty, brought on by intemperate habits. Some of the pictures attributed to the elder Vander Meer have been most likely painted by the younger.

The supposed third artist of this name is by some writers called John, and by others Jacob, and the misfortune said to have happened to the elder Vander Meer at Utrecht is related of this artist, but the accounts are too discrepant to enable us to say decidedly whether there were three or only two artists of this name.

(Houbraken, *Groote Schouburg*, &c.; D'Argenville, *Abregé de la Vie des plus fameux Peintres*, &c.; Nagler, *Neues Allgemeines Künstler Lexicon*.)

VANDERMEULEN, ANTONY FRANCIS, a celebrated Flemish landscape and battle painter, born at Brussels in 1634. He was the scholar of Peter Snayers, and painted some good battles in the style of his master while still very young. Some of these pictures were seen by the French minister Colbert, who invited Vandermeulen to Paris, and held out such hopes to him that he was induced to leave his own country and settle in the French capital, where he was allowed a pension of 2000 francs by Louis XIV., besides being paid handsomely for his works. His pension was afterwards increased to 6000 francs.

Vandermeulen accompanied Louis XIV. to the Netherlands in some of his campaigns, and made drawings of all the fortified places visited by the king or his army, and of all the sieges, battles, and engagements in which he was successful. The pictures painted from these designs are highly valued both for their faithful representation of the localities and for their correct costume. He excelled also in horses, which he designed with great spirit. His execution was free and his colouring generally rich, but his landscapes are rather too green in tone: his handling is in the style of Van Uden and Willems.

Vandermeulen's principal works, twenty-nine in number, were in the Château de Marly. There are now many of them in the Louvre and many others at Versailles. These pictures are mostly of a large size: they were dead-coloured from his designs by his scholars, Martin the elder, Boudoin, and Bonnat, but were all finished by himself. The best are views of Luxembourg and Fontainebleau, the Entrance of Louis XIV. into Arras, Dinant, and another city, and the Passage of the King over the Pont-Neuf.

Vandermeulen was a member of the highest class of the French Academy. He was the friend of Le Brun, and after the death of his first wife he married a niece of that painter, who by her misconduct is said to have sent her husband prematurely to the grave. He died at Paris in 1704. Many of his pictures and designs have been engraved; the prints after his works amount to nearly one hundred and forty.

Peter Vandermeulen, the brother of Charles Antony, painted some battles for William III. of England: he came to this country in 1670. He was originally a sculptor.

(D'Argenville, *Abrégé de la Vie des plus fameux Peintres*, &c.)

VANDERMONDE, a French mathematician and philosopher, was born in Paris, in 1735, and during his childhood, his health being delicate, his father, a physician of Landrecies, caused him to be early taught to sing, in the hope that, by the exercise of his voice, his lungs might acquire strength.

When he was thirty years of age he was introduced to Fontaine, in whose society he felt so much pleasure that he became his pupil, and immediately applied all the powers of his mind to the study of mathematics. In this he appears to have succeeded so far, that on being recommended by his friend Dusejour to propose himself as a candidate for admission to the Académie des Sciences, he prepared a memoir on the resolution of algebraic equations, which he read at a sitting of that learned body in 1771. Having been elected, he subsequently presented several other memoirs on mathematical subjects: among these may be mentioned one entitled '*Recherches analytiques sur les Irrationnelles d'une nouvelle espèce*,' and another on the elimination of unknown quantities.

Vandermonde had always a decided taste for music, and during several years he made it a particular object of study. Having analysed the works of the best musicians of the time, he came to the conclusion that the whole art was founded on one general law, by which, with the aid of mathematical processes, it would be possible for any person to become a composer; and he explained the nature of his method before the Académie in 1788, and again in 1790. His two mémoires were submitted to the consideration of certain members who were appointed to examine them; and though a favourable report was made by Glück, Philidor, and Piccini, the opinions were not unanimous: the mathematicians are said to have found in the mémoires too much music, and the musicians too much mathematics.

The versatility of his taste and talent led Vandermonde next to the study of chemistry; and becoming connected with Lavoisier, Monge, and Berthollet, he was engaged for a time in making experiments on the gases and on the composition of iron and steel.

After the death of Vaucanson, Vandermonde was appointed to the direction of a conservatory or museum for arts and manufactures which had been formed by that philosopher; and considering it as a collection which might be made highly useful to the country, he spared no pains or expense to augment it with models of all the different machines which he could procure. This was the original of the '*Conservatoire pour les Arts et Métiers*,' which was afterwards removed to the Abbaye St. Martin.

From a conversation with M. Senovert, the translator of Stewart's '*Philosophy of the Human Mind*,' he was induced to study that branch of science; and applying himself to it with his usual ardour, he was soon above the level of his countrymen in his knowledge of that intricate subject. On the formation of the Ecole Normale he was appointed, in 1793, professor of political economy in that institution, and in the same year he was appointed to the first class of the 'Institut.'

At the breaking out of the Revolution Vandermonde entered into the clubs which were then formed, purely, it is said, as a philosopher, that he might study the characters of the men who distinguished themselves in those turbulent times, and without taking any active part in the measures which were then put in practice.

He exhausted his private fortune in advancing the objects of the museum which had been committed to his care; and being paid, like other public functionaries, in assignats, the depreciation of these reduced him to poverty. He died of a vomiting of blood, on the 1st of January, 1796.

His works consist only of the mémoires, which are printed in the volumes of the Académie des Sciences. His lively imagination seems to have carried him too rapidly from one subject to another to permit him to acquire a profound knowledge of any; and thus the reputation which he acquired during his life may be said to have terminated at his death, or to have survived only for a time in the memory of his friends.

VANDER VELDE, ADRIAN. This celebrated painter was born at Amsterdam in 1638, and showed great ability for drawing at an early age. He became the scholar of John Wynaens, with whom he remained some years. Adrian Vandervelde excelled in landscapes, in cattle, and in small figures, and was of great assistance to many of the most distinguished painters of his time by embellishing their pictures with figures, and thus adding greatly to their value. He painted figures in the pictures of Wynaens, Vander Heyden, Ruyssdael, Hobbema, Moucheron, and others. Vandervelde executed likewise some historical pieces, in which he was very successful; he painted a Taking down from the Cross, for a Roman Catholic church at Amsterdam, in which the figures, though less than life, were of a considerable size; and he left several other works of a similar description unfinished at his death in 1672, in only his 33rd year. Considering the early age at which he died, his pictures are very numerous, yet they are sold for very high prices.

Adrian Vandervelde was well acquainted with the human figure, and also with everything else that he painted. He was extremely industrious, and was constant in his recourse to nature in the studies of all his works: the various effects of light upon the trees and other objects of his landscapes, both in the morning and evening scenes, are remarkably true to nature, and are imagined with perfect mastery of his materials. He is distinguished also for the extreme delicacy of drawing of all the objects which he represented.

VANDER VELDE or VANDEVELDE, WILLIAM, called the Old, to distinguish him from his son of the same name, a very celebrated marine painter, was born at Leyden in 1610. Of his early studies little is known, but he appears as a boy to have been bred to the sea; and it was during the voyages of his youth that he acquired his love for the sea and his knowledge of ships, which was eventually of such eminent service to him as a marine painter. He distinguished himself early by some drawings of sea-fights, and he was in consequence commissioned by the States of Holland, in 1660, to accompany admiral De Ruyter on board the Dutch fleet, for the purpose of making designs of whatever engagements might take place between the Dutch and English fleets. He made some admirable drawings of the great engagement which took place off Ouiden, in June of that year. By these and other designs he acquired such a reputation that he was invited in 1675 to England by Charles II., who granted him a pension of 100*l.* per annum, with the title of painter of sea-fights to the king. He is said to have been so zealous in the service of Charles, as to be ungrateful to his country: he led the English fleet to burn Schelling.

Vandervelde did not paint his designs: they were generally executed with a pen upon paper fixed upon canvas, upon parchment, or upon white prepared canvas; he also executed some in black and white: every part is drawn and made out with a knowledge and precision unrivalled in that style. Some of his designs were painted in oil by his son, who lived with him in this country, and received from the king also a pension of 100*l.* per annum for that express purpose. A copy of the following privy-seal was purchased among the papers of Pepys, and was given by Dr. Rawlinson, the antiquary, to Vertue, the engraver:—
'Charles the Second, by the grace of God, &c., to our dear cousin, prince Rupert, and the rest of our commissioners for executing the place of lord high-admiral of England, greeting. Whereas we have thought fit to allow the salary of one hundred pounds per annum unto William Vandervelde the elder, for taking and making draughts of sea-fights; and the like salary of one hundred pounds per annum unto William Vandervelde the younger, for putting the said draughts into colours for our particular use; our will and pleasure is, and we do hereby authorise and require you to issue your orders for the present and future establishment of the said salaries to the aforesaid William Vandervelde, the elder, and William Vandervelde, the younger, to be paid unto them and either of them during our pleasure; and for so doing these our letters shall be your sufficient warrant and discharge. Given under our privy-seal at our palace of Westminster, the 20th day of February, in the 28th year of our reign.' After the death of Charles, James continued the pension.

He witnessed many of the fights that he drew: he attended the engagement at Solebay in a small vessel by

order of the duke of York. He died in London and was buried in St. James's Churchyard; the following inscription was engraved on his tombstone:—Mr. William Vanderveelde, senior, late painter of sea-fights to their majesties king Charles II. and king James, dyed 1633.

VANDER VELDE, WILLIAM, the Younger, was greatly superior to his father, and is accounted the best marine-painter that ever lived. He was born at Amsterdam in 1633, and was taught by his father until he came to England, when he was placed with Simon de Vlieger, a clever ship-painter. Young Vanderveelde came early to this country, and lived probably with his father at Greenwich: he died in London in 1707. The works of the younger Vanderveelde are very valuable: the best of them are in England. His calms and his storm-pieces are equally excellent, and they are all remarkable for their delicacy of drawing and transparency of colouring. Walpole says of him, 'William Vanderveelde, the son, was the greatest man that has appeared in this branch of painting; the palm is not less disputed with Raphael for history, than with Vanderveelde for sea-pieces. Annibal Caracci and Mr. Scott have not surpassed those chieftains.'

The younger Vanderveelde left a son of the same name, who also painted sea-pieces, and made good copies of the works of his father. He died in Holland. Both the Vanderveeldes sat to Sir Godfrey Kneller.

(Houbraken, *Groote Schouburgh*, &c.; Descamps, *La Vie des Peintres Flamands*, &c.; Walpole, *Anecdotes of Painting in England*.)

VANDER WERFF, ADRIAN, This celebrated painter was born of a good family at Kralinger Ambacht near Rotterdam, in 1659. He studied first with Cornelius Ploetelt, a good portrait painter, but at the age of thirteen was placed with Egdon Vander Neer, with whom he remained four years, and made such progress as to render his master great assistance in his works. At the early age of seventeen Vander Werff set up for himself as a portrait painter at Rotterdam. He painted small portraits in oil, in the style of Netscher; he however soon got tired of this branch, and took to historical painting; and he was remarkably successful in disposing of his first pictures. Perhaps no painter ever rose more steadily to fortune than Vander Werff: every year added to his wealth and to his reputation. He painted a picture for an East India merchant of the name of Steen at Amsterdam, where he had been with his master Vander Neer, which was apparently the making of his fortune. It attracted the attention of and was purchased by the elector John William of the Palz, when passing through Amsterdam; and when that prince was at Rotterdam in 1690, he visited Vander Werff, and ordered two pictures of him: his own portrait, for the grand-duke of Tuscany, and a Judgment of Solomon, which pictures he requested Vander Werff to bring to him in person to Düsseldorf, in the following year. Vander Werff took the pictures, and the elector was so well satisfied with them, that he wished to take the painter into his service, and offered him a noble salary: Vander Werff however consented to give up only six months in the year to the elector, and was allowed a salary of 4000 florins, but it was raised to 6000 upon his afterwards consenting to devote nine months in the year to the prince, who presented him with his portrait set in diamonds, and honoured him with knighthood for him and his heirs. He purchased also at a high price the works which Vander Werff executed during the remaining three months of the year.

Vander Werff received very high prices for his pictures. After the death of the elector in 1716, he was at liberty to dispose of them to whom he pleased; and in the following year, 1717, he sold three to our nobleman for 10,000 florins, a Judgment of Paris for 5500 florins, a Holy Family for 2500 florins, and a Magdalen for 2400 florins. In the year after he sold another Judgment of Paris for 5000 florins, and a Flight into Egypt for 4000 florins: shortly afterwards he sold to an English gentleman ten pictures for 33,000 florins; and after his death, a painting of the Prodigal Son was sold for 5500 florins. He died in 1722.

The pictures, or the greater part of them, painted by Vander Werff for the elector John William, which formed part of the Düsseldorf collection, are now in the Pinakothek at Munich, where there are twenty-nine paintings by Vander Werff, including the Fifteen Mysteries of the Roman Church, and many of his best pieces. The Ecce Homo, containing many small figures, painted in 1698; Abra-

ham with Sarah and Agar, painted in 1699; and a Magdalen in the Wilderness, painted in 1707, are remarkable works, equally excellent in composition, drawing, colouring and execution, and are perhaps unequalled for their delicate and elaborate finish; yet through an artificial chiaroscuro they have a cold and inanimate effect, which greatly detracts from the gratification the spectator might be expected to experience in contemplating such exquisite works of art. Sir Joshua Reynolds saw most of these works at Düsseldorf before the collection at that place was purchased by the late king of Bavaria, and in his 'Journey to Flanders and Holland' he has made some remarks on these pictures, which define admirably the beauties and defects of this painter. He says:—'His pictures, whether great or small, certainly afford but little pleasure. Of their want of effect it is worth a painter's while to inquire into the cause. One of the principal causes appears to me, his having entertained an opinion that the light of a picture ought to be thrown solely on the figures, and little or none on the ground or sky. This gives great coldness to the effect, and is so contrary to nature and the practice of those painters with whose works he was surrounded, that we cannot help wondering how he fell into this mistake. In describing Vanderwerff's manner, were I to say that all the parts everywhere melt into each other, it might naturally be supposed that the effect would be a high degree of softness; but it is notoriously the contrary, and I think for the reason that has been given; his flesh has the appearance of ivory or plaster, or some other hard substance. What contributes likewise to give this hardness, is a want of transparency in his colouring, from his admitting little or no reflection of light. He has also the defect which is often found in Rembrandt, that of making his light only a single spot. However, to do him justice, his figures and his heads are generally well drawn, and his drapery is excellent; perhaps there are in his pictures as perfect examples of drapery as are to be found in any other painter's works whatever.'

(Houbraken, *Groote Schouburgh der Nederlantsche Kunstschilders*, &c.)

VANDER WEYDE, ROGER, a celebrated old painter of Brussels, born in the latter part of the fifteenth century. He was, according to Van Mander, one of the first to reform the style of design of the Flemish painters; he divested it considerably of its Gothic manner, was correct in his proportions, and was very successful in expression. He painted portrait and history: there are, or were, four very celebrated pictures by him in the town-hall of Brussels, illustrating remarkable acts of justice. One represents a father on his death-bed putting to death his guilty son; another account describes it as Archambald, prince of Brabant, putting his nephew and heir to death, for having violated a maid of that country: the expression of sorrow in the face of the old man is said to be excellent.

There was also in a church of the Virgin at Louvaine a Descent from the Cross, by Vander Weyde, which was highly valued. It was sent to Spain by command of the king of Spain, and a copy of it, by Michael Coexis, put up in its place at Louvaine. Vander Weyde died in 1529, in the prime of life, of an epidemic disease which carried off many people. Van Mander says that he amassed considerable wealth, and spent much on the poor. Two heads, on gold grounds, in the gallery of the Louvre, one of Christ and the other of the Virgin Mary, numbered 513 and 516, and said in the catalogue to be by an unknown artist, are, according to Dr. Waagen (*Art and Artists in Paris*), by the hand of Vander Weyde. He praises the expression and the colouring.

(Van Mander, *Het Leven der Schilders*; Waagen, *Kunstwerke und Künstler in England und Paris*.)

VAN DIEMEN'S LAND. [TASMANIA.]

VANDYCK, SIR ANTONY, This great painter was born at Antwerp, March 22nd, 1599. His father was a glass-painter of Hertogenbosch (Bois-le-Duc), and gave his son his earliest instruction in drawing; he was instructed also by his mother, who painted landscapes, and was very skilful in embroidery. Before he became the scholar of Rubens, Vandyck is said to have been placed with Van Balen. With Rubens he made such progress as to be soon intrusted with the execution of some of his master's sketches, and, according to a common but probably incorrect report, to excite his jealousy. Rubens has had the credit of having been actuated by jealousy when he ad-

vused Vandeyk to confine himself to portrait painting, and to visit Italy for the purpose of studying the works of Titian and other great Italian masters. Walpole entertained a more rational view: he supposes that Vandeyk felt the hopelessness of surpassing or even equalling his great master in his own line, and that he voluntarily devoted his chief attention to portrait. If Rubens recommended Vandeyk to visit Italy, it was clearly for Vandeyk's benefit, and his following that advice shows that he saw fully the advantages to be derived from such a visit, of which Rubens himself was an excellent example. The immediate cause of Rubens's reputed jealousy of his scholar is accounted for by a variously-told anecdote. Dispenbeek, another of Rubens's scholars, is said to have been pushed by one of his companions against the great picture of the Descent from the Cross, upon a part that was still wet, and to have done it considerable damage, which was however so well repaired by Vandeyk, that Rubens is reported to have been at first better pleased with that part of the picture after the accident than before it; but upon the circumstance being related to him, to have become jealous of Vandeyk, and to have repainted the part again himself. Another version of the story says that this accident increased his esteem for Vandeyk. Whatever may be the real statement of the case, Rubens and Vandeyk appear to have parted on the best of terms. Vandeyk presented Rubens with two historical pictures, an *Ecce Homo* and Christ in the Garden of Olives, and a portrait of Rubens's second wife: he was presented in return by Rubens with one of his most beautiful horses.

At the age of twenty Vandeyk set out for Italy, but delayed some time at Brussels, fascinated by the charms of a peasant girl of Savellthem, who persuaded him to paint two pictures for the church of her native place—a St. Martin on horseback, painted from himself, and the horse given him by Rubens; and a Holy Family, for which the girl and her parents were models. In Italy he spent some time in Venice and in Genoa, where he painted many excellent portraits. From Genoa he went to Rome, where he was also much patronized, and lived in great style. A portrait of Cardinal Bentivoglio, painted at this time, is one of his masterpieces: it is in the Pitti Palace, and hangs near the celebrated portrait of Leo X. by Raphael, and is in every respect an admirable picture. Vandeyk was known in Rome as the *Pittore Cavaliere*. He avoided the society of his countrymen, who were men of law and intemperate habits. They had formed themselves into a well-known society called the *Schilder-Bent*, and annoyed Vandeyk so much that he was obliged to leave Rome and return to Genoa about 1625. Germans were also admitted into this society: it was not broken up until the year 1720. Whilst at Genoa Vandeyk received an invitation to go to Palermo; whither he went, and he painted there portraits of Prince Philibert of Savoy, the viceroy, and other distinguished persons; also the celebrated painter Sophonisba Anguissola, then in her 92nd year. He remained only a short time in Sicily, being driven away by the plague. He returned to Genoa, and thence to his own country.

Vandeyk's first picture after his return to Antwerp was a St. Augustin, for the church of the Augustines in that place, by which he established his reputation as one of the first painters of his time. He painted several other excellent historical pictures, but acquired greater fame by his portraits. He was in high favour with his old master Rubens, who is said to have offered him his eldest daughter in marriage, but Vandeyk declined upon the plea that he intended to return shortly to Rome, or really, as some say, because he was in love with the step-mother. From Antwerp Vandeyk went to the Hague by the invitation of the prince of Orange, Frederick of Nassau, and painted many portraits of the principal personages at that court. Whilst at the Hague he heard of the great love of the arts of Charles I., and he came in England with the hope of being introduced to the king. His hopes not being realized, he went to Paris, and not being more successful in that place, he returned to his own country. Charles however, having shortly afterwards seen the portrait of the musician Nic. Lanier, director of the music of the king's chapel, requested Sir Kenelm Digby, who had sat to Vandeyk, to invite him to come again to England. He came to England about 1632; was lodged by the king at Blackfriars; was knighted in that year, and in the year following, 1633, he was granted an annual pension of 200*l.* for life, with the

title of painter to his majesty, besides being handsomely paid for his works. There is a note in Walpole of a sum of 250*l.* paid to Vandeyk by the king, for various pictures in 1632. For a simple whole length the king paid 25*l.*, but other people appear to have paid more. Walpole says, 'Vandeyk had 40*l.* for a half, and 60*l.* for a whole length; a more rational proportion than that of our present painters, who receive an equal price for the most insignificant part of the picture.'

Vandeyk was indefatigable in his application; he painted a portrait in a day. He often detained people who sat to him to dinner, that he might have an opportunity of studying their countenances, and he retouched their portraits again in the afternoon. He kept a great table, and was of most expensive habits; he was also fond of music, and was liberal to musicians. In the summer he lived at Eltham in Kent. Buckridge, in his 'Essay towards an English School,' speaking of Vandeyk, says, 'He always went magnificently dressed, had a numerous and gallant equipage, and kept so good a table in his apartment, that few princes were more visited or better served.' This luxurious and sedentary life destroyed his constitution and wasted his means. He endeavoured to repair his fortunes by the absurd study of alchemy and the search of the philosopher's stone: a pursuit in which he was probably encouraged, says Walpole, by the example of his friend Sir Kenelm Digby. Shortly before he died, the king bestowed on Vandeyk, for a wife, Mary, daughter of the unfortunate Lord Ruthven, earl of Gowry. Not long after they were married, he went with his wife to Paris, 'in hopes,' says Walpole, 'of being employed in some public work;' but after remaining there for a short time, and seeing no prospects of success, he returned to London, and, still bent upon executing some public work, he proposed to the king, by Sir Kenelm Digby, to paint the walls of the Banqueting-house at Whitehall with the history and procession of the Order of the Garter. He made a design, with which the king is said to have been pleased, but he demanded such a large sum for the carrying it into execution (80,000*l.*, probably a misprint for 8000*l.*), that it was judged unreasonable; and whilst the king was treating with him for a less sum, the project was put an end to by the death of Vandeyk: he died in London, in 1641, in the 42nd year of his age; and was buried in St. Paul's Cathedral, near the tomb of John of Gaunt. He left one daughter by his wife Mary Ruthven, who married Mr. Stepany, who rode in the horse-guards on their first establishment by Charles II. Notwithstanding his expensive habits, he died worth about 20,000*l.*

Vandeyk is generally allowed to dispute the palm with Titian in portrait painting, and he is by some accounted upon the whole superior to him. He was inferior to Titian in richness and warmth of colouring, but surpassed him in perhaps every other respect. Vandeyk is unrivalled for the delicacy of drawing and beauty of his hands; he was perfect master of drawing and of chiaroscuro; he was admirable in draperies; and with simplicity of expression and grace of attitude, he combined both dignity and individuality. His portraits generally impress us with the feeling that he has not only selected the most suitable attitude for the figure, but that he has also chosen the best view of the countenance. His latest works are executed in a careless though masterly manner, but some of his earliest portraits, particularly some of those painted in Italy, combine with his own masterly style of design the exquisite finish of Holbein.

Although Vandeyk has acquired his great name by his portraits, he painted also many excellent historical pieces, and he never at any time ceased to paint pictures in this line; they are however very inferior to his portraits: they want generally both feeling and expression. His best historical picture, in the opinion of Sir Joshua Reynolds, is the Crucifixion between the two Thieves, at the church of the Recoletta at Mechlin, of which he says, 'This perhaps is the most capital of all his works, in respect to the variety and extensiveness of the design, and the judicious disposition of the whole. In the efforts which the thieves make to disengage themselves from the cross, he has successfully encountered the difficulty of the art; and the expression of grief and resignation in the Virgin is admirable. This picture, upon the whole, may be considered as one of the first pictures in the world, and gives the highest idea of Vandeyk's powers: it shows that he had truly a genius for history-painting, if it had not been taken off by portraits.'

Vandyck's pictures are very numerous, almost as much as those of Rubens. Many of the best of them are in this country, at Windsor Castle, at Hampton Court, at Wilton House, and at Blenheim, and in many other private collections. His masterpiece, in the opinion of Walpole, is the dramatic portrait of the Earl of Strafford and his secretary Sir Thomas Mainwaring, at Wentworth House. There is one also at Blenheim of this subject, which Dr. Waagen praises very highly; Walpole however says that the picture at Wentworth House is infinitely superior to it. At Wilton House there are twenty-five pictures by Vandyck, and it is here, says Walpole, that Vandyck is upon his throne; and the great portrait of Philip, Earl of Pembroke, with his family, says the same writer, 'though damaged, would serve alone as a school of this master.' Charles I. was painted several times by Vandyck, sometimes on horseback, and he repented some of the portraits of him: they are among his best works. Among the more interesting works also is the series of portraits of the most eminent artists and others his contemporaries at Antwerp, painted in small in chiaroscuro, before he left Antwerp for the Hague. The originals were never collected, but they were etched and have been published together, to the number of one hundred, three times, under the following titles—*Icones Virorum doctorem, pictorem, chalcographorum, &c. numero centum, ab Antonio Vandyck pictore ad vivum expressæ et ejus sumptu æri incisæ Antwerpæ.* Vandyck etched some of the plates himself.

The superb head of Gevatius, as it is called, in the National Gallery in London, attributed to Vandyck, is supposed by some critics to have been painted by Rubens. Passavant and Dr. Waagen are both of this opinion, but they think that the rest of the picture is the work of Vandyck. Dr. Waagen has observed that this picture cannot be the portrait of Caspar Gevatius, the friend of Rubens, for he was not born until 1593, and it represents a man between 50 and 60; and that if it represents the canon John Gevatius, it cannot have been painted by Vandyck, for he died in 1623, whilst Vandyck was in Italy; nor can it have been painted by him before he went to Italy, for it is not the production of a young hand. If it be the head of John Gevatius, it must have been painted by Rubens.

(*Houbraken, Grooten Schouburg, &c.; Descamps, La Vie des Peintres Flamands, &c.; Walpole, Anecdotes of Painting in England; Passavant, Kunstreise durch England und Belgien; Waagen, Kunstwerke und Künstler in England und Paris.*)

VANE, SIR HENRY, the Younger, was born about the year 1612. He was descended from an ancient family in the county of Kent, and was the eldest son of Sir Henry Vane of Hadlow in Kent, knight, comptroller of the household and secretary of state to King Charles I. He received the first part of his education at Westminster School. About the sixteenth year of his age Sir Henry Vane became a gentleman commoner of Magdalen Hall, Oxford; but Wood says, that when he should have matriculated as a member of the University, and taken the oaths of allegiance and supremacy, he quitted his gown, put on a cloak, and studied notwithstanding for some time in that hall. On leaving Oxford he spent some time in France, and more in Geneva, where he contracted an unconquerable aversion towards the government and liturgy of the Church of England. After his return home, his father, being then comptroller of the household and a privy councillor, was greatly displeased on discovering the heterodox state of his son's opinions. The interference of Lord in the work of recalling him to the doctrines of the Church of England produced the effect of confirming him in his sectarianism. In 1638 he went, for conscience sake, to the infant colony of New England, where he remained about two years. On his return to England he married; and, through his father's interest, was joined with Sir William Russell in the office of treasurer of the navy. In 1640 he was knighted. He sat for the borough of Kingston-upon-Hull in the parliament which met at Westminster, April 13, 1640, and again in the Long Parliament, which began November 3, the same year. During Strafford's trial young Vane, in searching for some papers for his father, found in his father's cabinet some notes, which were used as material evidence against Strafford on the trial. Having been appointed sole treasurer of the navy, and considering the fees, which by reason of the war amounted to nearly 30,000*l.* a year,

as too much for a private subject, he gave up his patent, which he had for life from Charles I., to the parliament, only desiring that 3000*l.* a year should go to a deputy whom he had bred to the business. When the Independents sprung up, he declared himself one of their leaders. He did not approve of the force put upon the parliament by the army, nor of the king's execution, withdrawing for some time from public affairs.

Upon the establishment of the Commonwealth, in February, 1648-9, he was appointed one of the council of state; and in 1652 he was for a time president of the same council, and also at the same time one of the commissioners of the navy. On the 9th of January, 1649-50, he made the Report to the House of Commons from the Committee appointed to consider of the manner of electing future Parliaments. Towards the end of 1651 he was nominated one of the commissioners that were to be sent into Scotland in order to introduce the English government there.

Vane was one of those who would not submit to the usurpation of Cromwell. When Lieutenant-Colonel Worsley entered the House of Commons, on the 20th of April, 1653, with two files of musketeers, to drive out the commons, Vane exclaimed, 'This is not honest! yes, it is against morality and common honesty.' Whereupon Cromwell fell a-miling at him, crying out with a loud voice, 'O, Sir Henry Vane! Sir Henry Vane! the Lord deliver me from Sir Henry Vane!' In 1656, as Vane persevered in his hostility to Cromwell's government, which hostility he displayed in a book published by him, entitled 'A Healing Question propounded and resolved,' he was imprisoned for some time in Carisbrook Castle in the Isle of Wight. But notwithstanding this and other means to shake his resolution, he remained inflexible both under Oliver and his son and successor Richard.

After Richard's abdication, the Long Parliament, which had been restored by a general council of the officers of the army, constituted Sir Henry one of the Committee of Safety, and also a member, and afterwards president, of the council of state. But he afterwards seems to have fallen under the displeasure of the parliament, for it was voted that he should repair to his house at Raby, and remain there during the pleasure of the parliament.

On the king's restoration, the House of Commons resolved, on the 11th of June, 1660, that Sir H. Vane should be one of the twenty persons to be excepted out of the Act of General Pardon and Oblivion, for and in respect only of such pains, penalties, and forfeitures, not extending to life, as should be thought fit to be inflicted on him. In July he was committed to the Tower. In January, 1660-61, an insurrection of the Fifth-Monarchy Men broke out, and Sir Henry Vane, being almost the only person of station who had contemned them, was removed from one prison to another, and at last to the Isle of Scilly. In August, 1660, the lords and commons had joined in a petition to the king, that 'if he were attainted, yet execution as to his life might be remitted; to which his majesty returned a favourable answer. But in July, 1661, the commons had so far altered their sentiments as to order that he should be proceeded against according to law, and for that purpose be sent for back to the Tower of London.

On Monday the 2nd of June, 1662, Vane was arraigned, having been indicted of high treason before the Middlesex grand jury the preceding term. He pressed much for counsel, and the court assured him that, after pleading, counsel should be assigned him; which assurance, after his pleading *not guilty*, we are informed the court thought fit to violate. On Friday the 6th of June, the attorney-general having addressed the jury, Sir Henry was required to make his defence, and to go through with his case all at once, and not to reply again upon the crown lawyers. Vane spoke in his defence with great spirit and courage. After he had finished, Finch, the solicitor-general, addressed the jury, who, having then retired for about half an hour, returned with their verdict, which found the prisoner guilty of high treason from January 31, 1648 (the day of Charles I.'s execution). On the 11th of June, the sentence-day, the court finally refused to hear his reasons for an arrest of judgment, though they had promised him, before the verdict, that they would hear anything of that kind he had to offer; as they had also, before his pleading *not guilty*, promised him counsel. The sentence was, that he should be hanged, drawn, and quartered at Tyburn; but in the order for his execution the manner of his death

was altered into a beheading only on Tower Hill, which order was accordingly carried into execution on the 14th of June.

Sir Henry Vane left only one son, who was knighted by King Charles II., and created, by King William, Lord Barnard of Barnard Castle.

Sir Henry Vane was the author of various publications, both political and theological. Of the latter the most remarkable bears the following strange title: 'The Retired Man's Meditations, or the Myserie and Power of Godlines shining forth in the Living Word, to the unmasking the Myserie of Iniquity in the most Refined and Purest Forms. In which Old Light is restored, and New Light justified, being the Witness which is given to this Age.' By Henry Vane, Knight, 4to, 1655, in which, amongst other subjects equally dark, he discusses the 'creation, nature, and ministry of angels,' 'the tree of knowledge of good and evil,' 'the fall of man,' and 'the thousand years' reign of Christ,' which last discussion, though it might be supposed to be the Fifth-Monarchy Man's strong subject, we found the most unintelligible of the whole.

(*The Life and Death of Sir Henry Vane, Knt.*, Lond., 1662; *Biog. Brit.*, art. 'Vane'; *Ath. Oxon.*, art. 'Vane'; Birch's *Lives*; Ludlow's *Memoirs*; *Vane's Speeches* in Brit. Mus.; Whitelock; *Trist of Sir Henry Vane, Knt.*, 1662; *State Trials*, vol. ii.)

VAN EFFEN, JUSTUS, a writer who has been called the Addison of Holland, was born at Utrecht in 1684, and was intended by his father for the same profession as his own, namely, the military service. But Justus felt no inclination for the army; he preferred study, and applied himself to that of jurisprudence, in which faculty he obtained a Doctor's degree at Leyden in 1727. He does not however appear to have practised law much as a profession, for he was at first successively employed as private teacher in several families of rank, and afterwards occupied in literary pursuits. In the first-mentioned capacity he was brought into contact with superior society, and had the opportunity of forming advantageous connections, owing to one of which he was appointed to accompany Van Duivenvoorde as his second secretary when he was sent by the States, in 1714, to congratulate George I. on his accession. He afterwards visited England a second time in 1727, in the quality of first secretary to Count Van Welden, who was then ambassador to this country. On the former of these occasions he became acquainted with Swift's writings, and translated his 'Tale of a Tub,' not however into Dutch, but into French, which language he wrote as easily as his own, under the title of 'Conte du Tonnerre.' On the other, he was elected a member of the Royal Society of London. In 1719 he visited Sweden, in company with a German nobleman, and there received many marks of attention from the highest persons at court. A place of some emolument was bestowed upon him by his patron Van Welden; but as its duties did not accord with his inclination, he put in a substitute, to whom he gave up a considerable part of the salary, and occupied himself with his pen, not only more congenially, but so successfully as to acquire a high literary reputation.

Many years before (1711) he had published a French work, under the title of 'Le Misanthrope,' upon the plan of our English 'Spectator,' and he now commenced a similar one, but every way superior to the former. The 'Hollandsche Spectator,' begun in 1731, and continued till 1735, the year of the author's death, was not only the first attempt of the kind in the language, but has become a classical work. It is stamped by easy elegance of style, by pleasantness, and wit, tempered by judgment and correct feeling. Like his English model, Van Effen both instructs and pleases; and if time has deprived their pictures of life and manners of the charm of freshness, it has also imparted to them no little historic value.

(Van Kampen, *Beknopte Geschiedenis van der Letteren en Wetenschappen in de Nederlanden*.)

VANELLUS. [PLOWERS, vol. xviii., p. 284.]

VANGA, a genus of INDIANS, or Perlung Brils, named by Mr. Vigers among the *Linnæa*, and by Mr. Swinson among the *Coriaria*. [Scribn., vol. xxi., pp. 415, 417.]

VANGUERIA, a genus of plants of the natural family of Rubiaceæ, which has been so named from an alteration of its vernacular name, *roo ranguer*, in Madagascar. The

genus is characterised by having the limb of its calyx spreading, 5-toothed, and deciduous. The corol is short, campanulate, 5-cleft, hairy in the throat, lobes lanceolate, reflexed. Stamens 5, with short filaments, and oblong, hardly exerted anthers. Stigma capitate, berry apple-shaped, marked at the apex by a furrowed areole, from which the limb of the calyx had separated, containing five bony 1-seeded nuts. The species are few in number: of which the principal are *V. edulis* of Madagascar, and the Indian *V. spinosa*. Both species form small trees or shrubs, having ovate or oblong petiolate leaves, with lanceolate stipules, solitary on both sides. Cymes branched, somewhat panicled, axillary, or from the clefts of the fallen leaves; corolla greenish-white. The fruit of the *V. edulis* is eaten by the natives of Madagascar and of Mauritius, where it has been introduced, as well as into the Peninsula of India. *V. spinosa*, the Mayna of the natives of Bengal, but which is found in many parts of the plains of India, is a distinct species, though united to the above by Sprengel, in his 'Syst. Vegetabilium.' It is said to be also found in China. The fruit is eaten by the natives of India.

VAN HELMONT, SEGRES JACOB, a Flemish historical painter, born at Antwerp in 1683. He was the son of Matthew Van Helmont, a painter of Brussels, and was instructed in his art by his father: he followed however a very different line. The father painted markets, fairs, shops, alchemists at work, and similar scenes: the son distinguished himself for religious compositions in the great style. The younger Van Helmont settled at Brussels: he was of a weak constitution, and never left his own country. He excelled in composition and in colouring, and was considered one of the best Flemish painters of his time. He painted many works for the churches and for private persons at Brussels. Descamps has enumerated many of his works. The Triumph of Elijah over the Priests of Baal, in the church of the Carmelites; the Martyrdom of St. Barbara, in St. Mary Magdalen; and the Triumph of David, in St. Michael's church, at Brussels, are considered his masterpieces. He died at Brussels in 1730, aged 53.

(Descamps, *La Vie des Peintres Flamands*, &c.)

VAN HELMONT. [CHEMISTRY.]

VANILLA, a genus of plants, the type of Lindley's natural order Vanillaæ.

The name is derived from *vaguilla*, a diminutive of *vagina*, which in Spanish signifies a knife or scissor case, the fruit being long and cylindrical, and like the sheath of a knife. The species are generally supposed to be confined to Brazil, Guyana, and the West Indies, but several have been described by Schiede from Mexico. Species have also been found in Penang, Singapore, and Java. *V. ophylla* of Blume, found in Java, appears to Dr. Lindley to be the same with specimens found by Dr. Wight in the Peninsula of India. As the greater portion and the finest kinds of the Vanilla of commerce are imported from Vera Cruz, the most important species must be natives of Mexico. These have been described by Schiede, in 'Linnæa,' vol. iv., p. 673; but the accounts are too imperfect for Dr. Lindley, the best authority in this family of plants, to characterize the species satisfactorily. Schiede states that his *V. sativa*, which is called by the Mexican Spaniards *Baynilla-maua*, and of which the Vanilla is considered the finest of all, grows wild and is also cultivated in Papantla, Misantla, Nautla, and Colipa. *V. sylvestris*, the *Baynilla cinnamon* of the natives, which is found wild in the same districts, has its fruit mixed with that of *V. sativa* when gathered. *V. Pomona*, of which the specific name is adopted from the vernacular name in Mexico, has the fruit the largest of all; rich in essential oil having a very agreeable odour; but as it always remains soft, instead of drying, it cannot be transmitted to Europe as an article of commerce. Dr. Lindley is of opinion that the two first of these species have been probably confounded with *V. planifolia*, *V. aromatica*, which is the species usually adduced as yielding the vanilla of commerce, is a native of mountainous parts of Brazil, has been found near Rio Janeiro, and also in the province of Minas Geraes; but it does not appear that any of the Brazilian vanillas form the substance known in trade. A kind of vanilla is said to be preserved in sugar in Brazil, and used in the country, or occasionally sent to Lisbon, but it is not fit to dry for the purpose of commerce.

(Lindl., *Orchid.*, p. 431.) Aublet says there are three kinds of vanilla in Cayenne, use of which, as it agrees with Plumier's figure, t. 188, is no doubt *V. aromatica*; another (la petite Vanille) has the pods only three inches long, by an inch and a half in diameter, and must be a very different species; while the third, or *grosse vanille*, is not described. The Indians propagate the vanilla by planting cuttings at the foot of trees selected for the purpose, up which the trailing stems of the plant may climb. The best accounts of the cultivation have been given by Aublet, in his 'Plantes de la Guiane Française,' vol. ii., p. 77, Append.

The name Vanilla was given to this genus by Plumier, and though barbarous, according to Linnæan principles, its euphony has preserved it from rejection, even amongst decided purists. The species of this genus are climbing plants, but are not epiphytic, as many of the Orchidaceæ, although in climbing up trees they put forth roots as holdfasts, which are capable of absorbing nutriment for the plant when other modes of supply are cut off. The leaves are fleshy, succulent at the base, and articulated with the stem. The stem is square, and frequently climbs to a height of 20 or 30 feet. The flowers are fleshy. The perianthium is articulated with the ovium, and frequently calcified. The sepals and petals are nearly equal, conformed and free at the base. The labellum is entire, connate with the column, concave and bearded in the middle. The column is elongated and apterous. The anthers are terminal and opercular. The pollen-masses are two, bilobed and granulose. The fruit is siliquiform, fleshy, and dehiscing at the side. The placenta, from 3 to 6, covered with seeds. The seeds are globose, and covered with a closely adnate testa.

Lindley enumerates eight species as belonging to this genus, two of which have been found in Asia and six in America. The fruits of most of them are aromatic, and on this account have formed a considerable article of commerce from their consumption as a luxury.

V. aromatica, Aromatic Vanilla, has ovate, oblong, acuminate sessile leaves; perianth campanulate with five undulate acuminate lacine; the labellum acuminate, cucullate at the base, with an elevated naked middle lobe. This species is the *Epidendrum Vanilla* of Linnæus, and is a native of Brazil, and was supposed at one time to yield all the Vanilla of commerce. Under this name have been included two or three species of Vanilla, one of which alone is probably the only species that yields Vanilla.

V. claviculata, Tendril-bearing Vanilla, has lanceolate acute, concave, recurved, rigid leaves; aggregate flowers; ovate-lanceolate, fleshy, obtuse, concave sepals; ovato-lanceolate obtuse petals; the limb of the labellum ovate, dilated, deflexed; the fruit oblong and insipid. This plant is a native of the Antilles in woods, and in the mountainous inland parts of Jamaica. The stem climbs to the height of 20 or 30 feet, and appears as if jointed at the insertion of each leaf, from a slight swelling. Its fruit has no aroma. It is called by the negroes Green-with, and they use a decoction of the plant in syphilis complaints.

V. grandiflora, Large-flowered Vanilla, has a short many-flowered spike, with broad, round, striated bracts; elongated, straight, smooth, oblong petals and sepals; the limb of the labellum with short, cuneate, denticled lamellæ at the base. This plant is a native of French Guiana, and, Lindley supposes, may produce some of the Vanilla of commerce.

V. planifolia, the Fragrant Vanilla, resembles the last species. It has oblong-lanceolate, flat, slightly nerved leaves, with uniform petals and sepals, and a fringed, abrupt, tuberculated labellum. Under this name have been described, according to Morren, several species of Vanilla, and he thinks it probable that the plant that was originally cultivated in Great Britain as *Vanilla aromatica* belonged to this species. This plant is a native of Mexico and several parts of South America, and is also stated by Royle to be an inhabitant of the East Indies. It was introduced into this country by the duke of Marlborough in 1800. From the gardens of Great Britain it made its way to those of the Continent, and from Holland it was sent to Japan, where it is now much cultivated. But this plant very rarely flowered, and never produced fruits in Europe, and therefore it was never suspected to be the

plant that yielded the vanilla of commerce; but recently, M. Morren, of Liege, has succeeded in obtaining abundance of fruit from this plant, and, from their character, there is little doubt that they are the same as those brought from America.

The Vanilla was not known in Europe till after the discovery of America. When the Spaniards discovered America, the Indians were in the habit of using the vanilla for the purpose of flavouring their chocolate. As chocolate became an article of use in Europe, a demand was made upon America for vanilla, although little or nothing was known of the plant that produced it till 1703, when it was described by Plumier. At the present day it forms an important article of export with the Mexicans, amounting to 30,000 or 40,000 dollars annually.

The fruit is the only part of the plant that is used. It has a balsamic odour, and a warm agreeable flavour. For these properties it is indebted to a peculiar volatile oil, and to a considerable quantity of benzoic acid. When the fresh fruits are opened, they contain a black, oily, balsamous liquid, in which an infinite number of small granules are seen floating. Before the fruit comes into the market it undergoes a preparation, by which it is rendered dry. According to Aublet, the fruit is gathered when it gets yellow, and it is first allowed to ferment for two or three days; it is then laid in the sun to dry, and when about half dried it is rubbed over with the oil of palma Christi or the oil of cocoa; it is again exposed to the sun to dry, and oiled again a second time. The fruit is then collected in small bundles, and wrapped up in the leaves of the Indian reed. Neither in Guiana nor in Mexico is the vanilla plant cultivated, but the fruit is collected by the natives, who sell it to the Europeans. There are four sorts known in European markets, and varying in price according to their qualities: they are called, in Spanish, *Vanilla fina*, *zacate*, *reacate*, and *ruariti*.

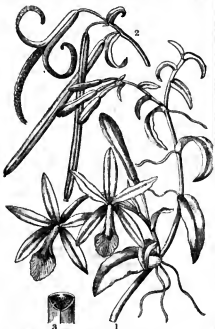
In France, and very generally on the continent of Europe, vanilla is used for the purpose of giving flavour to cakes, sweetmeats, liqueurs, lemonade, and more especially chocolate. It acts as a slight stimulant on the system, and where there is a want of energy and activity in the system, it becomes a valuable adjunct to various articles of food. As a medicine it is seldom given, but it possesses properties that might render it available for the relief of many diseases. The fact of its possessing benzoic acid is worthy of attention, now that we have evidence of the utility of that agent in acting chemically upon the secretions of the kidneys.

Hitherto Europe has been entirely dependent on America for a supply of vanilla; but Professor Morren of Liege has recently demonstrated that vanilla fruits of the finest quality may be grown in Europe. The species with which he succeeded in obtaining this result was the *V. planifolia*, a plant that seldom flowers in Europe at all. This Morren attributes to the plants not being allowed to grow in lofty humid houses, and to their being too young and small. In order to flower plants, they should be at least 5 or 6 years old. They should be placed in a house where they may be shaded, and have heat and moisture. The best soil for them is burnt coal (coke) laid over with some light wood crushed to small pieces, as birch or poplar. They must be freely watered, and allowed to creep up an iron frame or other support. The branches should be twined, and their extremities cut, and burned with a hot iron in order to stop the flow of the sap, and thus stimulate the flowers. It flowers in Liege from February to April, and when it bears fruit, they need exactly a day and a year to ripen. If the plants do not bear fruit they flower again the next year, but if they bear fruit they require some years' rest before they blossom again. But the reason of the 'vanilla' not producing fruit in Europe when it has flowered arises from the structure of the flower itself. 'The flower,' says Morren, 'has this peculiarity, that the retinaculum is highly developed, so that this organ forms a curtain suspended before and above the stigmatic surface, thus separating it completely from the anther, which in its turn encloses in two cavities, naturally short, the pulverulent masses of pollen. From this structure it results that all approximation of the sexes in orchideous plants is naturally impossible. It is thus necessary either to raise the velamen or to cut it, when the plant is to be fecundated, and to place in direct contact the pollen and the stigmatic surface. The

fecundation never fails, and we may be convinced of its success by observing the flower some hours after the operation. If impregnation has been effected, the sepals and petals reverse inwardly, and the flower droops instead of remaining erect. So soon as the following day the ovary enlarges. The process here pointed out is a beautiful illustration of the application of physiological principles to the cultivation of plants. This process, which in these climates is obliged to be performed artificially, is done naturally, by insects, in countries where the plants grow. Although Professor Murren published his paper on this subject in 1839, it does not appear that either in this country or on the Continent that his method has been successful in the hands of others. We saw Professor Morren's plants at Liege in the summer of 1839, on which there was then an abundant crop of fine fruit. Vanilla is not an article of much consumption in Great Britain. There is a duty of frs. per lb. on its importation; and this is paid on all the sorts. This would be a heavy duty on an article of which a large quantity can be consumed; but it is quite the contrary with vanilla, as only a small portion needs to be employed. It is not then probably the heavy duty so much as a want of taste for it that prevents its consumption in this country. From its chemical composition there can be little doubt that for persons labouring under the phlogistic diathesis it might become a useful article of diet. (*Provincial Medical Journal*, 1843.)

(*Dictionnaire des Sciences Naturelles*; Merren, *On the Production of Vanilla in Europe*, in *Ann. of Nat. Hist.*, vol. iii.; Lindley, *Genera and Species of Orchidaceous Plants*.)

VANILLACEÆ, a natural order of plants belonging to Lindley's Gynandrous group of Endogens. This order was first constructed by Lindley in his 'Key to Structural, Physiological, and Systematic Botany.' The following are



Vanilla aromatica.

1, Branch with flower; 2, branch with fruit; 3, section of fruit showing the ovary, placenta and imbedded seed.

the essential characters: perianth articulated with the ovary, sometimes with an external calycine cup; sepals 3; petals 3, of which one is unlike the others and forms a lip; stamen 1, consolidated with the style into a column; P. C., No. 1631.

anther terminal, opercular; pollen granular; ovary 1-celled with 3 parietal placentae; fruit succulent, indehiscent, 1-celled; seeds either with a smooth testa tightly adhering to them or with a thin membranous wing surrounding a firm nucleus. (Lindley, *Nat. Syst.*, p. 341.) The species are herbaceous plants with broad sessile and often strongly veined leaves. The stem of these plants is mostly climbing and the flowers are large and succulent. The genera *Epistephium* and *Vanilla* are generally referred to the natural order Orchidaceæ. The reason that induced Dr. Lindley to separate these genera from the rest of the order was, 'because of their succulent valveless fruit, of their seeds not having the loose testa which exists in all true Orchidaceæ, and of their peculiar habit, to which may be added their aromatic properties.'

Since the publication of the 'Natural System,' Professor Lindley has published his 'Genera and Species of Orchidaceous Plants,' in which he has referred *Vanillaceæ* back again to Orchidaceæ, under the suborder *Arctostaphyloideæ*, of which it forms the section *Vanillæ*. In this section a new genus, *Erythrocallis*, is described, which has stems from 50 to 120 feet long, of a pale dull red colour, and climbing to the tops of lofty trees. The flowers are of a middle size and of a whitish-yellow colour. For the principal properties of this order see **VANILLA**.

VANINI, LUCILIO, born at Taurisano, in the province of Otranto, in 1380, studied at Naples, Rome, and Padua, and applied himself especially to metaphysics. He afterwards travelled about Germany, France, and England. He was of a sceptical turn of mind, but seems to have had a leaning towards astrology. Cardano and Pomponazzi were his favourite authors. He was fond of religious polemics, a perilous vocation in that age. He says himself that he held disputations in England in favour of the Roman Catholic faith, and was imprisoned fifty-nine days for it. Returning to Italy, he taught philosophy at Genoa; but perceiving that his orthodoxy was suspected, he went to France, where he published a curious work, the title of which alone gives some insight into the state of his mind—'Amphitheatrum astræ Providence Divinæ, Christiano-physicum, nec non Astrologico-catholicum, adversus veteres Philosophos, Atheos, Epicureos, Peripateticos, et Stoicos,' Lyon, 1615. His next work was 'De admirandis Naturæ, Reginæ, Deoque mortalium, Arcanis,' Paris, 1616. This work raised a storm against the author, because it was considered as savouring of pantheism. The Sorbonne condemned the book in the flames. In the mean time Vanini was offering his services to the Papal nuncio Ubal dini at Paris, to write a defence of the Council of Trent. In 1617 he left Paris for Toulouse, where, some time after, he was arrested by order of the parliament of that city; and in February, 1619, he was condemned to be burnt as a professed atheist. The president of the parliament, De Grammont, wrote an account of his condemnation and execution, which is given by Brucker, in his 'History of Philosophy,' and by Nicéron, in his 'Mémoires des Hommes Illustres,' from which it appears that Vanini died making a profession of atheism. But several Roman Catholic writers, among others Tommaso Barbieri, in his 'Notizie dei Matematici e Filosofi Napolitani,' have defended Vanini against the charge of atheism.

(Tiraboschi, *Storia della Letteratura Italiana*.)

VANISH (Mathematics). A quantity is said to vanish, or to become evanescent, when its arithmetical value is nothing, or denoted by 0. When the evanescent quantity is only a part of another, there is seldom or never any more difficulty about the case in which it vanishes than about that in which it takes any other specified value: but when the whole of what is under consideration vanishes, any or all of those views may be required to render this case intelligible which are explained in **NOTHING**; **INFINITE**; **LIMITS**; **RATIOS**, **PRIME** AND **ULTIMATE**; &c. And in particular the phrase of two quantities vanishing in a certain ratio is to be referred to the last of the articles cited.

VANISHING FRACTIONS. [**FRACTIONS**, **VANISHING**.] **VANISHING POINT**, **LINE**, &c. [**PERSPECTIVE**.]

VANLOO, CHARLES ANDRÉ, knight of the Order of St. Michael and director of the French Academy of Painting at Paris, the son of Louis, the younger brother of Jean Baptiste Vanloo, was born at Nice in 1705. He learned painting and sculpture when a boy at Rome; he

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was instructed in painting by his brother and by Benedetto Luti, and in sculpture by Le Gros. His brother took him with him to Paris in 1719, and he commenced his career as a decorative painter in the great Opera-house, but he soon forsook this branch for portrait painting. In 1723, when only eighteen, he gained the first medal for drawing at the Academy, and in 1724 the first prize for painting. In 1727 he went again to Rome, and gained one of the prizes of the Academy of St. Luke; he also distinguished himself by a picture of the Apotheosis of St. Isidore, and two or three other works, which attracted the notice of the Cardinal de Polignac, then French minister at the court of Rome, who procured him a pension from the French king; and in 1729 he was honoured with the title of Cavaliere by the pope.

On his return to Paris he delayed some time at Turin, where he painted eleven pictures from Tasso's 'Jerusalem Delivered,' for the king of Sardinia; and he married there the celebrated singer Christine Somis, with whom he arrived at Paris in 1734. Daudet Burdon, who wrote a Life of Charles Vanloo, says that Madam Vanloo was the first singer who excited the admiration of the French for Italian music. In 1735 Vanloo was admitted a member of the Academy; he painted as his reception picture Marsyas flayed by Apollo, which is one of his best works. Frederic the Great of Prussia wished him to enter into his service, and offered him a pension of 5000 dollars (450*l.*) and distinct payment for his works; Vanloo however declined, but recommended his nephew Charles Amadé Philippe to Frederic, who was appointed the king's painter. Vanloo himself painted for the king a picture of the Sacrifice of Iphigenia.

In 1751 Vanloo was presented by Louis XV. with the Order of St. Michael; and in the same year was made director of the Academy; in 1762 he was appointed principal painter to the king. He died in Paris in 1763.

Charles André Vanloo was considered by the admirers of the old French school the last of the great historical painters of France. He was an easy and a rapid draughtsman; was true and vigorous in colouring, and had a masterly execution; he was however rather poor in invention. He was very fastidious, and he often destroyed some of his best pieces. He was a man of singular temper; he went every night to the theatres, but generally to the Italian comedy, yet he always rose early. Diderot (*Essai sur la Peinture*) says that Vanloo could neither read nor write.

VANLOO, JEAN BAPTISTE, originally of a noble family of Eluse in Flanders, which had long numbered painters among its members, was born at Aix in Provence, in 1684. His grandfather Jacques was a clever portrait painter, and his father Louis Vanloo excelled in design and was a good fresco painter; he was educated in Paris in the French Academy, but settled at Aix in Provence in 1693. His two sons, Jean Baptiste and Charles André, both became eminent painters.

Jean Baptiste was instructed by his father, who taught him to draw when he was still a child: he set him to copy pictures by the old masters, and young Vanloo is said to have made a good copy when he was only eight years of age. Jean Baptiste painted portraits and history, and first practised at Nice and Toulon, where he married the daughter of an advocate. He was obliged to leave Toulon in 1707, when it was besieged by Victor, duke of Savoy, afterwards called king of Sardinia, and he returned to Aix, where he remained five years, during which time he painted many portraits and several religious pieces. In 1712 he returned to Nice, and his father dying shortly afterwards, he finished the works which his father had left incomplete. He then went to Genoa and to Turin, where he was noticed by the duke of Savoy, whose family he painted, as well as a portrait of the duke himself. He became acquainted at Turin also with the duke's son-in-law the Prince of Carignano, who took Vanloo into his service and sent him to Rome, where he became the scholar of Benedetto Luti. In 1719 Vanloo was lodged by the patron the Prince of Carignano in his hotel at Paris. On his return from Rome, Vanloo visited Turin and painted some pictures for the king of Sardinia, who would have retained him in his service but for his engagement with the Prince of Carignano. He soon acquired a great reputation in Paris, and was in great favour with the regent, the duke of

Orleans, for whom he repaired in distemper the five cartoons by Julio Romano of the Loves of Jupiter, and also the frescoes of Niccolò Alati from the designs of Primaticcio at Fontainebleau. In the latter he was assisted by his brother Charles André. These works and the gallery containing them were destroyed in 1736 to make room for a new building.

In portrait Vanloo had few rivals in Paris. He painted Louis XV. and the queen of France; also the king Stanislaus Leszcynski and his queen. Yet although he was so much occupied with portraits, he applied himself constantly to historical pieces, some of which gained him great credit. In 1731 he was made a member of the Academy, and in 1735 he was appointed professor. He painted a picture of Diana and Endymion for his reception into the Academy. Notwithstanding Vanloo's great success, a large family and an unsuccessful speculation (he lost 40,000 francs in the Mississippi scheme) rendered constant exertion necessary. He came, in 1738, with two of his sons to London, with a view of trying his fortune in this country, and he met with great success. His first works in London were portraits of Colley Cibber and Owen Mac Swinney, 'whose long silver-grey hairs,' says Walpole, 'were extremely picturesque, and contributed to give the new painter reputation.' He continues—'Vanloo soon bore away the chief business of London from every other painter. His likenesses were very strong, but not favourable, and his heads coloured with force. He executed very little of the rest of his pictures, the draperies of which were supplied by Van Aken and Vanloo's own disciples Ecard and Root. However Vanloo certainly introduced a better style; his pictures were thoroughly finished, natural, and no part neglected. He was laborious, and demanded five sittings from each person. But he soon left the palm to be again contended for by his rivals. He laboured under a complication of distempers, and being advised to try the air of his own country, Provence, he retired thither in October, 1742, and died there in April, 1746.' He left about 90,000 francs to his family.

Vanloo had an extraordinary facility of execution; he painted three well-finished heads in a single day. His colouring was rich and his drawing was correct. He had five sons, two of whom became distinguished painters, Louis Michel, painter to Philip V., king of Spain; and Charles Amadé Philippe, painter to Frederic the Great of Prussia.

Vanloo's historical pieces are numerous: Christ entering into Jerusalem, at St. Martin des Champs; and St. Peter delivered from Prison, at St. Germain des Prés, at Paris, are among his best works.

(D'Argenville, *Abregé de la Vie des plus fameux Peintres*, &c., Suppl.; Walpole, *Anecdotes of Painting*, &c.; Abbé de Fontenai, *Dictionnaire des Artistes*, &c.; Fiorillo, *Geschichte der Malerey*, vol. iii.)

VANMANDER, CAREL, or CHARLES, a painter, poet, and biographer, born at Meulebeke near Courtray, in 1548, was descended of an old noble family of West Flanders: members of his family had held high offices in church and state as early as the thirteenth century: his father was a landowner and farmed likewise some government estates. Vanmander showed great ability for both poetry and painting when very young, and he was placed at an early age with Lucas de Heere at Ghent, likewise a poet and painter. He studied painting afterwards with Peter Vlerick at Courtray; and in 1569 he returned home. He spent five years in his native place, devoting much of his time to poetry and dramatic representations, and he superintended a theatre at home, of which he was poet, painter, and manager, and which he made extremely popular. He painted also some altar-pieces and a few other pictures. In 1574 he set out for Rome. In Rome Vanmander became acquainted with Spranger, and was led away from the correct taste which he might otherwise have acquired there, by the mannerism of that master and of the period. He was however very industrious, and acquired great distinction. He left Rome in 1577 for his own country, and on his way visited Basel and Vienna. At Basel he painted some frescoes in the cemetery; at Vienna he again met with Spranger, and assisted him in some of his works. Vanmander, after his return home, lived some years in peace, dividing his time between poetry and painting; but the civil war soon rendered it necessary for him to

leave his native place. His father's house was plundered by some Wallons, and he himself only escaped hanging by the accidental arrival on the spot of an Italian with whom he had been acquainted in Rome, who released him. He first went in Courtray, but upon the plague breaking out in that place he removed to Bruges; and shortly afterwards, in 1563, he went with his wife and two children to Haarlem, where he remained twenty years, respected by all who knew him. At Haarlem Vanmander established an academy, and had many scholars; he was also he accomplished many literary labours. He wrote many songs; translated the 'Iliad,' the 'Bucolics,' and 'Georgics' of Virgil; and Ovid's 'Metamorphoses'; and compiled also the greater part of his 'Lives of the Painters,' which he finished, in 1604, at Sevenbergen, a castle between Alkmaar and Haarlem. In the same year he removed to Amsterdam, where he died in 1606, aged 58, leaving a wife and seven children to deplore his loss. Three hundred of his friends and scholars followed his body to its grave.

The world is chiefly indebted to Vanmander for his 'Lives of the Painters' ('Het Schilder Boek,' Haarlem, 1604, 4to., which contains notices of the painters of antiquity, and of the most celebrated Italian, German, Dutch, and Flemish painters. A modernized edition of the Dutch, Flemish, and German painters, with many portraits, and some additions, was published at Amsterdam in 1764, under the title 'Het Leven der Doortreffelijke Nederlandsche en eenige Hoogduitsche Schilders' ('Lives of the Illustrious Netherlands and some German Painters'). Vanmander painted a considerable number of pictures on religious subjects, many of which have been engraved. He was a good landscape painter, both in fresco and in oil; he executed at Rome some large landscapes in fresco which gained him great credit. His son, Charles Vanmander, born at Delft in 1630, also distinguished himself as an historical and portrait painter. He was painter to Christian IV., king of Denmark, excelled in portrait painting, had a free touch, and coloured well. He was still living in 1666.

(Vanmander, *Het Leven der Schilders*, ed. 1764; Schopenbauer, *John van Eyck and seine Nachfolger*; Pissello, *Geschichte der Zeichnenden Künste*, &c.; Füssli, *Allgemeines Künstler Lexicon*.)

VANNES, a town in the west of France, capital of the department of Morbihan, 242 miles in a direct line west-south-west of Paris, or 277 miles by the road through Versailles, Dreux, Alençon, Mayenne, Laval, Rennes, and Flourens: in 47° 38' N. lat. and 2° 46' W. long.

Vannes is commonly identified by geographers with the Duriorgum (*Δουρίργιον*) of Ptolemy, the capital of the Veneti. But as Caesar has particularly described the situation of the towns of the Veneti, on tongues of land insulated at high-water (*De Bell. Gall.*, iii. 12), it has been suggested by the historians of Bretagne (Lobinow and Morice) that the site of Duriorgum could not be identical with that of the modern Vannes; and D'Anville, who adopts the suggestion, is inclined to place Duriorgum on a tongue of land, such as described by Caesar, on the shore of the bay of Morbihan, about three miles from Vannes, called still Duroce. At what period the townsmen transferred their residence to the site of the modern town is not known: possibly it was on the conquest of the Veneti by Caesar, or when, by the firm establishment of the Roman dominion, security from attack was less needed than convenience. Malte-Brun supposes the site of Duriorgum and Vannes to be the same, and that the sea formerly flowed up to it. In the later period of the Roman dominion Duriorgum seems to have assumed the name of Veneti, from which the modern Vannes has been derived. The Breton name of the town is still Venet or Guenet. In the middle ages Vannes was the capital of a county held by the dukes of Bretagne. It was repeatedly taken and retaken in the war of Charles de Blois and Jean de Montfort for the succession of Bretagne. [BRETAGNE.]

Vannes is situated at the confluence of two small streams which fall into the northernmost recess of the bay of Morbihan, two or three miles below the town. The town itself appears to be on the point of land formed by the junction of the rivers, and is surrounded by walls, which are in good preservation: it has two faubourgs or suburbs, larger than the town itself, from which one of them is separated by the town wall, which is here strengthened by towers and a ditch. On the north side of the town are barren

heaths, and on the south side extensive marshes; yet the vicinity affords some agreeable walks and picturesque objects. The streets are dark; the houses are chiefly of stone, and, except some on the quay, are gloomy and old. The cathedral is a Gothic building, which Malte-Brun characterises as heavy; but Mrs. Stothard speaks of its 'high and tapering spires.' The other Gothic buildings were for the most part destroyed at the Revolution: the ruins of some of them remain.

The population of the commune, in 1826, was 11,289; in 1831, 10,315; and in 1836, 11,623. The town is commercial rather than manufacturing, though coarse woollen, lace, cotton-yarn, calico and other cotton goods, and hats are manufactured. The port, formed by the river, is narrow and inconvenient; it is lined by quays faced with freestone. The pilchard fishery is carried on to a considerable extent, and the small vessels in which the port is accessible import wines from Bordeaux, brandy, oil, soap, and colonial produce; and export corn and salt. Trade is carried on in hemp, wax, butter, and iron-ware. Ships are built. There are several cattle and horse fairs in the year, at which considerable business is done. Vannes has a subordinate court of justice and a commercial court; a number of fiscal and administrative government offices, a high school for the commune, with a collection of philosophical apparatus; a free school for navigation, a public library, a polymathic society for promoting the cultivation of science, literature, and art, which has commenced the formation of a museum, chiefly of natural history; an hospital, a theatre, and three public walks.

The bishopric of Vannes dates from the fifth century: the diocese includes the department, and the bishop is a suffragan of the archbishop of Tours.

The arrondissement of Vannes has an area of 633 square miles, and comprehends 74 communes: it is divided into 11 cantons or districts, each under a justice of the peace: the population, in 1831, was 112,774; in 1836, 123,898.

(Malte-Brun, *Géographie*; Ogée, *Dictionnaire de Bretagne*; Mrs. C. Stothard, *Letters written during a Tour in Normandy, Brittany, &c.*; D'Anville, *Notice de l'Antienne Gaule*; *Dictionnaire Géographique Universel*.)

VANNI, CAVALLIERE FRANCESCO, one of the most celebrated Italian painters of the latter half of the sixteenth century, was born at Siena, in 1565, of a family long distinguished in the Siennese annals of painting. He was first instructed by his father, and after his death, for a short time, by his step-father Archangelo Salimbeni: he is then said to have studied with Bartolomeo Passorutti at Bologna, which Lasz questions; and in his sixteenth year he went to Rome and finished his studies with Giovanni de' Vecchi. He ultimately adopted the style of Barocci, and became the most distinguished of all that painter's imitators; though he copied also some of the works of Correggio and Parmegianini at Parma, and it was perhaps more owing to his admiration for the works and style of Correggio that he painted in the manner of Barocci, than from any direct imitation of the latter. Vanni obtained such reputation at Siena by some of the altar-pieces which he executed for its churches, that he was invited by Clement VIII. to Rome, and commissioned by that pontiff to paint a picture for one of the altars of St. Peter's. He painted Simon Magus rebuked by Peter, and gave such satisfaction that he was created cavalier of the order of Christ. This picture is still in good preservation, is executed completely in the style of Barocci, and is one of Vanni's best works. Other celebrated works by him in Rome are—an Santa Cecilia in Trastevere, the Flagellation of Christ, and the Death of St. Cecilia; and a Dead Christ in Santa Maria della Vallicella. He painted also some celebrated works in Siena, at Pisa, and at Pistoia. His picture of St. Raimond walking on the Sea, at San Domenico, is considered the best painting at Siena. He was also a skilful architect. He died at Siena in 1600, aged only 44, according to Baldinucci, or 46, according to D'Argenville, who gives 1543 as the date of his birth.

Vanni's style was so much like that of Barocci, that even good judges have been misled as to the authorship of some of Vanni's pictures, supposing them to be works of Barocci. With however the single exception of colouring, Vanni was upon the whole inferior to Barocci; and in enlouring he was sometimes hard. His drawing in gene-

121) was excellent, but has less fulness than Baroccio's; he had also less vigour of conception and less spirit of execution.

Vanni formed a numerous school, of which his two sons Michelangelo and Raphael Vanni were distinguished scholars. Both attained the rank of cavalieri, but, says Lanzi, the younger was the more deserving of it. Raphael was born in 1596. He painted many pictures of merit in Rome; where, in 1655, he was elected a member of the Academy of St. Luke. He painted in the style of Pietro da Cortona.

Many of the works of Francesco Vanni have been engraved by some of the most eminent engravers; he himself also etched a few plates. His portrait is in the painter's portrait gallery at Florence.

VANNI, GIOVANNI BATTISTA, a Florentine painter, or, according to others, a native of Pisa, was born in 1599. He was the scholar, first, of Jacopo da Empoli, and then of Cristofano Allori, in whose style he painted, especially in colouring. He excelled in imitating, and made some excellent copies after Titian, Correggio, and Paul Veronese; he etched some plates after the two last, in a spirited though careless manner: the Marriage at Cana, after Paul Veronese, dated 1637, is his best production in this line. The painting of San Lorenzo, in the church of Saa Simone at Florence, is considered his best picture; but it is not a work of the highest order. He died in 1660.

(Baldinucci, *Notizie de' Professori del disegno da Cimabue in qua*; Lanzi, *Storia Pittorica*, &c.; D'Argenville, *Abregé*, &c.; Huber, *Manuel des Amateurs*, &c.)

VAN OOST, JACOB, the Elder, a celebrated Flemish historical painter, was born at Bruges, in 1600, of a good family. He distinguished himself when very young, and even before his 21st year was accounted one of the best painters of Bruges. He copied some of the pictures of Rubens with such fidelity, both of colouring and execution, that his copies have passed, and still pass, for originals by that master. After painting some time at Bruges, he went to Italy, and paid great attention to the works of Annibal Carracci at Rome, and endeavoured to appropriate his style of composition and design, which he did to a great degree. He returned in 1630 to Bruges with the reputation of a great painter, and was solicited for works from all quarters. In 1633 he was elected dean of the corporation of painters of Bruges. His pictures are very numerous, though on a large scale; his design and chiaroscuro were good, and his colouring rich and fresh in the carnations; but his draperies are sometimes raw and careless. Some of his pictures are executed with such boldness, that they are scarcely intelligible except at a considerable distance, when their effect is masterly; others, on the contrary, are highly finished, and the colours are well blended. His pictures have few figures, are well composed, and are unencumbered with unnecessary accessories: the landscape of his backgrounds was painted by other masters; the architecture, in which he excelled, by himself. There are many of his works at Bruges: in the Hôpital de St. Jean there are several, some of which are among his best pieces. In one of the halls of justice at Bruges there is a picture of the condemnation of a criminal, which is considered Van Oost's masterpiece. He was equally excellent as a portrait painter. He died in 1691.

VAN OOST, JACOB, the Younger, son of the elder Van Oost, was born at Bruges in 1637. He was first instructed by his father, then studied two years in Paris, and afterwards spent some time in Rome. After his return to Bruges he for a short time assisted his father; but having determined to establish himself at Paris, he set out for that capital in 1673. He however delayed upon his road at Lille to paint a few portraits, which brought him so many sitters and other engagements, that he fixed himself in that place, and remained there forty years, until after the death of his wife. He returned to his native place in 1713, the year of his death, and the seventy-sixth of his age. The younger Van Oost was also an able painter in history and in portrait, but his historical pieces are not numerous. His style was like that of his father, but he painted with a better impasto, and his draperies are very superior. His figures are correct and expressive.

(Descamps, *La Vie des Peintres Flamands*, &c.; Watelet et Levesque, *Dictionnaire des Arts de Peinture*, &c.; *Notice des Tableaux qui composent Le Musée de L'Hôpital Civil de St. Jean à Bruges*.)

VAN OS, PIETER GERARD. This distinguished animal-painter was the son of Jan Van Os, a clever flower-painter, who was born in 1774, and died at the Hague in 1804. He was also a marine painter and a poet.

Pieter Van Os was born at the Hague in 1776, and was taught painting by his father. He selected Paul Potter as his model, and copied his pictures assiduously, and some of the works of Charles Dujardin. He made such an excellent copy of the celebrated young bull by Potter, in the gallery of the Hague, that William V., prince of Orange, purchased it and a copy after Dujardin, and placed them in his gallery. For a time, owing to the disturbed state of society towards the end of the eighteenth century, which was very unfavourable to the arts, Van Os was forced to give up his favourite pursuit of animal painting, and to take to portrait painting in miniature and to teaching drawing. After a few years however he again commenced painting landscapes, with cattle, sheep, &c., by which he acquired a great reputation. In 1813 and 1814 he served as a captain of volunteers, and was present in some engagements, which induced him to try his hand at military subjects, in which he was not unsuccessful. The emperor Alexander purchased a picture of him in 1813, of the entrance of the Cossacks into Utrecht, and placed it in his palace at St. Petersburg. He died in the Hague in 1839.

The pictures of Van Os are numerous, and are sold at high prices: many of them have been engraved. He himself also etched many plates of cattle, &c. in a masterly manner from his own designs, and from the pictures of eminent painters, Potter, Berghem, Ruissdael, and others. (Dr. Nagler, *Neues Allgemeines Künstler Lexicon*.)

VANSLEB. (WANSLER.)

VANSOMER, PAUL, a Flemish portrait painter, born at Antwerp about 1576. He was instructed by his brother Bernard Vansomer, a good painter of conversation pieces and portraits, who had studied in Italy, and lived at Amsterdam. Paul came to England about the year 1606, and met with great success here. He painted James I. and many of the principal statesmen and noblemen of that time. There is a portrait of James I. at Windsor, a view of Whitehall in the background; and another at Hampton Court, with some armour by his side, painted in 1615, a superior picture, according to Walpole. There is also at Hampton Court a portrait of the queen of James I. with a horse and dogs, by Vansomer; which is imitated, says Walpole, in the tapestry at Houghton. The same writer mentions likewise the following pictures by this painter:—Lord Chancellor Bacon, and his brother Nicholas, at Goshambury (there is a portrait of Bacon by Vansomer, in the collection of Earl Cowper at Pensance); the Marquis of Hamilton with a white staff, at Hampton Court; the lord chamberlain, William, earl of Pembroke, at St. James's, an admirable portrait; and in Walpole's opinion, a whole length at Chatsworth of the first earl of Devonshire in his robes, though ascribed to Mytens, worthy of the pencil of Vandyck, and one of the finest single figures he had ever seen. He mentions also a portrait of Anne of Denmark, the queen of James I., with a prospect of the west end of St. Paul's.

Vansomer died in London, and was buried in St. Martin's in the Fields, as appears by the register: 'Jan. 5, 1621. Paulus Vansomer, pictor eximius, sepultus fuit in ecclesia.' (Walpole, *Anecdotes of Painting in England*.)

VAN SWIETEN. (SWIETEN.)

VANUCCHI. (SARTO.)

VANUDEN, LUCAS, a distinguished Flemish landscape painter, born at Antwerp in 1566. He was instructed by his father, who was also a landscape painter; but not satisfied with the precepts of art, he was constantly in the fields, from sunrise until sunset, sketching all the striking effects of nature, and he made valuable use of his studies in his paintings. Rubens was a great admirer of the works of Vanuden; he employed him to paint skies and landscapes in many of his pictures, which Vanuden adapted admirably to the style of Rubens. Rubens also inserted figures in the pictures of Vanuden, although he himself was a good figure-painter.

His paintings are distinguished for their lightness of touch, clearness and truth of colouring, and for pure skies and light easy foliage. He painted large and small pictures, adapting his touch to the size and nature of his

composition, but his small pieces are more characteristic of his style: he was fond of extensive and distant scenes. Vanuden also etched some landscapes in a masterly manner, some original designs, and some after Rubens and Titian. The date of his death is not known, but he died after 1662. (Descamps, *La Vie des Peintres Flamands*, &c.; Huber, *Manuel des Amateurs*, &c.)

VAN UTRECHT, ADRIAN, born at Antwerp in 1599, was one of the most distinguished of the Flemish painters of still-life. He painted fruit, flowers, shell-fish, dead game, birds, &c., sometimes together and sometimes separately, with such remarkable truth and freedom of touch, and elegance of composition, that he received many more orders than he could execute. The best of his pictures were purchased by the king of Spain, and taken to that country: they are very scarce, are rarely met with at auctions, and are sold for high prices. He excelled in birds of all descriptions. He died rich, at Antwerp, in 1651. With the exception of Snyder, Van Utrecht was superior to all other painters in his line. (Houbenken, *Groot Schouburgh*, &c.; Descamps, *La Vie des Peintres Flamands*, &c.)

VAN VEEN, or **VAENIUS**, OTHO, called also Ottonius, a distinguished painter, born at Leyden in 1550, according to Houbenken, or 1556, according to De Piles and others; Van Mander says he was 47 in 1604. His father was burgomaster of Leyden, and his mother was of a distinguished family of Amsterdam. Van Veen was instructed in letters by Lampsonius, private secretary to the bishop of Liège, and was taught drawing by Isaac Claes or Nicolas, and painting by Jost van Wingen. His father sent him to Liège in his fifteenth year, where he remained three years in the house of the bishop, Cardinal Groesbeck, who then sent him to Rome with letters to Cardinal Madrucci, by whom he was well received. In Rome Van Veen studied with Federico Zuechero; and after spending eight years in Italy, he visited Vienna, where the emperor wished to detain him in his service: he visited also Munich and Cologne, where he likewise had flattering offers to induce him to remain, but which his desire to settle in his own country compelled him to decline. He settled at Brussels, in the service of Alessandro Farnese, duke of Parma, and governor of the Spanish Netherlands, of whom he painted a full length in armour, which obtained him a great reputation. After the death of the duke of Parma, Van Veen removed to Antwerp, established an academy there, and painted many pictures for his churches. Rubens attended his academy. When the Archduke Albert of Austria, who succeeded the duke of Parma as governor, made his public entry into Antwerp, Van Veen designed the triumphant arches which were erected upon the occasion; and the duke was so well satisfied with the devices, that he invited Van Veen to Brussels, and appointed him master of the mint there. He painted the portraits of Albert, and of his wife, the infantia Isabella, daughter of Philip II. of Spain, which were sent to James I. of England. Louis XIII. invited Van Veen to Paris, but he declined to leave the archduke.

Van Veen died at Brussels in 1634, aged 78, or, according to Houbenken, in 1629. He left two daughters, Gertrude and Cornelia, who both distinguished themselves in painting; Gertrude painted her father's portrait, which has been engraved.

There are several paintings by Van Veen at Antwerp; and in the cathedral of Leyden there is a *Sepper of the Lord*, which is considered a good work; he excelled in invention and in chiaroscuro. His imagination was very fertile: his designs are very numerous; a list of them, with the life of Van Veen, was printed at Amsterdam in 1682, in a work entitled 'Académie des Sciences et des Arts,' &c., by Isaac Bullart. Among them are emblems of Horace: 'Zinnebeelden getrokken uit Horatius Flaccus,' &c., 103 plates, with text illustrations in Latin, Dutch, and French. Many of the designs are ingenious in their invention, and skillful in their composition, but the plates are badly executed. He designed also emblems of divine and profane love; and thirty-two illustrations of the life of Thomas Aquinas. He published also a history of the war of the Batavians under Claudius Civilis against the Romans, from Tacitus, with forty illustrations; and the history of 'The Seven Twin Sons of Lara,' likewise with forty illustrations, which were engraved by Antonio Tempesta. Felibien, in his 'Entretiens sur les Vies des plus célèbres Peintres,' has

extracted part of this work, relating the story and describing the subject of each plate. In the Pinakothek at Munich there are six small allegorical paintings of the triumph of the Roman emperors by Van Veen; curious designs, but extremely cold and blue in colouring. Van Veen was very fond of allegorical and emblematical representations, and Reynolds supposes that Rubens acquired his taste for the same subjects from him. In the cathedral at Bruges there is a Nativity by Van Veen, of which Reynolds observes:—'Many parts of this picture bring to mind the manner of Rubens, particularly the colouring of the arm of one of the shepherds; but in comparison of Rubens it is but a lame performance, and would not be worth mentioning here, but from its being the work of a man who had this honour to be the master of Rubens.'

VANVITELLI, LUIGI, a very distinguished architect, inasmuch as he erected one of the most extensive edifices of the eighteenth century, in which however it must be admitted the greatness of the opportunity was not equalled by his talent. Though he may be considered an Italian, Luigi was of Flemish origin, his father being a native of Utrecht, whose real name was Van Witel, afterwards Italianized by a slight alteration. Gasparo, the elder Vanvitelli, was born in Utrecht in 1647, and going to Italy for improvement in his profession as a painter, fixed his residence at Naples, where he acquired considerable reputation for his ability in landscape and architectural subjects. He was familiarly known as *Vanvitelli degli Occhiali*, on account of his always wearing spectacles, without which he could hardly see; yet he continued to paint after he had reached a very advanced age, and indeed after he had submitted to an unsuccessful operation on one eye, the sight of which he entirely lost. He died in 1736, at the age of eighty-nine.

His son Luigi was born at Naples in 1700, and began while a child to display a strong inclination and considerable aptitude for art, in which he was encouraged and instructed by his father. So great was his proficiency, that at the age of twenty he was employed by Cardinal Acquaviva to paint some frescoes in the chapel of St. Cecilia; and he afterwards made some of the cartoons from celebrated pictures, preparatory to their being copied on a larger scale, in mosaic, for St. Peter's at Rome. About this period too he began to study architecture under Filippo IVare, one of the most noted in his profession. His first architectural work was the restoration of the Palazzo Albani at Urbino, for the Cardinal di San Clemente; besides which he erected two churches in that city, S. Francesco and S. Domenico, works that led to his obtaining the appointment of architect to St. Peter's at the age of twenty-six. He was also associated with Niccolò Salvi in the undertaking for conducting the water of the Vermicino to Rome. About the same time there was a competition of all the most eminent architects of the day for a façade for the church of S. Giovanni Laterano at Rome, to which both Salvi and Vanvitelli sent in designs; and, according to a memoir on the subject by the latter, their designs were approved: but the first decision was set aside by the pope, who determined in favour of that by Galliei; yet not so much, it is said, on account of its architectural merit as for private reasons. However, neither Salvi nor Vanvitelli was overlooked: the former was employed upon the fountain of Trevi; the other sent to improve the harbour and public works at Ancona, where he built the celebrated lazaretto, a pentagonal structure, and repaired and altered some churches and chapels. He was likewise occupied with many employments of a similar nature at Macerata, Perugia, Pesaro, and Siena. When at Milan, in 1745, he made a design for the façade of the Duomo, in which he endeavoured to keep something of the character, if not of the style, of the rest of the edifice; but it was neither carried into execution at the time, nor afterwards followed in the actual façade begun by Leopoldo Pollack and completed by Zanuzzi and Amati. At Rome his most important work was the convent of S. Agostino; but he also executed there, for the Portuguese ambassador, a most superb chapel, which was conveyed to Portugal, and there re-erected in the church of the Jesuits at Lisbon.

Such was the reputation he had now obtained, that when the king of Naples, afterwards Charles III. of Spain, determined to erect a palace at Caserta that should be upon a scale hardly inferior to that of any other edifice of

the kind in Europe, he at once made choice of Vanvitelli as the architect, and the first stone was laid, Jan. 28th, 1782.

This vast pile is an unbroken parallelogram of uniform design, all its fronts being nearly similar in their elevations: those facing the north and south are 730 feet, the others 570 in length, and the general height of the building is 102 feet, which is however increased to 162 at the angles, where there is a square pavilion, forming a second order. The elevations consist of a very lofty basement, comprising a ground-floor and mezzanine; and above that an Ionic order with two series of windows, and mezzanine windows in the frieze. Although it may be considered in some respect as the principal front, since it faces a spacious semi-elliptical piazza enclosed by a uniform range of buildings for lodgings and stables, the south front is less decorated than that towards the gardens, for it has columns only in the centre and at the extremities, while in the other the order is continued throughout in pilasters as well as columns; yet the degree of unity thus kept up is attended with a very great drawback, for the narrower intercolumns between the centre and end breaks cause the others to appear offensively wide, and those parts of the composition where there ought to have been greater richness to look poor and straggling: this is particularly the case with regard to the centre, which is only three intercolumns in width; therefore that and its pediment become insignificant in comparison with the entire mass, a defect which is further increased by the end pavilions being so much loftier. Owing to the great height of the basement, the cornice of the order (which is very plain and poor in itself) forms no adequate finish to the general elevation; and even if the entablature be considered only in relation to the order, independently of the basement, it is disfigured by the small mezzanine windows in its frieze. Internally the general plan is divided into four spacious courts by other ranges of building from north to south and from east to west, at whose intersection there is a large and lofty octagon crowned by a dome: but though this last shows itself as an important feature when seen in geometrical elevation, where it breaks the outline, and gives a towering central mass, it is entirely lost in the building, except in a very distant view of it, and can be seen only from the inner courts, a circumstance the less to be regretted, because it is very ugly. That part of the building forms a large octagonal vestibule, with the grand staircase on one side and the chapel on the other; and these and the upper vestibule are by far the most striking and scenic portions of the interior, the rest only presenting long enfilades of rooms, with little remarkable in point of architecture. With the greatness of mere quantity, Caserta is deficient in grandeur of quality: except those pointed out, its faults are few; but its beauties also are few: therefore, considering what ample scope was afforded the architect, he must be considered to have failed—at least comparatively. Vanvitelli published a large folio volume of the plans, &c. in 1797, under the title of 'Deduzione de' Disegni del Reale Palazzo di Caserta.'

Besides the palace itself and the subordinate buildings attached to it, he executed at Caserta one of the most stupendous works of his kind ever undertaken in modern times, namely, the aqueduct, or ranges of aqueducts, commenced in 1793, in order to supply the palace with water. His labours at Caserta led to his being employed on many other works at Naples, the principal of which are the cavalry-barracks, near the Ponte Maddalena, and the three churches of S. Marcellino, Della Rotonda, and La Nunziata. Among those at other places are the public hall at Brescia and the bridge at Benevento. Few architects have enjoyed a more prosperous career; yet, shortly before his death, which happened March 1st, 1773, he had the mortification to incur a severe stigma upon his professional character, being condemned at Rome to pay the sum of 3000 crowns for having estimated the repairs of the aqueduct of Acqua Felice at only 2000, though the actual expense was 22,000 crowns.

(Miliuz, *Vite*: Quatremère de Quincy, *Histoire*, &c. des plus célèbres Architectes; Kunstblatt, 1824.)

VAPOUR. There are many substances, both fluid and solid, which when exposed to the air or to the more powerful agency of heat are gradually but totally dissipated, owing to their particles assuming the state of vapour by what is termed spontaneous evaporation. A

vapour then consists of ponderable matter combined with sufficient specific heat to enable it to retain its æthereal existence: we have already [Gas] given a similar definition of a gas. The question then naturally arises, In what do vapours differ from gases? The answer is, that the difference is a conventional one, being of degree only, and not of kind: thus when atmospheric air containing, as it always does, the vapour of water, is suddenly cooled by exposure to a colder substance, the water which it contained in the state of invisible vapour is deposited in the state of palpable water on the colder body: we say then aqueous vapour or the vapour of water, and not aqueous gas. No similar change is produced, by this abstraction of heat, in the form of the constituents of the air, and they are therefore termed gaseous bodies or gases. The difference however, we repeat, is one of degree only, for many gaseous bodies [Gas] which had been, not many years since, considered as permanently elastic as atmospheric air, have been shown by the important investigations of Dr. Faraday to be reducible to liquids; and additional experiments have even shown that carbonic acid gas, which requires a pressure of 35 atmospheres to render it fluid, may by particular management be converted into a solid.

A practical difference between a vapour and a gas is illustrated by the use of the vapour of water, and its subsequent condensation, as a motive-power in the steam-engine. No known gaseous body could be employed with the same advantage, owing to the great degree of pressure and cold required for its condensation.

Evaporation, both spontaneous and artificial, and especially the latter, is employed in numerous manufacturing and chemical processes. When, for example, common salt is prepared from sea-water, it is exposed in the first instance to the air in shallow clay pits, by which spontaneous evaporation takes place; and this occurs to the greatest extent in hot weather, and when the surface of the brine is agitated by the wind. It is found however that spontaneous evaporation can be carried on with advantage to a certain extent only; and when this point is arrived at, the operation of salt-making is finished by removing the concentrated brine to iron vessels, in which the evaporation is artificially conducted by the application of heat, the vaporization being greater as the temperature is higher, till the boiling-point is arrived at, when it is greatest.

Evaporation is used for numerous purposes and processes, and in different modes, according to the substances operated on and the objects to be attained. When contrivances are adopted for condensing the whole or any portion of an evaporated liquid, the process is termed distillation, and the ends accomplished by it are various. When, for example, water is distilled, it is for the purpose of separating the saline and earthy impurities, which not being vaporizable, remain in the body of the still, while the pure vapour of the water is condensed by cooling in the worm: so again, when wine is submitted to distillation it is for the purpose of evaporating and subsequently condensing the spirit or brandy from the water and the colouring-matter. When herbs, as lavender, peppermint, &c., are heated with water in a still, the oil and water rise in vapour and are condensed; when turpentine is similarly treated, a volatile oil rises in vapour, while the resin or rosin, not being volatile, remains in the still. Vaporization in the form of distillation is also largely employed in the preparation of various acids, such as the nitric acid, hydrochloric acid, &c.

When solid bodies are vaporized and subsequently condensed, the operation is termed sublimation, and it is resorted to with different intentions, as for the purification of camphor and the preparation of corrosive sublimate and calomel.

It will be evident on slight consideration that vessels of very different materials and construction must be employed in evaporation, distillation, and sublimation, and according to the nature of the substance operated on. Thus the first stage of the concentration of sulphuric acid is conducted in lead, the concluding one in glass or platinum; saline solutions are evaporated to the crystallizing point in lead or copper; the caustic alkalis in iron or silver; the distillation of spirits in copper, that of acids in iron, earthenware, or glass; while the preparation of common salt is completed on vessels of iron.

VAPOUR BATH. [BATH.]

VAR, a department of France, in the south-eastern corner of the kingdom. It is bounded on the north by the department of Basses Alpes; on the north-east by the county of Nice, now included in the kingdom of Sardinia, from which it is partly separated by the river Var, which gives name to the department; on the south-east and south by the Mediterranean Sea; and on the west by the department of Bouches du Rhône. Its form approximates to a quadrangle. Its greatest length is from east-north-east to west-south-west, from the junction of the rivers Estéron and Var to the border of the department of Bouches du Rhône in a line between Brignolles and Marseille, 83 miles. This is the extreme length of the quadrangle; the extreme breadth is from Cape Sicé, near Toulon, to the north-west corner of the department on the bank of the Durance, 49 miles. The department, including its islands, lies between $42^{\circ} 57'$ and $43^{\circ} 55'$ N. lat., and between $5^{\circ} 41'$ and $7^{\circ} 15'$ E. long. The area of the department is estimated at 2814 square miles, which is considerably above the average of the French departments, and is nearly equal to the conjoint areas of the three English counties of Gloucester, Worcester, and Hereford. The population, in 1826, was 311,095; in 1831, 317,501; and in 1836, 323,404; showing an increase in the last period of five years of 5003, or less than two per cent., and giving 115 inhabitants to a square mile. In amount and density of population it is very far below the average of the departments of France; in amount it is inferior to the single county of Gloucester, the most populous, and in density to that of Hereford, the most thinly peopled of the three English counties with which we have compared it. Draguignan, the capital, is 412 miles in a straight line south-south-east of Paris, or 352 miles by the road through Sens, Auxerre, Lyon, Valence, Avignon, Aix, and Brignolles; in $43^{\circ} 31'$ N. lat. and $6^{\circ} 29'$ E. long.

The coast of this department is rocky, and is skirted by numerous islands. From the mouth of the Var, at the eastern extremity of the department, to Cape de la Garoupe, the coast forms an open bay, on the shore of which is the ancient town of Antibes. Westward of Cape de la Garoupe are the somewhat deeper bays of Juan and Napoléon, separated from each other by a small intervening headland, and protected seaward by the Lerins islands, comprehending the islands of St. Marguerite and St. Honorat, with some smaller ones. These islands are defended by a fort, and further protected by the surrounding rocks: they abound with rabbits and partridges. St. Honorat has its name from a monastery founded early in the fifth century by St. Honorat or Honoratus, bishop of Arles: St. Marguerite, which is nearest in-shore, acquired notoriety as one of the places of confinement of the prisoner with the Iron Mask. Some other small gulfs, as the port of Agay, the gulf of Fréjus, the gulf of Grimaud, and the roadstead of Hyères, lie to the west of the gulf of Napoléon. The roadstead of Hyères is bounded on the west by the peninsula of Giens, which is connected with the mainland by a low sandy isthmus, in the midst of which is the étang or lagoon of Pesquier. Off the roadstead lie the Hyères islands, of which the chief are the Ile du Levant, or du Vent, or du Titan, the Ile de Portecros, and the Ile de Porquerolles. [HYÈRES.] West of the peninsula of Giens are the roadstead of Giens and the harbour of Toulon, at the entrance of which are capes Carcaine and Cepel or Sopot, and west of which are Cape Sicé and the Iles des Embiez. The coast is for the most part high, but some of the bays present a low sandy shore. There are several small scarpes, but none of any importance except Toulon.

The department is mountainous. A branch of the Alps extends from east to west through the department, and separates the valley of the Argens and the tracts watered by the Siagne, Loup, and Var, all of which flow into the Mediterranean from the valley of the Durance, which belongs to the river-basin of the Rhône. Another range of mountains parallel to the above, and known as 'Les Monts des Maures,' extends along the coast between Hyères and Fréjus, separating the coast from the valley of the Argens, which river after draining the valley in its eastern course turns to the south-east and flows past the eastern extremity of 'Les Monts des Maures' into the Mediterranean near Fréjus. A group of mountains forming the continuation of 'Les Monts des Maures,' extending north-eastward from Fréjus, is known as Mont Esterel, and is distinguished by its picturesque character. The hill of Faron, immediately

above Toulon, rises to the height of nearly 1400 feet; and Mont Caoume, near the same town, is 2006 feet above the level of the sea. The summit of the mountain La Sainte Baume, which is more inland, and close upon the boundary of this department and the department of Bouches du Rhône, is 3285 feet; and the mountain of Sainte Victoire, on the same boundary farther north, is 3125 feet. The coast eastward from Toulon is occupied by the primary and lower secondary formations, and presents in many parts a rugged and sterile soil: in the more inland parts these formations are covered by the limestones and other secondary rocks which intervene between the cretaceous and the carboniferous groups.

Among the minerals of the department are coal and lignite, but the coal-mines (of which there are only two) were not worked in 1834 or 1835. There were in 1834 seven lignite-mines, three of them at work, giving employment to 48 labourers, and producing in the year 1426 tons of lignite, worth on the average 10s. 4d. per ton. Marble of various colours, alabaster, porphyry, granite, serpentine, jasper, and gypsum are found; but we are not aware to what extent they are worked. There are salt-works on the coast, especially at Hyères.

The rivers are small, and none of them are navigable. The Gapon or Gapeau in the western part of the department, the Argens in the centre, and the Siagne and Loup in the eastern part, flow into the Mediterranean, and, with their several tributaries, belong wholly to this department. The Var, which belongs chiefly to the Sardinian territory, and its tributary the Estéron, form the eastern or north-eastern boundary of the department; and the Verdon, which flows into the Durance forms in one part the northern boundary. The Durance itself just touches the north-west corner. The length of the Argens, the most considerable river which belongs wholly to this department, may be estimated at about 60 miles: it receives the Caillon, the Calani, the united stream of the Bresque and the Braque, the Arshay, and the Endre. The Var is, perhaps, longer than the Argens, the Verdon and Durance certainly are; but they belong only partly to this department. There are no navigable canals. Three étangs or lagoons of considerable extent are found near the coast, and render the neighbourhood unwholesome: the chief is that of Pesquier, in the isthmus of Giens; the others are those of Napoléon and Villepey, near the eastern extremity.

There were on Jan. 1, 1837, six Routes Royales, or government roads, in the department, having an aggregate length of 223 miles, of which 121 miles were in good repair, 61 miles out of repair, and 41 miles unfinished. The principal road is that from Paris by Aix into Italy, which traverses the department in its whole extent from west to east, passing through St. Maximin, Brignolles, Lorgues, Draguignan, Grasse, and Antibes, from whence it runs to Nice and Genoa. The road from Paris by Marseille to Toulon enters the department on the south-west side and passes by Ollioules to Toulon. These are both first-class roads. A road runs from Toulon by Solès-le-Pont, Cuers, Pignans, Le Luc (where it falls in with a road from Brignolles), Fréjus, and Cannes, to Antibes; and another road, branching from this not far from Toulon, runs by Hyères and Bormes to St. Tropez. Another road from Paris into Italy by Grenoble, Gap, Sisteron, and Digne enters the department on the north side, and joins the principal road at Grasse. The departmental roads have an aggregate length of 362 miles, viz. 230 miles in repair, 117 miles out of repair, and 6 miles unfinished. The communal and other smaller roads may be estimated at about 1800 miles in length taken together.

The climate of the department is for the latitude temperate: the winters are mild except when 'the mistral' blows. The south-east wind is very relaxing, and indisposes to exertion.

The soil is by no means favourable, taken as a whole, however fertile particular spots may be; and from the hilly nature of the country, cultivation is very much carried on by manual labour. The area of the department may be estimated in round numbers at 1,800,000 acres; of which 300,000 acres, or less than a sixth part, are under the plough. The produce in grain is not equal to more than half the consumption of the department. The meadows do not amount to more than about 23,000 acres; but there is a considerable extent of about 450,000 acres of heath or other open pasture: in summer however the grass is so

scored up, that the sheep are chiefly sent at that season to feed in the mountain pastures of the department of Basses Alpes about Barcelonnette: about 300,000 sheep are thus sent yearly. Goats, whose milk is made into cheese, are numerous; as are mules, asses, and pigs. The vineyards are estimated at from 100,000 to 170,000 acres, and the orchards and gardens at about 5000 acres. The vine and the olive are cultivated in terraces on the slopes of the hills. The wines are generally red wines; those of La Gunde, St. Laurent, Cagnes, St. Paul, Villeneuve, and La Malue are the best. The olives are used for making oil, or are exported for use at the table. The pomegranate, the citron, the orange, the almond, and the fig grow in the open air; the plum and the peach are grown and preserved for exportation; those of Brignolles are especially in repute; and the elder and the jujube are cultivated. The oranges of Hyères are reputed to be the best that are grown in France.

The woodlands constitute nearly a third part of the department: they are estimated at about 570,000 acres. They yield fir equal to those of the north of Europe, cork-trees, and the oaks on which are found the kermès used for dyeing scarlet. About 210,000 acres are devoted to culture of various kinds, including, we presume, the numerous olive-grounds, and the plantations of the mulberry-tree, the cultivation of which, as well as the rearing of silkworms, has much diminished during the present century. Odoriferous plants, the rose, jasmine, heliotrope, &c., are cultivated for making essences and perfumes, especially about Grasse. Game is abundant, and a great number of bees are kept, which produce exquisite honey.

The tunny, anchovy, and sardine fisheries are actively carried on along the coast; and the rivers yield abundance of fish, the sturgeon, trout, eel, shad, barbel, tench, carp, and cray-fish.

The department is divided into four arrondissements, as follows:—

Arrondissement.	Situation.	Area in Square Miles.	Communes.	Population, 1831.	1856.
Draguignan	Central.	1006	69	91,769	86,973
Brignolles	N.W.	526	41	71,859	71,126
Tignes	W.	412	41	63,489	64,368
Toulon	S.W.	500	39	94,242	99,312
		2044	119	317,361	322,484

In the arrondissement of Draguignan are—Draguignan, population in 1831, 9070 for the town, or 9804 for the whole commune; in 1836, 9704 for the commune [DRAGUIGNAN], on the Artuby or Artuby: Callas, population 2149 for the town, 2268 for the whole commune, on the Endre; Bargemoo or Bargemont, population 1751 for the town, or 1891 for the whole commune, on the Douce, a small affluent of the Endre; Saillans and Fayence, pop. 1673 for the town, or 2554 for the whole commune, on or near the Riou or Bianson, which flows into the Sagne; Aups, pop. 2709 for the town, or 3083 for the whole commune, on the Braque; Salernes, pop. 2415 for the town, or 2510 for the whole commune, at the junction of the Braque and Bresque; Lorgues, pop. 4027 for the town, or 5444 for the whole commune, on the road between Brignolles and Draguignan; Le Luc, pop. 2886 for the town, or 3580 for the whole commune, on the road from Toulon to Fréjus and Antibes; and St. Tropez, pop. 3736 for the commune, and Fréjus, pop. 2487 for the town, or 2665 for the whole commune [FRÉJUS], on the coast. Callas has flour and oil mills; coal is found in the neighbourhood. Bargemont was the birth-place of Louis Morel, compiler of the well-known 'Dictionnaire Historique.' Earthenware, glass, and leather are made at Fayence; and at Salernes trade is carried on in wine, oil, silk, and figs, which last are accounted excellent. Lorgues has oil-mills, and six important fairs in the year for corn, oil, and fruit. At Le Luc, woollen yarn, woollen cloth, corals, salt of saturn (acetate of lead, reduced to a fine powder and boiled with vinegar), brandy, and morocco and other leather are made; and considerable trade is carried on in oil, wine, and the fine chestnuts grown in the neighbourhood. St. Tropez is on the south side of the gulf of Grimaud: it presents the only harbour between Toulon and Antibes; but the harbour is small. It is defended by a citadel on the east side of the town, which consists chiefly of old houses. The townsmen manufacture corals, hats, and brandy: there is a ship-builder's yard for merchantmen and fishing vessels; and the coral, an-

chovy, and tunny fisheries are actively carried on. The exports are wine, oil, wood, honey, chestnuts, raw and cut cork, and tunnies, anchovies, and other salt provisions. St. Tropez has a commercial court, a council of prud'hommes for the fishermen, and a royal school for navigation.

In the arrondissement of Brignolles are—Brignolles, or Brignolles, population in 1831, 5432 for the town, or 5040 for the whole commune; in 1836, 5532 for the commune [BRIGNOLLES or BRIGNOLLES], on the Calami; Barjols, pop. 3512 for the commune [BARJOLS], on a small affluent of the Argens; St. Maximin, pop. 3381 for the town, or 3637 for the whole commune, on the road between Aix and Brignolles; Pignans, pop. 2291 for the town, or 2380 for the whole commune, on the road between Toulon and Fréjus; and Cotignac, pop. 3602 for the commune, in the country between the Bresque and the Argens. St. Maximin has some manufactures for cotton yarn and woollen stuffs, some brandy-distilleries, marble-quarries in the neighbourhood, and some trade in saffron. There are a school of arts and trades, a public library of 3000 vols., and a handsome church formerly belonging to the canons of St. Augustin. Pignans has copper-works, and paper and fulling mills. Cotignac has tan-yards and a manufactory of organzine silk; and carries on trade in wine, silk, figs, and especially dried fruits and preserves.

In the arrondissement of Grasse are—Grasse, population in 1831, 7552 for the town, or 12716 for the whole commune; in 1836, 12,825 for the commune [GRASSE]; on the road from Draguignan to Antibes and Nice; La Roque on the Esteron; Venec, population 3012 for the commune; and St. Paul, in the country between the Var and the Loup; and Cannes, population 3730 for the town, or 3994 for the whole commune [CANNES]; and Antibes, population 5563 for the commune [ANTIBES], on the coast. Venec was the seat of a bishopric as early as the fourth century. The Romans called the town Vintium; in Ptolemy it is *Olivon*; it was the chief town of the Nervii. Some Roman inscriptions and other antiquities have been dug up, and are built into the wall of the court-yard of the episcopal residence. Venec is an ill-built town, but the principal street makes a pleasant promenade, being shaded by lofty elms and watered by a clear stream. The neighbourhood produces wine, oil, figs, and, in one part, oranges. St. Paul is surrounded with ancient walls: the neighbourhood produces excellent wine.

In the arrondissement of Toulon are—Toulon, population in 1831, 24,121 for the town, or 28,419 for the whole commune; in 1836, 35,322 for the commune [TOULON]; and La Seine, or Seyne, population 4756 for the town, or 6732 for the commune, on the roadside or harbour of Toulon; Solis or Solliès-le-Pont, population 2808 for the town, or 3493 for the whole commune; and Cuers, population 4001 for the town, or 5106 for the whole commune, on the road from Toulon to Fréjus; Hyères, population 8270 for the town, or 10,142 for the whole commune [HYÈRES]; and Bormes, on the road from Toulon to St. Tropez; Ollioules, population 1944 for the town, or 3132 for the whole commune, on the road from Toulon to Marseille and Paris; and La Cadière, near the coast, west of Toulon. La Seine is a well laid out and well built town, with large quays, a good port, and a small ship-building yard: it is at the western end of the inner road of Toulon, about three miles from that town. One or two government officers, connected with the management of the navy, are posted here; and the tunny and sardine fisheries are actively carried on. Solis-le-Pont is on the river Gapeau; the neighbourhood comprehends some of the best grass-lands in the department. At Cuers trade is carried on in wine, brandy, olive-oil, exsers, and figs. The orange grows in the open ground near this town, as also near Ollioules, where the pomegranate is grown, and an abundance of olives. Ollioules is at the Toulon end of a defile or pass on the Marseille and Toulon road: the townsmen trade in olive-oil, and in figs, raisins, and other dried fruits. Coal is found near La Cadière.

The population, when not otherwise described, is from the census of 1831.

The department constitutes the diocese of Fréjus, the bishop of which is a suffragan of the archbishop of Aix, Arles, and Embrun. It is in the jurisdiction of the Cour Royale and of the Académie Universitaire of Aix, and is included in the eighth military division, of which the

head-quarters are at Marseille. It sends five members to the Chamber of Deputies. In respect of education it is (at least was) one of the most backward of the French departments. Of the young men enrolled in the military census of 1828-9, only 23 in every 100 could read and write; the average of the departments being above 39 in every 100.

In the earliest historical period this part of France was occupied by a number of small tribes, Celtic or Ligurian. Along the coast, near Toulon, were the Comonsi (Κομόνοι, or Κομόνοι, Ptolemy), a name which Adrien de Valois suspects to be erroneously put for Cenomani: they inhabited the coast from Marseille to Fréjus. The Camutulci of Pliny were probably a branch of these, at any rate they occupied a portion of the same district. The coast east of Fréjus was occupied by the Oxybii, or, as Pliny writes the name, Oxubii (Ὀξύβιοι, Polybius), and Deciatæ (Δεκιάται, Polybius), or Deciatæ (Pliny), or Deciatii (Δεκιάτιοι, Ptolemy), both Ligurian tribes. The more inland parts, about Venice, were occupied by the Nersii (Νησίοι, Ptolemy), or Nerusi (Pliny); and the hilly country, north of Draguignan, by the Suetrii (Σουετρίοι, Ptolemy), or Suetri (Pliny); the valley of the Argens, about Draguignan and Brignoles, by the Suetrii (Pliny), or Selti (Peutinger Table), from whom De Valois and D'Anville suppose the name of the mountain tract l'Estèrel, near Fréjus, to be derived. More inland than these, about Verignon, a village near Anps, may be placed the Verrucini of Pliny. The north-western side of the department belonged to the Salyes (Σάλυες, Strabo and Ptolemy), or Salluvii, who were also Ligurians. Pliny mentions the Ligani as adjacent to the Oxybii; but the position of this people, mentioned by no other author, cannot be ascertained.

The islands of Hyères were known to the Greeks and Romans as the Stoechades (Στοιχάδες, Ptolemy), i.e. the arranged islands, a name indicative of their position in a line east and west: the three largest were called Prote (Πρωτα, i.e. the first, nearest to Marseille), now Porquerolles; Mese (μεση, the middlemost), or Pomponians, now Portecroix; and Hypen (Ἰψην, the last), now l'Île du Levant. Some smaller islands were included under the name Stoechades. The Sturium, Phoenix, and Phila of Pliny cannot be identified, but were probably three of the islets or rocks which are found to the east of the Stoechades.

(HYÈRES.) The islands which Strabo calls Planasia (Πλανασία) and Leron (Λέρων), and Pliny and the 'Antonine Maritime Itinerary' call Lerina, or Lirina and Lero, may be readily identified by their name and their description as near Antipolis, with the Îles Lerins, St. Honorat, and Ste. Marguerite. The Stoechades were cultivated by the Massilians, who placed a garrison there to protect them from robbers. Planasia (or Lerina) and Leron were inhabited, and the latter had a temple or place consecrated to the hero Leron, from whom we may suppose it had its name. (Strabo, lib. iv.) Pliny says that in Lerina there was a tradition or memory of a town called Vergoanum.

The river Var was known to the ancients as the Varus (Ὀφασ, Strabo), and was antiently, as now, the boundary of Gaul and Italy; the Argens was known as the Argentiæ (Ἀργέντιος, Ptolemy), or Argenteus. Polybius mentions a river Apron (Ἀπρον) in the territory of the Oxybii, possibly the Loup. Ptolemy mentions a Cape Citharistes (Κιθαριστής), which must be carefully distinguished from Port Citharista, which was more to the westward, nearer Massilia, and whose name may be traced in Ceirre, near La Ciotat. Cape Citharistes was probably Cape Scié, near Toulon. The Sinus Sumbraetianus of the 'Maritime Itinerary' of Antoninus is identified, by a deed of the middle ages, with the gulf of Grimaud.

Among the most antient towns in this part of France were the colonies of the Massilian Greeks, Olbia (a name which Anville thinks may be traced in the Port d'Eoube, east of the roadstead of Hyères), and Antipolis, now Antibes. The name of Athenopolis, not mentioned by Strabo, but placed by Pomponius Mela between Antipolis and Olbia, indicates a Greek origin, and Pliny mentions it as one of the Massilian towns. Its site is not ascertained. The name of Heraclea (distinguished from other towns so called as Heraclea Caecabaria) is also Greek: D'Anville would fix the position of it at St. Tropez, but, we think, erroneously. Polybius mentions Aegina (Ἀίγινα) as a town of the Oxybii, taken by the Romans under the consul Opimius (B.C. 154): it is probably the same place

which Strabo mentions by the name of the Oxylian port (ὁ Ὀξυλίαν λιμὲν). We are inclined to identify it with the little port or road of Agay, a few miles east of Fréjus: possibly the name Agay, which in the eighth century was written Agathon, may preserve a fragment of Aegina. D'Anville is disposed to place Aegina near Cannes, and to identify Agay with Athenopolis; but, we think, without sufficient reason.

This department was included in the early Roman province (provincia) of Gaul, the transalpine portion of which was afterwards distinguished as Narbonensis. On the subdivision of Narbonensis, the greater portion of the department was included in Narbonensis Secunda, but the eastern extremity was included in the province of Alpes Maritimæ, or the Maritimo Alps. Augustus Cæsar established a naval station at Forum Julium, or Forum Julii, now Fréjus. A century ago the name was commonly written Fréjula. Telo Martius, now Toulon, had a government 'baphum,' or dye-house, in the later period of the Western Empire. Other Roman towns may be certainly or probably identified: Vantium (Ὀκρίων, Ptolemy) with Venice; Saline (Σάλωνα, Ptolemy), a town of the Suetrii or Suetri, with Sailans in the arrondissement of Draguignan; Forum Voconii or Voconi, with Gonfaron, between Pignans and Le Luc; Matavonium, or Matavonium, with a place called Vina, a few miles east of Brignoles; Ad Turrian or Turrem, with Tourves or Turves, between Brignoles and St. Maximin; Tegukta, with a spot just on the border of the department, on the road between Aix and Brignoles; and Ad Horrea with Cannes. Forum Voconii, Matavonium, Ad Turrim, Tegukta, and Ad Horrea are mentioned in the Antonine 'Itinerary,' and some of them by other writers. Alconis, a station in the 'Maritime Itinerary,' cannot be identified with any approach to certainty. The history of the department in the middle ages is comprehended in that of Provence. (PROVENCE.)

(Malte-Brun, *Géographie*; Vayac de Villiers, *Itinéraire Descriptif de la France*; Millin, *Voyage dans le Département du Midi de la France*; D'Anville, *Notice de la Gaule Ancienne*; Bouquet, *Recueil des Historiens des Gaules et de la France*, tom. i.; *Dictionnaire Géographique Universel*.)

VARALLO. [SERIA, VAL DE.]

VARA'NIANS. [VARANIDÆ.]

VARA'NIDÆ, a family of Lizards, designated by MM. Duméril and Bibron as *Platyodon* or *Broad-backed Saurians*, and thus characterised by them:—

1. Body very much elongated, rounded, and without a dorsal crest, supported on strong legs and feet, with distinct and very long but unequal toes. Tail slightly compressed, at least twice longer than the trunk.
2. Skin furnished with enlased scales, which are tuberculous, projecting, rounded upon the head as well as upon the back and sides, always distributed in rings or circular bands, parallel under the belly and round the tail.
3. Tongue protractile, fleshy, similar to that of the serpents, that is to say, capable of elongation and of being withdrawn into a sheath, narrow, and flattened at the base, and deeply divided and separated into two points which can be divaricated as in the Ophidians.

These three principal characters, MM. Duméril and Bibron observe, suffice to distinguish the Varanians from the seven other families comprised in the order Saurians; but certain negative characters appear upon a comparison with those families confirmatory of those distinctions.

1. The *Crocodonians* have the toes on the posterior feet constantly united at their base by membranes, and some of them are always deprived of claws. Their skin is protected by scutes or scutcheons, with protecting ridges, and their belly covered with squared plates. Their tail is furnished with a double or single crest, and their tongue is adherent and not protractile. Differences occur also in the form, number, and implantation of the teeth; the disposition of the pupil; the approximation of the external orifices of the nostrils; their prolongation in the thickness of the bones of the face; the opercular bones of the ear; and the conformation of the male organ, which is always simple.

2. The *Chameleonians* have, it is true, the tongue very extensible and received into a sheath, but it is vermiform and terminated by a blunt tubercle. Their toes are not separated, but form a sort of claw or pincer, so to speak,

composed of two equal and opposable packets. Their tail is nearly of the length of the trunk; it is prehensile, recurves downwards, and serves the animal for grasping. The body is compressed and carinated; the eye very large, and furnished with only one lid, which is very much developed and circular; and there is no apparent external auditory conduit.

3. The *Geckotians* have the tongue wide, flat, and hardly notched at its free extremity; their body is stout and short; the toes are wide, flat, and nearly of equal length. The eyes are large and the lids excessively short.

4. The *Iguanians* differ especially in the structure of the tongue, which is without a sheath at its base, and has the point alone notched. They have most frequently a crest or dorsal ridge and a grotto or throat-pouch; the scales which cover their skin are partially free, and placed one on another like tiles; many have palate-teeth and the maxillary-teeth are of an entirely different form.

5. The *Lucertians* are distinguished from the *Varanians*, with which they have nevertheless very great relations: 1st, in the presence of polygonal plates which cover the head; 2ndly, in the form of the scales which cover the head and the belly, and in their tail, which is not compressed; 3rdly, in the form and disposition of the teeth, which are not set at a distance from each other, obtuse and conical, but placed on the same line, and trenchant at their summit in their antero-posterior direction.

6. The *Chalcidians* are easily distinguished at first sight by having their skin entirely covered with scales always similar to each other, regularly distributed in rings or verticalities; because their trunk is so much elongated that it often confounds itself in the origin of the tail, and because it very often offers a fold or longitudinal groove upon the sides.

7. Lastly, the *Scincoidians* differ from the *Varanians*, because they have similar scales on all the parts of the body, constantly superposed nearly as in the fishes or the tiles of a roof.

To these purely differential characters, observe MM. Duméril and Bibron, are added a great number of others drawn from form, organization, and habits, as will be demonstrated hereafter. Nevertheless it is necessary to remark that the result of this examination is that the *Varanians* differ absolutely from all the species distributed in the seven other families by evident and easily seized peculiarities, as follows:—

From the *Crocodylians* in the toes, which are all furnished with claws, and never palmed at the base; in the cutaneous tubercles, which are neither square nor furnished with projecting ridges; in the protractile tongue; the form of the teeth, the pupils, the auditory conduits, and especially in the male genital organs, which are double. From the *Chameleons*, because their tongue is forked at the point; their eyes furnished with two distinct lids, in addition to the auditory conduits; their body depressed instead of being compressed; and on account of the relative length of their tail, which is never prehensile. From the *Geckotians*, in the form and inequality of the length of the toes, the movements of the tongue, and the presence of moveable lids. From the *Iguanians* in the scales of the trunk, the absence of a dorsal crest, and the vaginal conformation of the tongue. From the *Lucertians*, in the difference of the teguments of the head and body and the form of the teeth. Finally, from the *Chalcidians* and the *Scincoids* in the non-rounded form of the trunk, the distinct origin of the tail, the structure of the tongue, and especially in the form and disposition of the scales.

SYSTEMATIC ARRANGEMENT.

Linnaeus arranged these Saurians under the great genus *Lacerta*. Daudin separated the larger portion of the species under the generic appellation of *Tupinambis*, a name which owes its origin to the following error:—Marsgrave, in his Latin 'History of Brazil,' notices a Monitor which the Brazilians called *Teju Guazu*, and the *Tupinambians* *Temapara* ('Brazilian Teju-Guazu et Temapara Tupinambis'). Madame Merian seems to have been the first who used the term *Tupinambis* thus erroneously, and she was followed by Lacépède. Thus, as MM. Duméril and Bibron observe, the name of the people was given for that of the animal, and the mistake has become the more singular, inasmuch as by a misprint, this is repeated in many works, the word has been turned into

'*Tupinambiou*, Sauve-garde d'Amérique,' the disjunctive *ou* having been united thereto.

Cuvier, the same authors remark, while he leaves this genus in the family *Lacertians*, forms from it nevertheless a first group under the denomination of 'Monitors properly so called'; but it unfortunately happens that the true *Monitor acertius*, or *Sauve-garde* of America, is now arranged in another group, because it is in fact more approximated to the lizards. [SAUVE-GARDE.]

Oppel adopted Daudin's genus *Tupinambis*, as did MM. Duméril and Bibron themselves in the *Zoologic Analytique*; but they think that with the characters which he assigned to it many species which Daudin introduced into it must be separated from it.

Merrem admitted Daudin's genus with all the species, but rejected Daudin's name, Latinizing the Arab name for the Monitor of the Nile, *Quaran* [MONSTRONS], by converting it into *Varanus*.

Fitzinger separated these Saurians into a distinct family under the name of Ameivoids, in which he placed the greater part of the true *Varanians*, the *Monitors*, the *Ameivas*, and the *Tejus* or *Sauve-gardes*, with many other genera, of which the fossil fragments only were known to him.

Mr. J. E. Gray, in his *Synopsis* (1827), arranged under his family *Varanidae* the genera *Varanus* and *Droaca* of Merrem, which lie very well characterised. No such family as the *Varanidae* appears in Mr. Gray's Table, published in the British Museum *Synopsis* (1842); but the *Monitoridae* (which are the first family of the *Leptoglossa*, the first group of his *Sauria*) consist of the genera *Psammocaurus*, *Monitor*, *Polydactylus*, *Empagurus*, and *Hydrosauros*. The *Heloderma*, with the single genus *Heloderma*, are the second family; and the *Teiidae* are the third, with the genera *Teius*, *Ctenodon*, *Acrantus*, *Ameiva*, *Aporomera*, *Cremidophorus*, *Dicrodon*, *Centropus*, *Ada*, *Crocodylus*, *Custa*, and *Callisotes*.

Mr. Swainson, in his *Natural History and Classification of Fishes, Amphibians, and Reptiles* ('Cah. Cyclop.', 1839), makes the *Lacertidae* the third family (the *Iguanidae* being the second); of his *Sources* or *Lizards* the following

Family Character.

Body long, slender, smooth, elegant, without spines on the head and back, and very rarely on the ridge of the tail; toes free; tongue lengthened, slender, deeply forked, and capable of great extension; scales of the tail and belly placed in smooth transverse parallel bands; tail, typically, very long, attenuated, and generally round.

Genera.

Hydrosauros, Sw., with the subgenera *Hydrosauros*, Wagl. (including *Polydactylus*, Wagl.); *Empagurus*, Gray; *Odatria*? Gray; *Varanus*, Fitz.

Heloderma, Wagl.

Lacerta, Linn., with the subgenera *Lacerta*, *Ameiva*, Cuv.; *Scuteira*, Fitz; *Acanthus*, Wagl.; and *Droaca*, Daud.; with a query whether the last is not the *Hydrosauros* of Wagler.

Zonurus? with the subgenus *Citigna* of Gray.

Leiolepis, Cuv.

The *Lacertidae*, in Mr. Swainson's arrangement, are immediately followed by the *Agamidae*.

Wagler had previously separated the *Varanians* in right earnest, by placing them at the end of the order *Saurians*, and very near to that of the *Ophidiids*, to which indeed they bear resemblance in the form of the bones of the cranium and face, and especially in the configuration and structure of the tongue; but, as MM. Duméril and Bibron observe, by a forced analogy drawn from this last part, he places them after the chameleons, which he arranges in a fourth family. The *Varanians* of MM. Duméril and Bibron are, according to Wagler, *Theoglossal Pleurodon Lazards*, and he divides them into four genera:—1. *Heloderma*, after Wiegmann; 2. *Hydrosauros*; 3. *Polydactylus*; and 4. *Psammocaurus*, after Fitzinger. These genera are thus characterised by Wagler:—

1. *Heloderma*. Nostrils situated on the sides of the point of the muzzle, between three great scales; skin of the back covered with tuberculous, ooseous, homogeneous plates; belly furnished with oblong, flat, squared scutiforms. One species only known. *Locality*, New Spain or Mexico.

2. *Hydrosauros*, Wagl. Nostrils internal, situated in the anterior angle of the muzzle, near its extremity; scales of

the back small and shagreened; tail annulated, compressed laterally; teeth slender, with serrated edges. *Locality of species, Asia and New Holland.*

3. *Polydactylus*, Wagl. Nostril situated between the eyes and the point of the muzzle, placed very high and immediately under the external angle of the muzzle; their orifice is elongated, oblique, and half-closed in front by the skin; the scales of the back are disposed in bands, are very close-set, oval oblong in form, projecting and humped as it were in the middle, and surrounded by a granulated border. The posterior maxillary teeth are very straight. The posterior feet are robust, straight, and entire. *Locality.*—The species are inhabitants of Africa and the East Indies.

4. *Psammognathus*, or Sand-Lizard. Nostril situated in front of the eyes, preceasing elongated oblique orifices; dorsal scales resembling those of *Polydactylus*; tail rounded, but subtriangular towards the point or free extremity.

MM. Daudin and Bibron appeal to the descriptions of species, and the synonymy as collected by them in proof of their observation that Wagler did violence to the laws usually admitted as governing natural methods, in thus distributing among four genera the seven species which he has referred to this division of the *Theconotomae*.

MM. Daudin and Bibron are of opinion that the *Varanians* are not susceptible of being divided into more than two natural genera, *Varanus* and *Heloderma*. The characters on which distinctions among the species of the first must rest—characters drawn from the conformation of the tail, the more or less advanced position of the nostrils on the sides of the muzzle, or some slight differences in the form of the teeth—do not appear to them of sufficient importance to warrant a separation of animals which resemble each other so much in other respects.

For, they observe, it must be allowed that the roundness presented by the tail of some species is far from being perfect. A certain degree of flatness always exists in that part, which is not absolutely deprived of a crest or carination more or less developed in the *Varanians* which have this terminal portion of the body compressed. If the teeth be considered, it will be found that they change their form with age, and that *Varanus Niloticus*, for example, before it has taken tuberculous, has them compressed, like those of *Varanus varius*, or some other which has been placed in a different genus. Finally, they ask whether two species can be reasonably separated methodically, because one has the nostrils situated at the end of the muzzle, and the other at an equal distance from the eye and the end of the nose; especially when there exists a third in which these nostrils are situated neither at the middle nor at the end of the sides of the muzzle, but positively between these two points?

ORGANIZATION.

The structure of the *Varanians* merits peculiar attention. Not only does their skeleton generally, and their cranium particularly, indicate the natural passage from the order of the lizards to that of the serpents, but we find in the great extinct *Saurians*, such as *Megalosaurus* and *Mosasaurus*, the closest resemblance to the comparatively diminutive *Varanians* which are now inhabitants of our globe.

Skeleton.—The bones which compose the cranium of *Varanus Niloticus* form an elongated, depressed, and blunt-pointed cone, with the frontal and parietal regions flat. The orbits are round and occupy its mesial part; the nostrils open in the palate nearly at the height of the orbits. There is only one intermaxillary bone, which holds four teeth on each side: it ascends by means of a compressed apophysis up to the middle of the nostrils to unite itself to a similar projection of the nasal bone, which is unequal, and which, enlarging at the upper part, bifurcates to unite itself to the two frontals. These last, placed between the orbits, have a lamina below, which, approximating itself reciprocally, completes the canal of the olfactory nerves. The maxillaries receive in front the enlarged part of the intermaxillary bone, which has below, behind the teeth, a projecting apophysis by which it unites itself, by means of a groove, to the vomerine bones which occupy the middle of the palate. These same maxillary bones form also the sides of the muzzle or the cheeks. The anterior frontal and the lacrymal offer nothing worthy of particular

notice; but the jugal bone is nothing more than an arched and pointed stylet, which neither reaches the posterior frontal nor the temporal, so that the orbit is incomplete as in the Grecks.

The superciliary bone, or *sursillier* of Cuvier, is a portion uniting itself to the enlarged part of the orbital border of the frontal bone, which protects the eye above, and which is found in the birds. The fronto-parietal suture is nearly straight and transversal. On the external limits of this line are articulated on the two bones the posterior frontals, which, prolonged backwards into a slender apophysis, unite obliquely to the temporal bone to form the zygomatic arch. The parietal bone is unequal, in the form of a shield enlarged anteriorly: the temporal fossae are hollowed on its sides; and behind it is forked. Towards the middle of this parietal bone is a hole which corresponds to the centre of the cranium. In the posterior notch of the parietal bone is lodged the upper occipital, which has, entirely, the form of the annular portion of a vertebra. The tympanic bone, which serves for the articulation of the jaw, is solid, nearly straight, and of prismatic form. The floor of the cranium is concave, and is hollowed on the basilar and sphenoid. The pituitary fossa is large, and separated from that of the foramen by a projecting lamina of the last-named bone. The palatines are short, and are united to the vomers, the anterior frontals, the maxillaries, the transverse, and the pterygoide; they form on each side a part of the floor of the orbit, and the pterygoideans seem to make the rest. They shut upon the lateral apophysis of the sphenoidal bone, and terminate behind in a point. On the middle of the upper part of the pterygoideans is articulated a bony rod-like process, named by Cuvier the columella.

The vomers which correspond to the middle of the palate extend from the intermaxillary to the palatine bones: they are hollowed anteriorly into a little canal.

At the anterior part of each nostril below is a bone excavated into a spoon-shape.

Some account of the teeth of the *Varanians* will be found in the article *Saurians*, and figures of the cranium and lower jaw of the Monitor of the Nile are given in the article *MONITORS*. Wagler* particularly points out, with reference to the approximation of the *Varanians* to the serpents, the manner in which the bones of the face seem to be suspended to the cranium, and are capable of movement and separation transversely up to a certain point; the incomplete circle of the orbit; and the feeble junction of the symphysis of the branches of the lower jaw.

Of the teeth we have only space to observe that they are always flattened at the root, which is lodged in the length of a furrow constituting a common alveolus or socket having no internal border. The crowns or free portions of the teeth are most ordinarily pointed and curved backwards. There are no palatal teeth.

The os hyoides is framed of slender elongated parts, of which the median or unequal part constituting its body, or the lingual bone, is shorter than the horns, four in number, two before and two behind, each formed of two articulated pieces, the anterior of which present a remarkable enlargement at the point where they move upon each other.

The spine offers many peculiarities. The region of the neck, although it consists of seven vertebrae, is overthrust more elongated in proportion than it is in the other *Saurians*, which gives a particular character to the animal. The last of these cervical vertebrae are furnished with external ribs or articulated transverse apophyses, which are not joined at the sternum. There are indeed only four ribs on each side, which are prolonged to articulate themselves, really, with it. The others, fifteen or sixteen in number, are entirely free, and sustain the abdominal parietes. It is difficult to distinguish two lumbar vertebrae: nor are there more than two pelvic or sacral, which are however remarkable for the size and solidity of their transverse apophyses. These last eminences proceed enlarging considerably in the first vertebrae of the tail, and then diminish considerably, so as to become entirely obliterated in the numerous series of caudal bones, which amount to above twenty-four in some individuals, when the tail has not been mutilated, for then the replacing pieces remain cartilaginous and hardly distinct from each other.

* *Natürliches System der Amphibien.*

The sternum is joined and strengthened by the anterior or lower bones of the shoulder. It is formed anteriorly of an elongated, single, and very solid piece, which dilates anteriorly into two lateral branches, considerably prolonged and a little curved backwards. The posterior extremity of this median bone is carried backwards so as to penetrate into a sort of cartilaginous plastron of a rhomboidal or square form, two sides of which are directed forwards to receive the clavicles, coracoid bones of Cuvier; on the posterior border the two pairs of ribs are joined; and it is on the posterior point of this rhomb that the third pair of sternal ribs abut, by a common piece.

The humerus is strong and solid. The shoulder-blade is solidly united and blended with the clavicles and the coracoid bone, and it is at the point of their union that the cavity or articular notch is formed in which the head of the humerus moves.

The pelvis offers nothing peculiar; the three pieces which form it concur in the production of the cotyloid cavity. The ilium is elongated and carried backwards, so as to articulate with the two sacral or pelvic vertebrae. The pubis and the os ischia are very much opened out, very distinct, and, as they do not join, they leave between them a considerable aperture; so that there seem to be two pubic symphyses, one before and the other behind. This great interval is filled by an aponeurotic ligament which gives attachment to the muscles of the thigh.

The bones of the fore-arm have a slight resemblance to those of birds; but this member is without the hole by which the air coming from the lungs penetrates in those oviparous animals. Neither the bones of the fore-arm nor of the feet present anything worthy of remark.

But if the bones of the fore-arm bear some resemblance to those of birds, all resemblance is lost in the thigh-bone, which, as Cuvier has remarked, bears the greatest analogy both in form and position to that of the crocodile. It articulates with both femur and tibia, and the patella works upon a median pulley. The fibula is very much widened and flattened at its tarsal extremity.

Those who would study the *mammalian structure* of the Varanians will find ample descriptions in the works of Cuvier (*Anatomie Comparée*), of Meckel, and of Carus. Their motions seem to be much the same with those of the generality of Saurians, and, as far as travellers have had an opportunity of observing, they scarcely ever climb, and consequently live neither in trees nor upon rocks. Some inhabit the sandy tracts of the warmer countries; and these have a rounded and conical tail: they are essentially terrestrial, and have sometimes been designated as terrestrial crocodiles, either on account of their general form or with reference to their size. Others frequent the banks of rivers and lakes, which they traverse by swimming, and into which they even drag their living prey, waiting together to attack it in the water and drown it.

There is nothing in the anatomy of the brain, nor in that of the organs of the senses, to call for special notice; but

The integuments have a peculiar disposition in that which is termed by the Germans, in Latinized Greek, *pholidosis*, and by the French *écailleure*, or arrangement and disposition of the scales. The whole surface of the skin in the *Varanians* is covered with non-imbriicate tubercles, most frequently arranged in transverse series; whilst those of the lower part of the body, although very nearly equal to each other, differ slightly, according to the regions which they cover. In general, they are slightly tuberculous or rounded; but with the centre more elevated than the disk, and each of them is sometimes found kernelled, as it were, by an annular series of small, very regular projecting points, whose symmetry is such as to form a sort of ornament. The *Polydordalus* of Wagler is named from this peculiarity. The lower part of the body presents transverse series which are more regular, but its small plates are flat, elongated, and nearly hexagonal. The scales that cover the cranium are not similar to those of the back, but flat: the contour of this is seen in the species which Wiegmann made known under the name of *Heloderma*. The tubercles with which the lower part of the jaw is furnished vary in their extent. The most external, those which cover the borders of the lips, are the largest, and irregularly rounded and distributed; but those of the median region form longitudinal parallel lines which decrease from the end of the jaw to the

neck. Towards the median line there seems to be a longitudinal furrow, so as to permit the divarication of the two branches of the lower jaw, as in the serpents. There is no collar or semicircle of great scales beneath and in front of the breast, as in the *Laerte*; but there is a transverse fold of the skin, and the granulations which correspond with it are much smaller. All the lower part of the body and limbs is, generally, of a paler tint, and furnished with smooth regular plates, which are described in form of a quincunx under the thighs. The upper part of the feet is covered with scales similar to those of the back, generally dotted or coloured in the same manner. The tail participates also in the distribution of the scales both above and below; but here they are generally disposed in transverse or annular bands, with this peculiarity, that the lower bands are so large that they correspond to three or four rows of the upper ones. There are no pores in the thighs, and the cloaca is a transverse slit, the anterior and posterior borders or lips of which are not covered with scales of a particular form.

The rounded, elongated toes amount to five on each foot. They are entirely distinct, and separated from their base, of unequal length, and always furnished with claws. On the fore-foot the thumb or internal toe is the shortest; nevertheless it reaches to the penultimate phalanx of the second toe. In length the external toe comes next, then the second, and, lastly, the third: but the inequality is still more remarkable in the hind-foot; for the four internal toes successively increase in length. The fourth is three times longer than the great toe, while the fifth is intermediate in length with reference to the two first, and much more free or independent in its movements. In this respect the feet of the Varanians bear the greatest analogy to those of the *Laerte*, properly so called, or *Autosaurus*.

The colour of the skin varies from black to more or less deep green, with spots which seem to depend on the tubercles, the tints of which, variously grouped, offer more or less regular designs, and represent mosaic work; so that the skin of the Varanians may be employed in the arts like shagreen. It is composed of a very solid fibrous cuticle, and the granulations of horny matter—sometimes they are even calcareous—are disseminated with the greatest symmetry.

The *nostrils*, with reference to their external orifice, vary slightly in different species; nevertheless they are always lateral, but more or less approximated to the muzzle. Their course is short; they open in the mouth by means of two longitudinal slits in the concavity of the palate, in front of the corresponding region of the floor of the orbits. The species which frequent the water have a sort of pouch or cavity, serving as the entrance of the nasal foveae; whilst in the species which are entirely terrestrial the slit is larger, more elongated, and more approximated to the orbit. It is nevertheless very probable that the nostrils and the conduits serve more for the act of respiration than the perception of odours.

The *tongue* of the Varanians presents a particular character. It is fleshy, very extensible, and can be prolonged to double the length of the head. For three-fourths of its extent its form is cylindrical, and its fourth part forms two conical points, directed of papillae, but covered with a horny, delicate, flexible epidermis; these portions can be divaricated, as if the tongue was regularly split longitudinally. There is indeed to be seen below a longitudinal furrow in the papillose and fleshy region, whence the name of *Fissilingua* applied by some authors to this group. This tongue has the power of re-entering for more than half its length into a sort of scabbard or sheath, and it is, most frequently, coloured in the part which remains out of the case, where it may be distinguished by its tint, even when the reptile does not protrude it.

The *eyes* are large, set in the median part of the head, and on the same line as the nostrils. The moveable lids are delicate, and their teguments are very finely granulated: their commissure is on a horizontal line, and is very much elongated. The lower lid is much the largest, and seems endowed with more power of motion than the upper one, which remains, almost always, lowered. In other respects the eye does not differ from that of the *Laerte*.

The *auditory conduits* are very apparent, situated very low, and, so to speak, behind the cranium. They are placed at the posterior region of the commissure of the

jaws, and have the appearance of a sort of obliquely transverse rent: they are not deep, and leave visible the tympanic membrane directed obliquely outwards, internally and backwards.

Neither the digestive nor the generative organs possess any peculiarity that would warrant the occupation of space by a detailed account of them. (Cuvier; Duméril and Bibron; Wagler, &c.)

HABITS, &c.

Next to the Crocodilians, the *Varanians* attain the greatest size of any of the Saurians; indeed Herodotus, Elian, and others regarded them as terrestrial crocodiles.

The *Varanians* are divisible into two distinct groups: the eminently terrestrial group, whose abode is far from the waters, in desert and sandy places; and the aquatic group, consisting of those which inhabit the banks of rivers and lakes.

The first have the tail entirely conical and nearly rounded, and it would appear at first sight to be useless, if not in the animal's way: but as Nature makes nothing in vain, Wagler's notion that it acts as a necessary counterpoise to the trunk is probably, so far as it goes, correct. The multitudinous bones which form the tail of the second are very well developed, particularly in their transverse processes, and offer strong points of attachment for the muscles: the upper and lower apophyses are comparatively greatly increased. Compressed throughout its entire length, this tail becomes a powerful organ of motion when the animal is in the water, particularly as it is often surmounted with a crest formed by one or two rows of flattened scales, a fit propelling oar for the body rendered buoyant by the air with which the lungs are filled.

On land the *Varanians* run with rapidity, but their motion is always serpentine, a mode of progression due to their long tail, which helps to push them forward and aids them in their leaps upon the prey which they pursue.

The food of the *Varanians* consists of animal matters, and especially large insects, such as *Blattæ*, locusts, crickets, and beetles. It is asserted that they hunt after the eggs of birds and crocodiles, and that chameleons, small tortoises, and fish have been found in their stomachs. M. Leschenault de Latour relates that they unite on the banks of rivers and lakes to attack quadrupeds which come to quench their thirst, and that he has seen them attack a young stag as he attempted to swim across a river, in order to drown him. He even declares that he found the thigh-bone of a sheep in the stomach of one which he dissected.

Such are the animals which in certain parts of their organization come nearest to the great extinct Saurians of old. If the habits ascribed to these *Varanians* bore any relation to those of the great carnivorous Saurians now swept away from the face of the earth, we should have in those annihilated giants no bad representatives of the dragons of our wildest legends.

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION.

The family of *Varanians*, as modified by MM. Duméril and Bibron, exist in all parts of the world with the exception of Europe.

America claims one only; that on which the genus *Heloderma* is founded.

In Asia there are four *Varani* properly so called; three in Africa; * and four in Oceania. Of these four, two have been observed in New Holland, one in the isles of the Papuans, and the fourth in the isle of Timor.

MM. Duméril and Bibron state that the locality of one species, *Varanus albigularis*, is unknown, but Dr. Smith obtained it in South Africa: it thus makes a fourth African species.

Genera.

VARANUS.

Generic Character.—Scales set at the side of each other in the skin, and surrounded with an annular row of very small tubercles. Back of the tail more or less truncate. A fold under the neck in front of the breast. (Dum. and Bibron.)

* But not post.



1, Head of *Varanus niloticus*; 2, dorsal scales of the same; 3, dorsal scales of *Varanus niloticus*; 4, dorsal scales of *Varanus piqueti*.

§ 1. Terrestrial Varanians.

MM. Duméril and Bibron notice but two terrestrial species, the *Terrestrial Monitor* of Egypt, *Varanus arenarius* (Dum. and Bib.), and *Varanus timoriensis* of the same authors. But Dr. Smith has since given a very accurate figure and description of *Varanus albigularis*, the species whose locality was unknown to MM. Duméril and Bibron; and the form of the tail, &c., together with Dr. Smith's account of its habits, leaves little doubt that it ought to come in this section: we shall therefore select *Varanus arenarius* and *albigularis* as examples of this section.

Varanus arenarius.

Description.—*Form*.—Head in the form of a four-sided pyramid. External apertures of the nostrils two oblique slits, situated on each side of the muzzle, a little in front of the eye. Teeth moderate, sharp, slightly compressed, and a little curved backwards; ear oval; upper part of the head paved as it were with small, flattened, many-sided scales. A circular scale, the largest of all, is situated on the vertex. The toes are perhaps proportionally rather shorter than those of the other species. Their inferior surface is furnished with small rounded tubercles surrounded by an annular row of granular scales. These tubercles are disposed in transverse rows of four or five each. The upper part of the toes is covered with oblong, quadrilateral scales, forming slightly imbricated transverse rows. Claws very long, very much compressed, pointed, and slightly curved. Tail nearly rounded for the first third of its extent, slightly flattened from right to left for the rest of its length, which is one-fourth more than that of the rest of the body, neck, and head together. If the upper part of the posterior half of the tail is occasionally surmounted with a keel formed of trihedral scales, as in many of the *Varanians*, the keel is but very little developed. The scales of all the parts of the body, except those of the upper part of the head and toes, whatever their form may be, are each surrounded with a row of small squamous grains. These scales are simply oval under the neck and the four limbs, and equally oval, but a little ridged on the upper region and sides of the body, conical on the upper part of the neck, circular on the arms, and quadrilateral oblong under the belly and on the whole extent of the tail, round which they form verticillations.

Colour.—This varies in individuals. MM. Duméril and Bibron state that the specimen brought by Geoffroy from Egypt is bright brown on the back, with some square spots of a greenish and pale yellow. Other spots, or rather transverse bands, of the same colour, are on the upper part of the tail. Two other specimens, which are less, are yellowish; but in one the colour is uniform, while in the other the yellowish colour is mingled with a brown tint, forming more than twelve transverse bands on the tail, and five only on the back, where besides there are, in the intervals between the bands, brown points, with which the upper part of the four limbs are sprinkled. On each side of the neck moreover are two brown ribands, which take their origin, one at the posterior angle of the eye, the other on the border of the ear. The claws are yellow.

Locality.—Egypt.

Habits.—According to M. Isidore Geoffroy, entirely different from those of the other *Varanians* generally, and from those of the *Varanus niloticus* in particular. Instead of frequenting the banks of the river, it lives in dry places,

a locality in unison with the conformation of the tail, whose rounded form is not proper for swimming. It is less carnivorous than the Monitor of the Nile; at least, in captivity, instead of throwing itself on its prey with avidity, it is only induced to take pieces of flesh by being crammed. (Dum. and Bibr.)

MM. Duméril and Bibron state that this is the *Ouar-el-hard* of the Arabs; the *Terrestrial Crocodile* of Herodotus; *Quarin*, Pons.; *Varanus Scincus*, Merr.; *Psemmosaurus griseus* of Fitzinger; *Tupinambis arenarius*, Laid., Geoff.; *Le Monitor terrestre d'Egypte*, Cuv.; *Tupinambis griseus*, Daud.; *Psemmosaurus scincus*, Wagl.; *Tupinambis arenarius*, Bor., de St. Vinc.; *The Land Monitor of Egypt*, Griff.; *Monitor scincus*, Gray; *Varanus terrestris*, Schinz.

It is very probable that this is the Scink of the Antients.

Varanus albigularis.

Description.—*Colour*.—Head and neck intermediate between gamboge and ochre yellow, the former and the sides and back of the neck finely freckled by small black spots; from the outer corner of each eye a brown stripe extends along the neck, and terminates on the back immediately behind the base of the fore-leg, where it is much broader than at its commencement: this stripe is generally darkest at its edge and lightest along its centre: between the termination of these stripes there are in most specimens two large brown blotches separated from each other by a yellowish line. Back brown, crossed by three or four ochre yellow bands, which are either in the form of continuous stripes or interrupted blotches, and is besides variegated by smaller spots or waved narrow stripes of the same colour; the larger bands and blotches sprinkled with small brown spots. The sides ochre yellow with small brown spots and vertical stripes, the latter continued from the brown of the back; belly the same colour as the sides, with a sprinkling of small brown spots. Tail beneath ochre yellow; above and on the sides marked by alternate brown and yellow bands, the former spotted with yellow, the latter with brown. Outer surface of the anterior extremities ochre yellow spotted with brown; the posterior extremities dark brown spotted with ochre yellow; toes the latter colour with some indistinct brownish bars; nails dark horn-coloured.

Form.—Head rather small; neck and body robust, and rather flattened; limbs thick and strong. The head is quadrangular, rather short, broad behind, and tapered towards the nose; nostrils oblique, linear, and situated near to the eyes; teeth somewhat cylindrical and strong; obtuse in some specimens, pointed in others; external ear transverse and narrow; tail somewhat cylindrical towards the base, the remainder compressed above and surmounted by a distinct serrated carina with a slight channel along its upper surface; towards the tip of the tail this carina disappears. Upper surface of the head covered by flat, somewhat circular scales, rather small, particularly over the eyes; lips and temples covered with small scales, on the former oval, on the latter circular. On the nape and upper part of the neck the scales of a larger size than on any other part of the animal, more raised, and with the granulations surrounding the disks very distinct. On the back and sides the scales are disposed in waved transverse bands, and only differ from those on the neck in being of smaller size and less convex: on the tail they are arranged in regular rings; towards its base oval, and more or less completely margined by granulations; towards the tip oblong, subcarinated, and almost without any edging. On the chin, throat, and sides of the neck the scales are small and oval; on the breast somewhat circular; on the belly oval in transverse rows, only margined behind by granulations; on the inner sides again they are smaller and nearly circular. The inner toe of hind foot very short and robust; the outer one much removed from the rest; on the fore-foot the inner toe is shorter than any of the others, but longer than the corresponding one of the hinder foot.

Such is Dr. Smith's description of the male, from which, he says, the female differs but little in external appearance. The length of the specimen from which the description was taken was two feet eight inches from tip of nose to end of tail; but he adds that specimens are occasionally obtained which measure between four and five feet.

This species is the *Tupinambis gularis* of Daudin; *Varanus ornatus*, Merr.; *Tupinambis albigularis*, Kuhl; *Polydactylus albigularis*, Wagl., and *Monitor albigularis* of Gray.

Locality and Habits.—Dr. Smith did not obtain any specimens of *V. albigularis* south of Latnook, but there is, he says, reason to believe that it occasionally occurs within the limits of the Cape Colony; and he adds that it is in all probability the animal which is called *das Adder* by the colonists, and which is so much dreaded from the supposition that it is extremely venomous. 'It is usually,' continues Dr. Smith, 'discovered in rocky precipices, or on low stony hills, and when surprised seeks concealment in the chinks of the former, or in the irregular cavities of the latter; and when any irregularities exist upon the surface of the rocks or stones, it clings them so firmly with its toes, that it becomes a task of no small difficulty to dislodge it, even though it can be easily reached. Under such circumstances the strength of no one man is able to withdraw a full-grown individual; and I have seen two persons required to pull a specimen out of a position it had attained, even with the assistance of a rope fixed in front of its hinder legs. The moment it was dislodged it flew with fury at its enemies, who by flight only saved themselves from being bitten. After it was killed it was discovered that the points of all the nails had been broken previously, or at the moment it lost its hold. It feeds upon frogs, crabs, and small quadrupeds; and from its partiality to the two former, it is often found among rocks near to springs or running streams; which fact having been observed by the natives, has led them to regard it as sacred, and not to be injured without danger of drought.' (*Illustrations of the Zoology of South Africa*.)



Varanus albigularis. (Smith.)

AQUATIC VARANIDS.

For an account of *Varanus Niloticus*, see the article MONITORS.

Varanus Bellii.

Description.—*Form*.—Head very much elongated, resembling a four-sided pyramid. Teeth long, slender, compressed, pointed, slightly curved, and very finely denticulated on their edges, twenty-four in each jaw. External apertures of the nostrils two rounded holes on each side of the muzzle, near its extremity. Flattened polygonal plates in juxtaposition cover the entire surface of the head. They are of two sizes: the less dilated ones are on the supra-orbital regions and on the sides of the cranium: the more dilated ones cover the middle of the vertex, the inter-ocular space and the upper part of the muzzle, the sides of which have nearly the same sort of scaly covering. The temples are protected by a pavement of small circular scales. On the nape are oval tubercles, each surrounded with a granular circle, as are all the scales of the other parts of the body, those of the head and the upper part of the toes excepted. Though very much elongated, the toes are robust and armed with large crooked claws, which are sharp and very much compressed. On their inferior surface are transverse rows of square groups, each composed of twenty small granular tubercles. Their upper surface is protected by smooth, quadrilateral, oblong scales, forming transverse rows slightly imbricated. The tail is more than half the total length of the animal. It begins to put on a flattened form from right to left towards the second third of its extent; but the double scaly carina which surmounts it shows itself at a previous point. Groups of small granular tubercles, like those of the under part of the toes, pro-

teet the palms and soles of the feet. Oval and slightly convex scales cover the lower regions of the neck and limbs; there are quadrilateral and flat ones above the wrists, and very narrow and strongly carinated oval ones on the neck, the back, and the four limbs. The pectoral scales are oval and smooth, those of the abdomen and the tail are quadrangular, oblong, and with a longitudinal carina.

Colour.—Two very different tints: one deep black, the other pale yellow or whitish. The first colours all the lower parts, and shows itself on the upper parts in nearly as great proportion as the second. On the top of the head it forms five rounded spots, placed in the same manner as the five points of a die; behind these is a sixth spot on the middle of the posterior region of the cranium; there is a seventh sufficiently dilated to cover a portion of the occiput; it forms a crescent on the nape. In front of the shoulder the yellow colour dotted with black represents a horse-shoe, whose branches extend to the right and left along the neck. It shows itself, but always dotted with black on all the other parts of the animal, under the form of large transverse bands alternating with other bands of fine black, of which colour the claws are.

Locality.—New Holland



Varanus bellii.

Heloderma. (Wieg.)

Generic Character.—Scales or tubercles of the body simple or not surrounded with small squamous grains. Tail rounded. The fifth toe of the posterior feet inserted on the same line with the other four. (Dum. and Bibr.)

The *Heloderma* have not the scales or tubercles with which they are covered surrounded by small squamous grains like the *Varana*. The five toes of each of the posterior feet of the *Helodermata* are inserted on the same transversal line, whereas in the *Varani* the fifth is attached to the tarsus, farther back than the others. The teeth differ too, from those of the *Varana*, for they are not compressed. The tail of the *Heloderma* is rounded throughout its extent.



Head of *Heloderma*.

Example, *Heloderma horridum*.

Description.—**Form.**—The teeth of this species are slender, nearly straight, very much pointed and hollowed into a deep channel. The head is in shape a tetrahedral pyramid; it is flattened, and obtusely rounded at its anterior extremity, on each side of which are the nostrils; these last are nearly oval and circumscribed by three plates. The upper part of the nose is furnished with four

scutules, the first of which are pentagons narrowed backwards, and the second straight rhombs. There are twenty upper labial scutules. The surface of the head, comprising the front, the vertex, and the occiput, is rough with large plates, or rather great osseous tubercles, whose contour, although many-sided, tends to a circular figure. These tubercles are disposed in annular rows, fitting one into the other. There are also tubercles, but of a conical form, which cover the surface of the back, where they are arranged in transverse lines. Small flat and smooth scales occupy the breast and abdominal region. On the anterior region of the one, they are rounded and disposed in order; whilst, more backward and on the entire surface of the other, they are of a triangular form and in transverse rows.

The four limbs are nearly of the same length. The arms are covered with osseous plates which are convex and nearly polygonal, and on the fore-arms are great flat circular scales. The anterior toes are not very unequal. The middle toe is the longest; then come the second and the fourth, which are a little shorter than the two external ones. The third and fourth hind-toes, whose length is the same, are the longest, and the fifth is the smallest. The external surface of the thighs and legs is protected by hemispherical tubercles and their internal surface by great subrounded and flat scales. All the toes are covered with nearly semilunar scutules, dilated across. The claws are curved, compressed, and very sharp.

The tail is rounded and nearly equals the trunk in length: its verticillations are composed, above, of large tubercles, and below, of flat, quadrangular scales.

Colour.—Black-brown above, passing into pale brown on the lower parts. Head uniform in colour. The neck and back present rusty red spots, sprinkled with yellowish or whitish points. Belly washed with yellow on a brown ground. The black-brown of the back shows itself also on the tail, which is annulated with reddish.

Locality.—Mexico, where there is an erroneous but general belief that the bite of this species is fatal.



Heloderma horridum.

Here, according to promise, we proceed to give some account of the *Lacertidae*, as far as our space will permit.

The *Lacertinae*, in Mr. J. E. Gray's arrangement, come immediately after the *Tridae*, and are followed by the *Zonuridae*.

Mr. Gray's *Lacertinae* consist of the genera *Zootoca*, *Lacerta*, *Teira*, *Eremias*, *Acanthodactylus*, *Sceloporus*,

Merole, Mesulina, Calrita, Algira, Psammodromus, Ophiops, and Calosaurus.

We must here confine ourselves to the genera *Lucerta* and *Zootoca* as examples.

Lucerta. Linn.

Generic Character.—Throat with a distinct collar. Nostrils situated towards the outer and inferior margin of the nasal scuta. An osseous superorbital lamina. Temples covered with scuta. Scales of the back, orbiculate-polygonal, slightly carinated. Palate toothed. (Bell.)



Head of *Lucerta*, seen from above. (Bell.)

Mr. Bell remarks, that the external parts from which the artificial characters of the present group are founded are principally the plates covering the head, as above delineated, common to the whole subfamily *Lucertina*, the scales of the collar, the pre-anal scale, those in which the femoral pores are placed, the abdominal plates, and those of the back and tail. The abdomen is covered by broad plates applied to each other at the margins, and arranged in longitudinal rows. There is a distinct collar of overlapping scales longer than those which cover the throat and detached from those which cover the breast. Scales of the back and sides small and imbricated. Those of the tail arranged in distinct and even whorls, elongated and narrow, and becoming more so towards the end of the tail. Femoral pores.

Some account of the teeth of this group will be found in the article *SAURIANA*. Mr. Bell observes, that in addition to the teeth which are placed in the margins of the upper and lower jaws, there are also a few very minute ones on the back part of the palate, which may be readily felt by a pin or the point of a penknife. He further remarks that the existence or absence of these palatine teeth would perhaps scarcely be admissible alone as a generic distinction; but when combined with others, and associated also with a marked difference of habit, it may be admitted as a valuable, because it is a tangible and permanent character; and he has accordingly employed it as one of the means of generic distinction between the two English Lizards.

Example, *Lucerta agilis*.

Great confusion has existed touching the identity of this beautiful English species, arising from the application of the term *agilis* by naturalists to the common lizard of their several countries. This has not escaped the acute observation of the Prince of Canino and Musignano, whose searching diligence and well-employed experience have given him a knowledge of the *Vertebrata* of Europe surpassed by no living zoologist. He first cleared away the mists that hung over this species; and in his *Fauna Italica* clearly defined the true *Lucerta agilis*, or *Lucerta di Linnæus*.

Mr. Bell, in his elegant work on *British Reptiles*, follows out the inquiry with great learning and industry, and as his authority on the subject of English Reptiles stands as high as that of the Prince with reference to European *Reptilia* generally, we shall take our descriptions from his pen.

Description.—Mr. Bell describes this species as varying exceedingly in colour and marking. 'The most common colour of the upper parts is a sandy-brown, with obscure longitudinal fuscæ of a darker brown, and a lateral series of black rounded spots, each marked with a yellowish white dot or line in the centre. There is often in this most common variety more or less of green on the sides.'

'Another variety is that to which I have before alluded, in which the upper parts are more or less of a green hue. In some this colour is brighter and lighter than in others, but the usual colour is a rather dull brownish-green. Not only is it very probable that the passages which I have quoted from Linnæus and Müller indicate this variety, but I cannot help believing that all the accounts we have on

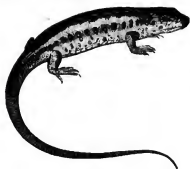
record of the supposed occurrence of the Green Lizard, *L. viridis*, in Ireland and in England, are to be referred to individuals of the same variety of our present species, which were probably of unusually vivid hues, and observed under all the advantages of a bright sunshine. Such may doubtless be the explanation of the "beautiful green *Lucerta*" seen by Gilbert White "on the sunny banks near Farnham." The Prince of Musignano, in his *Fauna Italica*, figures a variety with the whole of the back of a dull black-red colour. The under side is usually of a whitish or greyish colour, varied with light green towards the sides, about the collar, and under the tail, and a few black dots scattered about those parts.

In its general form this lizard is much thicker and less gracile than the more common species. The head is rather more obtuse, the body more rounded, and the limbs stronger and shorter. The relative proportions of the tail and the body vary exceedingly in different individuals. As a general rule, it may be stated that the length of the head and body together is to that of the tail as three to four nearly; but in one specimen in my collection the proportions are nearly equal; and in that which is figured above (p. 28 of Mr. Bell's work) the tail is even considerably shorter than the head and body, but this may have occurred from the mutilation and reproduction of the part. The legs are so short, that when the posterior ones are brought forwards, and the anterior placed backwards parallel to the sides of the body, the hinder toes do not extend farther than to the wrist of the anterior ones, in which respect it differs remarkably from the other species. In this, as in others, however, the abdomen of the female is proportionally larger than that of the male. The third and fourth toe of the fore-foot are nearly of equal length; Mr. Jenyns says the former is the longer, but in some specimens the reverse is the case. The plates of the head are similar in their general form and proportions to those of most others of the genus. The nostrils are placed near the outer or inferior margin of the nasal plates, and nearly half-way between the anterior and posterior margins. The frontal plate is elongate pentagonal; the anterior angle obtuse; the lateral margins parallel, but slightly contracted about the middle; the interparietal pentagonal, and with a depressed point in the centre; the occipital very small. The upper eyelid with a series of very minute scales, and the whole surface of the lower covered by similar ones; the space between the eye and the auditory passage covered with plates, of which the two superior, lying immediately under the parietal, are much the largest. The scales of the upper parts of the body are round or polygonal, and slightly, though distinctly, carinated. The abdominal plates in six rows, the middle series narrower than the adjoining ones. Pre-anal plate single, of a broad pentagonal form; the anterior margin bordered by four pairs of plates. Femoral pores varying in number from eight to fifteen on each side. In the specimen figured at page 28, there are eight on one side and nine on the other. The pores are in this species placed in flat triangular scales, whilst in *Zootoca vivipara* the scales are so round and small as almost to form tubes. The tail is covered with numerous distinct whorls, according to Dugès, from fifty to eighty, of elongated scales, which are longer, narrower, and more distinctly carinated towards the extremity. The number of whorls varies considerably in different individuals.' Total length of one of moderate size, 7 inches 2 lines.

Locality and Habits.—North of Europe, as high as Sweden and Denmark; rare so far south as Italy. Common in the north of France and Central Europe. England, near Poole.

Mr. Bell states that *L. agilis* is more timid, and far less easily rendered familiar, than the beautiful green lizard (*L. viridis*) of Guernsey and the south of Europe. 'This latter species,' says Mr. Bell, 'may be readily tamed, and taught to come to the hand for its food, and to drink from the hollow of the palm of any one to whom it is accustomed. It will lie coiled up between the two hands, enjoying the warmth, and not offering to escape. But it is very different with the present species, which appears not to be susceptible of any such attachment. It will indeed attempt to bite any one who handles it, which I have never known to occur with the *L. viridis*. When in confinement it ceases to feed, conceals itself with extreme timidity when approached, and ultimately pines and dies.'

The number of eggs laid by the female is from twelve to fourteen, in hollows excavated by her for a nest. She covers them with sand, and leaves them to the rays of the sun. Mr. Bell is of opinion that the eggs are deposited a considerable time before they are hatched. He does not think that this species ever brings forth its young alive.



Lacerta agilis.
Zootoca. Wagl.

Generic Character.—Nostrils, collar, superorbital lamina, as in the genus *Lacerta*. Temples covered with adpressed scales. Scales of the back elongated and hexagonal. Palate toothless. (Bell.)

Description.—Smaller and more slender than *L. agilis*, with the head more depressed, rather narrower, and the muzzle sharper. Plates of the head, in size and arrangement, without much difference, with the exception of those of the temples, which are smaller and more numerous in *Zootoca* than in *L. agilis*. Collar of nine plates, nearly equal; six rows of abdominal plates, the middle and outer ones narrower than the intermediate. Dorsal scales narrower, more angular, and with a less distinct carina than in *L. agilis*; but the caudal scales nearly similar. Feet more slender, and toes longer in proportion. Femoral pores nine or ten generally, placed in scales, which differ much from the corresponding ones in *L. agilis*.

The colour and markings vary considerably. The upper parts are generally greenish-brown, and a dark brown line, not unfrequently interrupted, runs down the middle of the back. Parallel with this there is on each side a broad band from behind the eyes to a greater or less distance down the tail. Between these and the central streak one or more rows of black dots are often seen, and in some such dots are found in the broad side-streak itself. The male has the under side of the body and base of his tail bright orange, spotted with black: in the female those parts and the tail are spotless greyish-green. Total length generally from five inches and a half to six inches and a half.

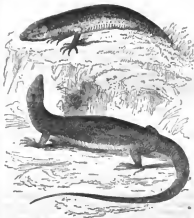
Locality and Habits.—This agile and pretty little creature, says Mr. Bell, 'is the common inhabitant of almost all our heaths and banks in most of the districts of England, and extending even into Scotland: it is also one of the few reptiles found in Ireland. On the Continent its range does not appear to be very extensive: it is not found in Italy, nor, I believe, in France, and is very probably confined in a great measure to our own latitude. Its movements are beautiful, graceful, as well as rapid: it comes out of its hiding-place during the warm parts of the day, from the early spring till autumn has far advanced, basking in the sun, and turning its head with a sudden motion the instant that an insect comes within its view, and, darting like lightning upon its prey, it seizes it with its little sharp teeth and speedily swallows it. Thus it will often take a great number of the smaller insects, preferring those of the dipterous order, though it will not refuse many of the coleoptera or orthoptera, if they be not too large.'

Instead of depositing her eggs in the sand to be hatched by the warmth of the sun, as is the case with the former, P. C. No. 1633.

the female of the present species retains the eggs within the oviduct until the young are ready to leave them, and they are produced alive. As in all the ovo-viviparous reptiles, the covering of the egg is very thin, and merely membranous. In this respect they differ from those which deposit their eggs before the embryo is formed. In the latter case a more efficient protection is necessary, and the covering is either calcareous, as in the tortoises and crocodiles, or of a substance resembling parchment, as those of the snakes and most lizards. In the viper, which also produces its young alive, the covering, as in the present animal, is extremely thin, and very easily torn; and there is reason to believe that the laceration of this membrane and the emanation of the young take place in, and are occasioned by, the very act of parturition.

As the young ones are occasionally found with the mother, there is some reason to believe that these little animals are not wholly devoid of the instinct of parental care and tendence; but it is scarcely probable that the exercise of this feeling is ever very powerful, or that it endures for any considerable period. The young when brought forth are fully formed, and capable of running about, and, very shortly afterwards, of taking their own food. The usual number is from three to six.

Although I have alluded to the sun's influence as being the means of hastening the evolution of the embryo in the oviparous reptiles, it is not to be concluded that the same source of warmth is unnecessary in the present and similar instances. The only difference is, that in the ovo-viviparous species the solar heat is communicated to the embryo through the medium of the mother; and hence we often see the pregnant female about the month of June constantly basking in the sun, and lying in such a position as to expose the body most fully to its influence. Every one who has watched the habits of our native reptiles, must have seen the same circumstance in the gravid female of the Common Viper; and may have observed how much more reluctantly and tardily she leaves the genial spot than the male.



Zootoca vivipara.

The following preparations in the *Physiological Series* of the Museum of the College of Surgeons are illustrative of the organization of *Lacerta agilis*:—Nos. 445, 655, 2210, 2212, 2213, 2214, 2215, 2216, 2218, 2219, 2221, 2222, 2431, 3348, 3349, 3350.

Fossil Varanidae?

Many of the extinct carnivorous Saurians, such as *Groenlandia*, *Megalosaurus*, *Momiasaurus*, and others, come so near in many points of their organization to the *Varanidae* now in existence, that it almost becomes a question whether they might not be classed as belonging to that family. Indeed MM. Dumeril and Bibron arrange them

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without a query under the title of *Fossil Varanians*. We should however remember, that great undoubtedly as the resemblance is, in the teeth especially, between those fossils and the living Varans, there are other and erocodilian elements in the organization of the former, which make it hardly justifiable to include those ancient terrestrial and aquatic dragons under the family *Varanidae*.

Here may be, perhaps, most aptly placed, with the reservation however above alluded to, Professor Owen's *Baphosaurus*.

This new genus was introduced in a paper read before the Geological Society of London, and published in the sixth volume of the Transactions of that Society with the following title: '*Description of the Vertebral Column of a small Lacertine Saurian from the Chalk.*'

The specimen consisted of a chain of small vertebrae in their natural relative position. The bodies of these vertebrae are united by ball-and-socket joints, the socket being on the anterior, and the ball on the posterior part of the vertebra; and they were proved to belong to the Saurian class of Reptiles by the presence of many long and slender ribs, and by the conversion of two vertebrae through the length and strength of their transverse processes into a sacrum. Remains of an ischium and pubis were connected with the left side of the sacrum, proving that the reptile had hinder extremities as well developed as they are in the generality of Saurians: no trace however of either anterior or posterior extremities nor of hind existed. The specimen is in the rich collection of Sir Philip de Malpas Grey Egerton, Bart.

'With this evidence of the primary group of reptiles to which the fossil belongs, there next remained to be determined,' says Professor Owen, 'to which division of Saurians having ball-and-socket vertebral joints it was to be referred. In the Crocodilian or Loricata group the transverse costigerous processes are elongated, the posterior ribs are exclusively attached to these processes, and three, four, or five of the vertebrae which precede the sacrum are ribless, and consequently reckoned as lumbar vertebrae: in the Lacertine Saurians there are never more than two lumbar vertebrae, and all the ribs are supported on short convex processes or tubercles.

'In the present fossil each rib is articulated by a single head to a short process of this kind, and they are attached to all the vertebrae, except the one immediately preceding the sacrum: these characters, with the slenderness and uniform length of the ribs, and the degree of convexity in the articular ball of the vertebrae, prove incontestably that the fossil is part of a Saurian appertaining to the inferior or Lacertine group.

'The costal tubercles are developed, as in other Lacertines, from the sides of the anterior part of the body of the vertebrae; the under surface of the vertebra is smooth, concave in the axis of the body, and convex transversely.

'As there are twenty-one costal vertebrae anterior to the sacrum, including the single lumbar, the fossil cannot be referred to the genera *Stellio*, *Agama*, *Leiolepis*, *Lyriocephalus*, *Basiliscus*, *Anolis*, or *Chamaeleon*; but a comparison may be instituted between it and the *Monitors*, *Iguanas*, and *Scinks*. In the absence of cranium, teeth, and extremities, any closer approximation of the fossil to existing forms would be hazardous, and too conjectural to yield any good scientific results.'

Professor Owen then observes, that if the portions of the lower jaw of a Lacertian from the lower chalk near Cambridge should be of the same species, as it agrees in size with that above described from the same formation in Kent, there would then be no doubt that the chalk Lacertian is generically distinct from any known existing lizard. It contains twenty-two close-set awl-shaped teeth, anchored by their bases to an outer alveolar parietal bone.



Side view of portion of lower jaw of Lacertine reptile from the lower chalk near Cambridge.

VARANUS. {MONITOR; VARANIDÆ.}

VARCHI. {BACONI.}

VARCHI, BENEDETTO, born at Florence in 1502, was sent by his father, who was an advocate, to Pisa to study law; but at his father's death he gave up the law, for which he had no taste, and applied himself wholly to literature. At the time of the fall of the Florentine republic, Varchi, who belonged to the losing party, emigrated to Padua and Bologna, where he became intimate with Bembo and other learned men. Some years after, Cosmo I., being firmly established on the dual throne of Florence, recalled Varchi, and appointed him one of the directors of the new Florentine Academy, which he instituted for the purpose of cultivating the Tuscan language and illustrating its standard writers. The academy frittered away much time in pedantic and interminable disputes about mere words, but it brought forth also some useful works, among which was the 'Ercolano' of Varchi, a disquisition, in the form of dialogue, on language in general, and more particularly on the Tuscan language. Varchi maintained that the Tuscan or Italian language, which he, through an excess of nationality, calls Florentine, was suited to any branch of literature and to every style of writing, and capable of expressing all kinds of sentiments and conceptions, however varied. This he laboured to prove by translations from the Latin. He published translations of Seneca, 'De Beneficiis,' and of Boethius, 'De Consolatione.' He wrote commentaries on Dante and Petrarch, and also sonnets and other short poems. But the principal production of Varchi is the 'Storia Fiorentina,' from the year 1327 to 1538, an important period, which embraces the last struggle and fall of the republic, the tyrannical and dissolute rule of Alessandro de' Medici, which ended with his assassination, the elevation of Cosmo to the dual throne, and the subsequent inroad of Filippo Strozzi and his band of malcontents, which ended in the defeat at Montemurlo and the death of the leaders. Varchi wrote it at the desire of Cosmo, and he has been charged with partiality towards his patron. This partiality however was probably a matter of feeling and habit, and not a servile affectation. Besides, Duke Cosmo was certainly a very superior man. Placed when a mere youth in a very critical position, and in times of universal corruption, he proved himself stern and even cruel towards his enemies; but he effected also much good, and strove to heal some of the wounds inflicted by the wars, revolutions, anarchy, and misgovernment of nearly half a century. That his public character has been represented as worse than it was by the reports of his enemies, is an opinion entertained by several reflecting and dispassionate writers. Varchi's narrative is very diffuse, and his language abounds with popular Florentine forms of speech, which are perhaps too colloquial for the gravity of history. His work was not published for a long time after his death; yet parts of it transpired in his lifetime, and drew upon him the vengeance of powerful persons whom he had exposed. One night he was attacked and stabbed in several parts of his body. He however recovered, and although the guilty parties remained unknown or unpunished, Duke Cosmo endeavoured to compensate him for the injury he had received by making him a gift of his pretty country-seat called 'La Topaja,' and of the clerical benefice of Montevarchi. Pope Paul III. invited him to Rome, but Varchi declined the offer. He died of apoplexy in 1565.

Not many years since a small critical work of Varchi was discovered in MS. in the Magliabechi Library at Florence, and published under the title of 'Errori di Paolo Giovinella Storia,' Florence, 1821.

(Corniani, *I Secoli della Letteratura Italiana*; Tiraboschi, *Storia della Letteratura Italiana*.)

VARENUS, BERNHARDUS, author of a treatise on systematic geography, of which Newton, when Lucasian professor of mathematics at Cambridge, published an edition for the use of his students, was a native of Ulten in the territory of Lüneburg, now part of the kingdom of Hanover. The materials for a Life of Varenus are lamentably meagre. Nothing appears to be known of his parentage, the time of his birth, or the events of his boyhood. The library of the British Museum contains a copy of a Thesis on Aristotle's definition of motion, printed at Hamburg in 1642, which Varenus undertakes to defend, on the 16th of November, in a public disputation under the presidency of his tutor Joachum Junge, rector and pro-

fessor of physics and (pro tempore) of logic in the gymnasium of Hamburg. The thesis is dedicated to Albert von Eitzen, burgo-master of Hamburg; Conrad Meyer, archdeacon of Celle; Jodocus Capelle, preacher in the St. Catherine's Church at Hamburg; and Ernst Schele, treasurer to the duke of Lüneburg and Brunswick. The author calls his thesis 'Museum Philosophicarum Primitiæ.' The library of the British Museum also contains a copy of a medical thesis 'De Febri in genere,' printed at Leyden in 1649, which 'Bernhardus Varenius, Ultz-Lüneburgensis,' undertakes to maintain in public disputation on the 22nd of June as part of his trials previous to receiving the degree of doctor of medicine. This 'inaugural thesis' is dedicated by the author to the burgo-masters and senators of Lüneburg. Varenius's 'Description of Japan' was published at Amsterdam in 1649; it is dedicated to the burgo-masters and senators of Hamburg, and the date of the dedication is Amsterdam, the calends (1st) of July, about a week after he had taken his degree. He assigns as the reason for dedicating his book to the magistrates of Hamburg, his having learned the first elements of philosophy, mathematics, and physics in the gymnasium of that city. In the preface addressed to the reader he mentions that after he had finished his medical studies he was for a time deterred from entering upon practice by the small prospect he had of obtaining employment; and that in this state of mind he had devoted himself to the study of philosophy and the mathematical sciences. During this interval he had composed a treatise on 'Conio Sections,' but had been unable to find a publisher for a work so remote from popular interest. At last an opening had presented itself for entering into medical practice, offering only a slender prospect of remuneration at first, but on the other hand ample opportunities of acquiring practical knowledge. He had resolved, he proceeds, to embrace this opportunity, and to restrict his inquiries in future to medicine, and to geometry and physics, which he esteemed important auxiliary studies. He thus leaves it to be inferred that the publication of his account of Japan, which he describes as an amusement of his leisure hours, an attempt to present in a systematic form and in the Latin language a compendious view of the information respecting that empire contained in Dutch and Portuguese authors, was his farewell to general literature. The 'Systematic Geography' ('Geographia Generalis') of Varenius was originally published at Amsterdam, in 1650. In the dedication of this work to the senators of Amsterdam, the author alludes to his account of Japan, published the year before, and states as his reason for dedicating the book to them, that he had found in their city an asylum and the means of pursuing his studies when obliged to fly from his native country, laid waste by the ravages of war. He intimates his intention, if the Geography is favourably received, to follow it up by a work on the food and drink of various nations, and on the different kinds of medicines in use among them. These incidental notices in the dedications and prefaces of the works we have mentioned appear to establish the identity of their author, and supply a faint outline of his history from 1642 to 1650. Of the subsequent history of Varenius we have found no trace, except that Chalmers asserts, on what authority we have been unable to discover, that he died in 1680. Jöcher mentions a Henricus Varenius, a native of Hervord in Westphalia, who was at one time chaplain to Duke Augustus of Brunswick-Lüneburg, and died pastor and superintendent of the church at Ulzen in 1636: this may have been a relation (father?) of Bernhardus Varenius. The description of Japan ('Descriptio Regni Japoniæ') is, as has been noticed above, a mere compilation. It was the last of a series of similar monographs of actually existing states published by the Elzevirs. Prefixed is a dissertation on what constitutes a state; a list of the states into which the world was divided at the time of publication; and a catalogue of the authorities consulted for the account of Japan. An appendix contains a notice of the Dairi of Japan, and some information respecting Siam and Persia. Annexed is an account of the religion of the Japanese, and a narrative of the introduction into and suppression of Christianity in Japan, dedicated to Christina, queen of Sweden. Lastly, there is a short view of all religions. The 'Geographia Generalis' is divided into three books. The author treats in the first and second of general

or universal geography; in the third, of special or particular geography. The contents of the first book he calls 'Absolute Geography,' including under this designation all that relates to the form, dimensions, or motion of the world, the general properties of the land, the seas, rivers, &c. The second book is devoted to what he terms 'Relative Geography,' and in this is comprehended everything relating to climates, seasons, the difference of apparent time at different places, the lengths of days in different latitudes, temperature, &c. In the third book, 'Comparative Geography' (by which Varenius means the relative positions of places), after some remarks upon the longitude, the construction of globes and maps, measurements of distances, and the sensible and visible horizons, six chapters are devoted to an exposition of the theory and practice of navigation. The work is the first attempt at a system of physical geography: it is characterised by precision, good arrangement, and lucid expression. The author has evidently had extensive acquirements in mathematics, and wider and more scientific views in natural history than prevailed for well nigh a century after his book was published. Newton's editions of the 'Geographia Generalis' (1672 and 1681) contain important improvements in the mathematical theory and corrections of the tables of latitudes and longitudes. Jurin, a fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, at the suggestion of Bentley, published a new edition with an appendix, containing the most recent discoveries, in 1712. An English translation of Jurin's edition by Dugdale, revised by Shaw, was published in London the second edition of this translation is dated 1736. The contents of Jurin's appendix are introduced into the body of the work; and the geographical nomenclature and positions are adapted to the best English maps. A French translation from this English edition, by Depuisieux, was published at Paris in 1755. The publication of Varenius's 'Geographia Generalis' marks an epoch in the history of geography.

(Varenius, *De Definitione motus Aristotelici*, Hamburgi, 1642; *De Febri in genere*, Lugduni Batavorum, 1649; *Descriptio Regni Japoniæ*, Amstelodemi, 1649; *Geographia Generalis*, Cantabrigiæ, 1681; *Id. Angl.*, by Dugdale, London, 1736; *Id. Gall.*, par Depuisieux, Paris, 1755; *Philosophical Transactions*, vol. vii.; *Eloy, Dictionnaire Historique de la Médecine*; *Jöcher, Allgemeines Gelehrten Lexicon*; *Chalmers's Biographical Dictionary*; *Biographie Universelle*.)

VARESE, [Cosco.]

VARGAS, LUIS DE, a distinguished Spanish painter of the sixteenth century, born at Seville in 1502. He was the first who established a correct and grand style of design in oil and in fresco painting in Andalusia, where, until his time, the Gothic taste prevailed generally. He exhibited a disposition to excel in design at a very early age, and his natural taste disapproving of the style of the artists of his own country, he determined upon visiting Italy and studying the works of the great masters of that country. He accordingly, in 1527, went to Rome, and is said to have become a scholar of Perino del Vaga, the beauties of whose style and of the Roman school he fully mastered. Vargas remained twenty-eight years in Italy: his first known work in Seville is dated 1555. Ceán Bermúdez contradicts the account of Palomino about Vargas's returning to Seville after a seven years' sojourn at Rome, and finding himself inferior to Antonio Flores (or rather Francisco Frutet, as Bermúdez says) and Pedro de Campaña, returning for another seven years to Italy; and he points out other inaccuracies in Palomino's notice of this painter, for example, the compliment paid to Vargas's picture in the cathedral, called *La Gamba*, by Peraz de Alesio, at the expense of his own St. Christopher, which is an anachronism, as the St. Christopher was not painted until 1564, sixteen years after the death of Vargas, who died in 1568, and not 1560, as is stated by Palomino. Vargas established a greater reputation at Seville than any painter that preceded him, and he executed many excellent works there in oil and in fresco, which deservedly rank him with the first painters of Italy. His design was correct in outline and grand in style; his foreshortenings were admirable, and in this respect he is unrivalled in Spain; and had his works been as conspicuous for tone and harmony of colouring, as they were for brilliancy, composition, character, and expression, Vargas, says Bermúdez, would have

been the first among Spanish painters. His principal works, which are all religious, are at Seville,—in the Cathedral; in the Hospital de Santa Marta; in Santa Cruz; in Santa Maza la Blanca; in the Merced Calzada; in the Hospital de la Sangre; and in the Casa de la Misericordia. Some of these works are nearly totally decayed; others have been badly restored: in the last-mentioned place is a fresco of the Last Judgment. Vargas is described as having been a very amiable man, but he was of a melancholy and superstitious turn of mind; he was in the habit of chastising himself, and used to lie in a coffin some hours a-day meditating upon death.

(Bermudez, *Diccionario Historico*, &c.)

VARI, Buffon's name for the *Lemur Macaco* of Linnaeus.

This Macaco is white spotted with black, so that the whole of the fur of the body is variegated with large black and white patches. The furry hair of the cheeks is very long, whence it has been also called the Ruffed Lemur.

Locality.—Madagascar, where it is said to be common. *Food; Habits*.—Fruits form the only nourishment of this beautiful and elegant creature. In captivity it is mild and endearing in its manners. One which was kept for some time in the menagerie of the Zoological Society in the Regent's Park was disposed to be very familiar. Anxious to be noticed, it endeavoured to attract the attention of visitors, and would even attempt to arrest them as they passed with its little hands, that they might gratify it by caressing it or bestowing a little fruit upon it.

VARIABLE. A quantity is said to vary when it changes value, whether gradually, or by jumps or starts. The notion of a variable quantity is the first which must be established in teaching the Differential Calculus, and requires a little explanation.

One magnitude at least is hardly conceivable without the notion of variation; we mean time or duration. Reckoning from a fixed epoch, the idea of the *present time* is nothing but that of the other extremity of a variable quantity, the variation of which we cannot suspend, even in thought. Again, in space-magnitudes, though we are not obliged to consider them as turned by variation, yet it is in our power to do so, and we are constantly learning the variation of length, area, or solidity consequent upon motion. And we can even consider this variation as arising from no act of our own, as independent of us, and out of our power to stop: though even when this is physically true, namely, that the variation is out of our power, we can conceive or imagine that it does stop, and trace the consequences of such stoppage. Variable magnitude, then, presents natural ideas, such as we not only easily acquire, but such as it would be difficult, if not impossible, to suppose that we could help acquiring.

But when we come to speak of *number*, the case is much altered. The constant phrase of an algebraist, 'let x be a variable quantity,' clear as it may be where quantity means magnitude, is not quite so plain when quantity means number as the representative of magnitude. There is something to be said as to how number is imagined to vary at all; and still more as to its *gradual* variation.

Number is an abstraction of the mind; it is not magnitude, but a mode of reference of one magnitude to another. If we might dare to say it, number is more of the nature of an opinion about magnitude than of magnitude itself. When we speak of a symbol representing a variable number, we know that, though we say the symbol changes its values, it is we ourselves who arbitrarily change the meaning of the symbol. We can imagine (waiving all question about the possibility of our imagination, or its metaphysical truth) everything annihilated except two material points, one or both of which are in motion with respect to the other: but we cannot in such a case imagine x to be a symbol of a variable number. Unless some intellect be in existence to mean something by x , or to make a symbol of x , there can be no such thing as a variable number, or as the abstract idea of number at all. When we say, let x be a variable number, we must always be understood to mean, let x be a symbol which at one time we may be allowed to make to stand for one number, and at another time for another.

Now as to *gradual* variation. A point never changes its distance from another by, say a foot, without making every assignable lesser change in the interval. Or, a line

which is lengthened from AB to AC by the motion of a point, must at some period of the change be equal to AD, if AD be anything between AB and AC. At least it is a necessary condition of *our* existence to believe this to be as evident as that two straight lines cannot inclose a space though [SPACE AND TIME] we believe some would be found to deny it. But in the case of number, we cannot form anything but an approximation to this idea of *gradual* variation. We can pass from 1 to 2 by successive steps, by millions of millions of steps if we please: that is, A representing a small fraction, we can proceed from 1 to 2 by the steps $1 + A$, $1 + 2A$, $1 + 3A$, &c., in such manner that we shall not arrive at 2 till a million of millions of steps have been made. But this is not gradual variation, such as is in our ideas when we think of a line increasing in length by the recession of one extremity from the other. Nor, if we subdivide our steps ever so far, can we, in counting, cease to make steps; that is, we cannot imagine gradual variation of number. When therefore we talk of x standing for a number, which is also to represent the number of units in a variable length, we can only mean that our numerical progression can be made, if we please, by steps so small, that whatever length AD may represent, the linear representatives of some or other of the numerical steps by which we pass from the number in AB to the number in AC, may be made as near to AD as we please. It is, no doubt, in this essential distinction between the ideas involved in the variation of number and in that of magnitude, that the existence of INCOMMENSURABLES takes its rise.

The first steps of the Differential Calculus are often embarrassed by a mode of speaking, which appears as if two different symbols were used for the same thing. 'Thus,' it is said; 'let x be a variable, and y a function of that variable, such that y is always $= x^2$ '. Then let x be changed into $x + h$, in consequence of which y becomes $y + k$, so that $y + k = (x + h)^2$. Now if x be the symbol of the *variable* quantity, which can only mean this, that both before the quantity has changed, and after, it is represented by x , how can it be allowed both to let x , as it were, imply its own variation in its very meaning, and yet after x into $x + h$ to denote that x changes? The truth is, that the language is incorrect: it should be as follows:—Let there be two variable quantities, one of which is always the square of the other; let x be the value first given to one of the variables, and y to the other, so that $y = x^2$. Then let a new value $x + h$ be given to the first variable, in consequence of which the second becomes $y + k$, so that $y + k = (x + h)^2$. In fact, x does not represent a variable quantity, but a certain value given to a variable quantity.

VARIATION. Under this head comes the explanation of a part of the language of proportion which is much used, and which was once very prominent in English mathematical writings. We refer to such phrases as the following:—A varies as B—A varies inversely as B—the gravitation of particles varies inversely as the squares of their distances—the time of oscillation of a pendulum varies as the square root of its length, &c.

When we say that one thing varies as another, we mean that there are two variable magnitudes which have this property, that if when the first changes from A to B, the second changes from a to b , then A is to B in the same proportion as a to b . And when we say that one thing varies inversely as another, we mean that if when the first changes from A to B, the second changes from a to b , then—

$$A : B :: \frac{1}{a} : \frac{1}{b} \text{ or } :: b : a.$$

The modes of denoting these laws of connection used to be, in English works—

$$A \propto a \qquad A \propto \frac{1}{a}.$$

These were in fact but modes of writing the equations

$$A = ca \qquad A = \frac{c}{a}$$

in a manner which should recognise their existence without obliging us to think of the particular value of the constant c . According to the preceding equations, if we take the first, and suppose that A changes into B when a changes

into δ , we see obviously that $A \div B$ is the same as $\frac{1}{A} \div \frac{1}{B}$, both being equal to c . And $A \propto a$ informs us that $A \div a$ is always the same quantity, without saying what it is.

When one quantity varies as both of two others jointly, it means that if either of the second and third mentioned remain constant, the first varies as the other. Thus the price of a quantity of goods varies jointly as the number of things and the price of each. At a given price per article, the whole price varies as the number of things; for a given number of things, the whole price varies as the price of one. When x varies as y and z jointly, the equation $x = cyz$ is implied.

We are rather inclined to regret the complete disappearance of the notation of variations which has taken place within the last few years, though the phraseology is still in some degree of use. It is now usual either to write equations at full length, or to make an equation of the variation itself, which can always be done by a proper choice of units. Thus $A \propto a$, or $A = ca$, can always be made $A = a$, if such choice of units be made in which to measure the magnitudes A and a as will make $c = 1$. This must be done by contriving that A and a shall become unity together. But this, however convenient for mere calculation, is likely enough to produce confusion in the mind of the learner, and actually does so in many instances. It is obvious enough that of two different magnitudes one may vary as the other: thus the height of the barometer (a length) varies as the pressure of the atmosphere on a given surface (a weight). But it is as obvious that one magnitude cannot be equal to another, unless the two be of the same kind. When therefore a writer on mechanics, with little or no previous explanation about the units employed, states that the weight of a body is its mass multiplied by the force of gravity, or that the pressure on a mass is equal to the mass multiplied by its acceleration, he writes effectively only for a reader who knows the subject already. The weight of a body varies jointly as its mass and the acceleration which the force of gravity would create in one second. After either of these alone, and the weight is altered in the same proportion. Hence if m, g be the numbers of units of their several kinds in the weight, the mass and the acceleration caused by gravity, the equation $w = cmg$ must subsist where c is a numerical constant depending on the units employed. If the weight which is called 10 (pounds, ounces, or whatever they may be), belong to the mass called 5, when acted on by such gravity as produces an acceleration of 4 (feet, yards, or whatever the unit of length may be) in the time called 1 (second, minute, or other unit of time), then $10 = c \times 5 \times 4$, or $c = \frac{1}{2}$. As long as the same units of length, time, mass, and weight are employed, the equation $w = \frac{1}{2}mg$ must subsist: change the units, and the constant c must have another value, to be again determined from an instance. When the writer above mentioned says that $w = mg$, he means, or ought to mean, that it is an agreement between him and his reader that whatever mass may be called 1, and whatever may be meant by 1 of length and 1 of time, the weight which is called 1 shall be that of the mass 1 acted on by the force of gravity 1. The older writers, who used variations, needed no specifications of this kind, since the actual concretes themselves were the subjects of reasoning, and the variation asserted was true both of the concrete magnitudes and of any system of units which they might adopt. The introduction of their units was naturally and easily made; and when variations became equations, the student could not help seeing the introduction of all conditions depending on the mode of measurement. In dropping the notation of variations, our writers passed into that want of distinct explanations of primary terms which was the characteristic of many of the French writers.

The beginner must carefully bear in mind that one quantity does not vary as another, because it varies with that other. A square and its root vary together, but the square does not vary as its root: if, for instance, the root be doubled, the square is not doubled, but quadrupled.

It is however most important to remember that when two quantities vary together, the increment of the one varies as the increment of the other very nearly, if both the increments be small, and the more nearly the smaller they are. Thus, if we know that when x has a certain

value, the addition of $\cdot 01$ to x gives an addition of $\cdot 001$ to its logarithm, we may be sure that the addition of $\cdot 01 \times A$ to x will give an addition of $\cdot 001 \times A$ to the logarithm, very nearly, as long as $\cdot 01 \times A$ is small.

VARIATION OF THE COMPASS (OR OF THE NEEDLE), frequently now called the declination of the needle, is the angle which a vertical plane passing through the axis of a magnetised needle makes with the geographical meridian of a ship or station; and as, for the purposes of navigation, the needle is made to traverse horizontally, the variation becomes the angle between the magnetic axis of the needle and a meridian line passing parallel to the horizon through the centre of the compass.

When the variation of the needle was first distinctly ascertained in London, by Norman and Burroughs, in the year 1580, it was found that the magnetic axis deviated from a true meridian line as much as $11^\circ 15'$, its north point being directed so far towards the east; and in a few years from that time it was discovered that the angle of deviation was slowly diminishing. In the year 1637 the needle appeared to lie in the direction of the geographical meridian of London; and from that time to the year 1820 the northern extremity of the needle continued to advance towards the west. A mean of the observations between the years 1814 and 1820 shows that the deviation was then about $24^\circ 18'$; and at present, in London, it appears to be diminishing, the observations made since 1838 indicating a variation amounting to less than 24° . Like deviations of the magnetised needle have been observed in other parts of the world, and the following table will show the amount and rate at stations where the variations have been observed during a series of years:—

Tornea.		
Date.		Variation.
1695	Bilberg . . .	$7^\circ 0' W.$
1736	Maupteris . . .	$5^\circ 5' W.$
1767	Hellant . . .	$8^\circ 50' W.$
1777	Hellant . . .	$11^\circ 45' W.$
1825	“ . . .	$12^\circ 7' W.$

Mean annual movement westward $2' 24''$.

London.		
1580	Norman . . .	$11^\circ 15' E.$
1622	Gunter . . .	$6^\circ 12' E.$
1634	Gillebrand . . .	$4^\circ 5' E.$
1637	Bond . . .	$0^\circ 0'$
1672	Halley . . .	$2^\circ 30' W.$
1723	Graham . . .	$14^\circ 17' W.$
1773	Heberden . . .	$21^\circ 9' W.$
1790	Gilpin . . .	$23^\circ 19' W.$
1804	Gilpin . . .	$24^\circ 8' 4'' W.$
1813	Colonel Beaufoy . . .	$24^\circ 22' 17'' W.$
1815	Colonel Beaufoy . . .	$24^\circ 27' 18'' W.$
1820	“ . . .	$24^\circ 11' 7'' W.$
1823	“ . . .	$24^\circ 9' 8'' W.$

Mean annual movement westward $8' 52''$.

Paris.		
1541	Bellarminus . . .	$7^\circ 0' E.$
1580	Sennertus . . .	$11^\circ 30' E.$
1690	Petit . . .	$1^\circ 0' W.$
1700	Cassini . . .	$7^\circ 40' W.$
1750	“ . . .	$17^\circ 15' W.$
1800	Cotte . . .	$22^\circ 12' W.$
1819	“ . . .	$22^\circ 29' W.$
1829	“ . . .	$22^\circ 12' W.$

Mean annual movement westward $8' 6''$.

Copenhagen.		
1649	Luchtemacher . . .	$1^\circ 30' E.$
1672	Bartholin . . .	$3^\circ 35' W.$
1730	Lous (Senior) . . .	$10^\circ 37' W.$
1770	Lous (Senior) . . .	$15^\circ 32' W.$
1782	Bugge . . .	$17^\circ 41' W.$
1806	Wiegand . . .	$18^\circ 25' W.$
1817	Wiegand . . .	$18^\circ 0' W.$

Mean annual movement westward $6' 58''$.

Stockholm.		
1718	Elvius . . .	$5^\circ 37' W.$
1771	Willeke . . .	$13^\circ 4' W.$
1800	Willeke . . .	$16^\circ 20' W.$
1817	Cronstrand . . .	$15^\circ 34' W.$

Mean annual movement westward $7' 46''$.

St. Petersburg.			
Date.			Variation.
1726	Mayer	.	3° 15' W.
1762	Euler	.	7 30 W.
1812	.	.	7 16 W.
1818	.	.	7 27.5 W.

Mean annual movement westward 2' 45".

Tobolsk.			
1716	Strahlenberg	.	0° 0'
1761	Chappe	.	3 46 E.
1805	Schubert	.	7 9 E.
1828	Hansteen	.	9 53 E.

Mean annual movement eastward 5' 18".

Petropaulovsk.			
1779	Cook	.	6° 19' E.
1805	Krusenstern	.	5 20 E.

Mean annual movement westward 2' 18".

Cambridge, U. S.			
1708	Brattle	.	0° 0' W.
1763	Winthrop	.	7 0 W.
1783	Williams	.	6 52 W.

Mean annual movement eastward 1' 42".

Gibraltar.			
1733	Butler	.	15° 38' W.
1761	Ross	.	17 11 W.
1792	Marchand	.	22 6 W.

Mean annual movement westward 9' 30".

Rome.			
1670	Auzout	.	2° 15' W.
1730	Cassini	.	11 0 W.
1788	.	.	17 12 W.

Mean annual movement westward 7' 30".

Constantinople.			
1690	.	.	0° 0'
1695	Fournier	.	2 0 W.
1694	Chazelles	.	10 30 W.
1797	.	.	12 33 W.

Mean annual movement westward 3' 54".

St. Helena.			
1677	Halley	.	0° 40' E.
1775	Cook	.	12 18 W.
1806	Krusenstern	.	17 18 W.
1836	King and Fitzroy	.	18 0 W.

Mean annual movement westward 7' 0".

Table Bay, Cape of Good Hope.			
1614	Dauntton	.	1° 45' W.
1667	.	.	7 15 W.
1690	.	.	11 0 W.
1708	.	.	14 0 W.
1721	Mathews	.	16 25 W.
1791	Vancouver	.	25 40 W.
1813	.	.	28 0 W.

Mean annual movement westward 7' 55".

Bombay.			
1676	.	.	12° 0' W.
1723	Mathews	.	5 10 W.
1791	Marchand	.	0 0

Mean annual movement eastward 6' 16".

Canton.			
1690	Fontenay	.	2° 25' W.
1817	Yates	.	0 0

Mean annual movement eastward 1' 5".

Otaheite.			
1705	Byron	.	5° 0' E.
1709	Cook	.	4 46 E.
1777	Cook	.	5 34 E.
1792	Vancouver	.	6 12 E.
1823	Duperrey	.	6 40 E.
1826	Beechey	.	7 34 E.
1836	Fitzroy	.	7 34 E.
1840	Beleher	.	6 30 E.

Mean annual movement eastward 1' 36".

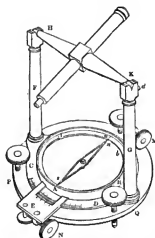
Ascension Island.			
1678	.	.	1° 0' E.
1754	La Caille	.	8 6 W.
1775	Cook	.	10 52 W.
1806	Biosse	.	15 49 W.
1835	.	.	22 4 W.

Mean annual movement westward 9' 6".

It appears from the above table that, in general, the annual variation of the needle is greater at places nearly on the meridian of London than at those which lie eastward or westward of that meridian; but for the hypotheses on which it has been attempted to account for the phenomena, the reader is referred to TERRESTRIAL MAGNETISM, p. 239. In the same article there is also given (p. 237) a cut, representing in both hemispheres the isogonal lines, or those on which the variations of the needle are the same; and as it may be useful to know the precise amount of that element at the places on the earth's surface where it has most recently been observed, the following table is subjoined:—

Place.	Year.	Variation.	Observer.
Abo	1825	11° 20' W.	
Acapulco	1838	8 23 E.	Capt. Beleher.
Alexandria (Egypt)	1832	10 58 W.	
Amoyana	1823	0 28 E.	
Asangan Island	1824	2 24 W.	
Bahia	1835	22 4 W.	
Batavia	1814	4 18 E.	
Berlin	1836	0 17 E.	
Brest	1818	25 7 W.	
Brussels	1832	22 19 W.	Quetelet.
Callao (Castle)	1838	10 0 E.	Capt. Beleher
Cape Comorin	1815	2 0 E.	
Cape Town	1813	28 0 W.	
Corfu	1818	21 32 W.	
Funchal (Madeira)	1829	21 32 W.	
Hammerfest	1827	10 14 W.	Sir E. Parry.
Havana	1816	5 30 E.	
Hobart Town	1836	11 6 E.	Capt. Fitzroy.
Irkutsk	1835	1 25 E.	Foss.
Jamaica (Port Royal)	1817	4 40 E.	
Juan Fernandez	1802	14 0 E.	
Kasan	1820	2 22 E.	Hansteen.
Lephorn	1818	19 20 W.	
London	1838	24 0 W.	Ross.
Martinique (Fort Royal)	1816	6 45 E.	
Mauritius	1824	13 46 W.	
Minorea (Cape Mola)	1811	19 30 W.	
Monte Video	1807	13 20 E.	
Montreal	1834	7 30 W.	
Moscow	1828	3 2 W.	Hansteen and Erman.
New Zealand (S. lat. 35° 16' long. 174°)	1836	14 0 E.	Capt. Fitzroy.
Oahu (N. lat. 21° 17' long. 155° 20')	1837	10 39.5 E.	Capt. Beleher.
Otaheite	1840	6 30 E.	Capt. Beleher.
Panama	1837	7 37 E.	Capt. Beleher.
Paris	1835	22 4 W.	
Pekin	1829	1 48 W.	
Petropaulovsk	1829	4 6 E.	
Pointe de Galle (Ceylon)	1814	2 15 E.	
Porto Bello	1815	6 0 E.	
St. Helena	1836	18 0 W.	Captains King and Fitzroy.
St. Thomas	1836	2 24 E.	
Sidney	1836	10 24 E.	Capt. Fitzroy.
Spitzbergen	1823	25 12 W.	Col. Sabine.
Stockholm	1833	14 57 W.	Rudberg.
Tobolsk	1828	9.53.5 E.	Hansteen and Erman.
Toulon	1811	19° 10' W.	
Valparaiso	1821	14° 43' E.	
York Fort	1819	6 0.3 E.	

The instrument with which the variation of the needle is observed is, when considerable accuracy in the determination is attempted, very similar to a common theodolite. The needle *n s* is usually nine or ten inches long, and is supported upon a conical pivot of steel, which enters into an agate cap at the centre of gravity of the needle. The compass box *A B* is either circular or rectangular; and if the former, on a metal ring *a b*, forming part of its circumference, are drawn two lines, one of which appears at *m*, in the direction of a diameter; so that when the needle is placed on its pivot, its extremities, which are pointed, may be made to coincide with these lines. The box is capable of being turned in azimuth upon a plate *C D*, part of whose circumference is graduated; and an index with a



vernier on a frame E, which projects from the compass-box and turns with it, serves to show the value of the variation. On this plate are two pillars F, G, supporting a telescope which turns in a vertical plane on horizontal axis H K, in every respect like a transit instrument; and the plate with the telescope is capable of a small movement in azimuth by the screw M, for the purpose of adjustment, while it rests on the wooden or metallic base P Q of the instrument.

If the compass-box is rectangular, the plate on which it rests, and also the base of the instrument, have a like figure; and in this case one of the sides only of the plate is graduated: this side is then in the form of a circular arc.

The optical axis of the transit telescope is by the artist disposed as nearly as possible vertically above that diameter of the compass-box which is in the direction of the two lines above mentioned; and in adjusting the instrument for use, the base of the instrument having been levelled by means of three foot-screws, the index of the vernier at E must be brought to the zero of the graduations: the transit telescope being then provided temporarily with an additional object-glass, in order that it may be adapted to the view of a near object (its horizontal axis H K having been previously levelled), it must be turned on that axis towards each of the two lines, and the intersection of the wires in its field must be made to coincide with them by means of a screw at d near one extremity of the axis. The telescope must then be placed in the plane of the meridian by any of the usual methods: for example, the wires in its field of view may be made to bisect any circumpolar star at the computed instant of its culmination; and an adjusting-screw N fixed to the base of the instrument serves to turn the plate carrying the compass-box through a small angle for this purpose.

The diameter passing through the line at w on the rim of the compass-box is now in the direction of the geographical meridian of the station; and the needle, being at rest in the direction which it assumes in consequence of the action of terrestrial magnetism, the compass-box must be turned in azimuth till the extremities of the needle are seen to coincide with the line at m and with that which is opposite to it, when the index of the vernier at E will point to the variation, or declination, which it was required to observe.

An instrument similar to that which has been described can of course only be used on land. At sea the compass-box is suspended within a ring, a horizontal pivot at each extremity of a diameter of the box resting in a corresponding perforation made through the ring; and at each extremity of a diameter of the latter, at right angles to that which passes through the perforations, is a horizontal pivot turning in a perforation made through a vertical arm at

the upper part of the stand of the instrument. By this contrivance the pivot which supports the needle is enabled to keep a vertical position notwithstanding the motion of the ship, while the compass-box with the ring is capable of being turned round on the vertical axis of the stand. To the top of the box is fixed an alidade, or bar, of brass, carrying two plain sights, which are to be directed to the sun or star at the instant that an observer with a sextant takes the altitude of the celestial body: the angle contained between the alidade and the needle of the compass is the observed azimuth, or bearing of the celestial body from the direction of the magnetic meridian; and the difference between this angle and the computed azimuth [AZIMUTH] is the required variation of the needle.

The variation is also found, at sea, by observing the sun's amplitude at the time of rising or setting; the sights of the compass being for this purpose directed to the celestial body at the moment that its centre appears in the horizon; and the angle between the alidade and the east or west line of the compass being read on the card, the difference between this angle and the amplitude computed by spherical trigonometry will be the variation of the needle. This method is however less accurate than that of an azimuth, because of the uncertainty of the refraction in the horizon. In order to neutralise the local attractions on the needle of a ship's compass, Mr. Barlow's correcting plate is now generally employed. [SAILING.]

Besides the general or secular variation which has been mentioned, it was observed in 1722 that the needle is subject to diurnal changes of position (DECLINATION OF THE MAGNETIC NEEDLE); and from the experiments of Mr. Graham it would appear that then the extent of this change was between 35° and 55° , but it is now believed that either of these numbers is much too high. Mr. Canton observed in 1756, that the daily variations were greater in summer than in winter, being in June $13^{\circ} 21'$, and in January $7^{\circ} 8'$; and from experiments carried on by Colonel Beaufort, between the years 1813 and 1819, it was found that, from June to August, a mean of the diurnal variations amounted to $11^{\circ} 8'$, while in December it was $4^{\circ} 7'$. The cause of the phenomenon is still uncertain, but it is scarcely possible to doubt that the sun is the chief agent in producing it, either by partially heating the surface of the earth, or, according to Boet, by an electro-magnetic quality in the rays of light.

In 1823, Messrs. Barlow and Christie, at Woolwich, having, by means of magnets properly disposed, neutralised the action of terrestrial magnetism on their needles, so as to leave the latter free to be acted upon by that which is the cause of the diurnal variation, succeeded in making this variation much more sensible than it is when the needles are in the ordinary state. On observing the effects produced, it was found that, at about 5 a.m. the needle coincided in direction with the magnetic meridian, and that its northern extremity declined gradually towards the east till about 7½ a.m., when the greatest easterly deviation seemed to be attained; from this time the deviation diminished, the northern extremity of the needle moving westward, and about 11 a.m. the needle was again in the magnetic meridian: the westward movement continued till about 1½ p.m., when the deviation in this direction became the greatest, and then it gradually diminished, the northern extremity of the needle moving eastward. At 4 p.m. the diurnal variation again became zero, or the needle once more lay in the direction of the magnetic meridian; and the eastward movement continued till late in the evening. That these effects may arise from a diminution of the force of terrestrial magnetism by the heat of the sun, is probable from experiments which were made by Mr. Canton, and more recently by Mr. Barlow: the latter gentleman, having neutralised the general action of the earth on a suspended needle, placed about the latter four bar-magnets in directions parallel to the needle and to the magnetic meridian, two of them being in line on each side: he then observed that, while all the magnets were of equal temperature, they produced no movement in the needle; but on heating—first, the two eastern bars equally,—then, in succession, the south-eastern bar only, the two southern bars together, the south-western bar only, the two western bars together, and so on,—the needle remained in the direction of the magnetic meridian, or deviated from it, in a manner exactly analogous to the effects produced apparently by

the sun when, from the position of the latter with respect to the magnetic meridian, he may be supposed to heat the parts of the earth which correspond to the positions of the heated bars. It is evident that the diurnal variation vanishes both when the sun is in the plane of the magnetic meridian (about 11 a.m. and 11 p.m., in this part of the world), and when he is in a vertical plane at right angles to that meridian: in the first case the rays of the sun act nearly equally on the eastern and western sides of the needle; and in the other they act nearly equally on its northern and southern arms, and consequently they can exert no power to produce deviation. In any of the intermediate situations of the sun, the heat excited in the part of the earth which is nearest to the luminary, by diminishing the force of magnetism in that part, allows the nearest extremity of the needle to recede from the sun, and thus gives rise to a temporary deviation of the former from the plane of the magnetic meridian.

The instrument for observing the diurnal variations is a needle suspended at its centre of gravity by means of a silk fibre which is free from twist, the needle being balanced so as to hang in a horizontal position. It is contained in a box which is made of wood, in order to avoid any attraction which may be produced by metal, and with glass sides for the admission of light. A micrometer-microscope in a vertical position is partly introduced in the case immediately above each end of the needle; and the case having a motion in azimuth by means of a screw, the microscopes can be made to follow the small movement of the needle which is caused by the diurnal variation: within the case a circular arc opposite each extremity of the needle is graduated; and by means of the micrometers the value of the diurnal variation may be read, a line on the value of the variation is read on both arcs in order to avoid the errors arising from any eccentricity of the needle, and a mean of the two readings is considered as the correct value.

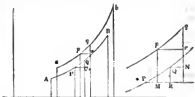
Near the equator the diurnal variation is small, probably because the sun's heat is there always nearly of the same intensity; and it is found to increase in proceeding from thence northward or southward. In Sumatra the needle attains its greatest eastern deviation about 5 p.m., and its greatest western deviation at 7 a.m. In Europe and North America, the greatest eastern deviation takes place between 7 and 8 p.m., and the greatest western deviation between 1 and 2 p.m.; and in Greenland, the greatest eastern deviation is about 9 or 10 a.m., and the greatest western deviation from 8 to 10 p.m.

VARIATION OF THE MOON. [Moon.]

VARIATIONS, CALCULUS OF. The preceding words might seem fit to include every organized mode of dealing with the variations of value which algebraical quantities are made to receive: the differential calculus, for example; but they have a technical meaning, which we proceed to explain. When a quantity is subject to one sort of variation only, the consideration of that variation belongs to the simple differential calculus: but when it is subject to two or more distinct sorts of variation, suppose that of the differential calculus and another, then the mode of dealing with the second sort of variation is said to belong to the calculus of variations. In dynamics, for example (VIRTUAL VELOCITIES), there are two distinct species of motion to consider: one which, at the end of the time t , the system is about to take during the ensuing time dt in consequence of the velocities acquired by its particles; and another which, without any consideration of the first, must be impressed upon it for the examination of the conditions which express the equivalence of the impressed and effective forces. Here then is a case for the calculus of variations.

Suppose a curve AB, with which is connected another, ab, infinitely near to the first, and related to it by a given law, in such manner that any point P being given on the first, a corresponding point p can be found on the second. If the coordinates of P be x and y , and those of Q (infinitely near to P) be $x + dx$ and $y + dy$, and if we signify the coordinates of p by $x + dx$ and $y + dy$, we have two distinct notions, one for the increments which the coordinates receive in passing from point to point on the first curve, the other for those which they receive in passing from a point in the first curve to the corresponding

point in the second. Hence, PR being dx , and pr what dx becomes after variation, we have $dx = pr - P'r$,



which is obviously equal to $QN - PM$. But PM is dx , and QN is what dx becomes when x is changed into $x + dx$, whence $QN - PM = d(dx)$; or $dx = d(dx)$, and the same may be proved for y . We shall now recapitulate the results of the further application of this method. It is quite beyond our limits to attempt to prove them; so that, referring to works on the differential calculus for further information, we shall content ourselves with some remarks on the loose manner in which this calculus is nearly always applied to questions of maxima and minima, and to a very few words of its history.

1. The operations of differentiation and variation are interchangeable in order, as in $dx = d(dx)$, $\int \delta V dx = \delta \int (V dx)$, &c.

2. If y be a function of x , and if $y', y'', \&c.$ stand for successive differential coefficients of y with respect to x , the successive differential coefficients of $y - y'x$ are $dy - y'dx$, $dy' - y''dx$, $dy'' - y'''dx$, &c.

3. If V be a function of $x, y, y', y'', \&c.$, and if $\int V dx$ taken from $x = x_0$ to $x = x_1$, be required, and if $y_0, y'_0, y''_0, \&c.$ and $y_1, y'_1, y''_1, \&c.$ be the values of $y, y', y'', \&c.$ when $x = x_0$ and $x = x_1$; and if moreover $u = y - y'x$, which becomes u_0 and u_1 at the two limits. Let the differential coefficients of V with respect to $x, y, y', y'', \&c.$ separately, made variable be $X, Y, P, Q, \&c.$, and let the complete differentiations of these with respect to x be denoted by accentuations, and their limiting values by subscript cyphers and units as before: then we shall have for $\int V dx$ the following formula:—

$$\begin{aligned} & V_1 dx_1 - V_0 dx_0 \\ & + (P_1 - Q'_1 + R''_1 - \&c.) u_1 - (P_0 - Q'_0 + R''_0 - \&c.) u_0 \\ & + (Q_1 - R'_1 + S''_1 - \&c.) u'_1 - (Q_0 - R'_0 + S''_0 - \&c.) u'_0 \\ & + (R_1 - S'_1 + T''_1 - \&c.) u''_1 - (R_0 - S'_0 + T''_0 - \&c.) u''_0 \\ & + \dots \dots \dots \\ & + \int_{x_0}^{x_1} (Y - P' + Q'' - R''' + \&c.) u dx. \end{aligned}$$

The most usual application of the preceding formula, in its most general geometrical form, is as follows:— V being a given function of $x, y, y', \&c.$, it is required to draw a curve such that $\int V dx$ shall be the greatest possible or the least possible, provided that at one limit of integration x_0 and y_0 shall be coordinates of one given curve, and that at the other limit x_1 and y_1 shall be coordinates of another given curve. Such cases are when it is required to draw the shortest line between two given curves, or to find in what form and position a flexible curve of given length will rest when its ends are supposed to slide upon given curves. We have pointed out (*Differential Calculus*, Library of Useful Knowledge, c. xvi.) that the ordinary mode of treating these questions is not sufficiently general, and must in certain cases even lead to positive error. We intend here to enforce this conclusion by showing that even in more ordinary questions of maxima and minima the same want of generality may lead to the same sort of false conclusion.

A maximum, or greatest value, means one which is greater than any neighbouring value; so that when a function is at its maximum, any allowable slight change must be one of diminution. For greater read less, and for diminution increase, and we have the definition of a minimum. Now an ordinary question of maxima and minima

is as follows:— ϕx being a function of x , what are the real values of x which make it a maximum or minimum? There is a maximum when $x = a$, provided that $\phi(a + h)$ and $\phi(a - h)$, when both are possible, are both less than ϕa ; but if one of the two $\phi(a + h)$ and $\phi(a - h)$ be impossible, there is a maximum if both values of the other be less than ϕa . In all these cases it is supposed that h may be as small as we please. Now

1. When $\phi(a + h)$ and $\phi(a - h)$ are both real, the theory explained in MAXIMA AND MINIMA is perfectly sufficient: there is a maximum when $\phi'x$ changes from positive to negative in passing through $\phi'a$, and there is not a maximum in any other case.

2. When $\phi(a + h)$ is impossible, there is a maximum if both values of $\phi'x$ be positive from $x = a - h$ up to $x = a$: when $\phi(a - h)$ is impossible, there is a maximum if both values of $\phi'x$ be negative from $x = a$ to $x = a + h$.

It is the neglect of the second case which has led to the oversight in the calculus of variations which we shall presently mention. We shall now propose a case as follows: It is required to find the maximum value of y in the equation.

$$y = (1 - x)^{\frac{1}{2}} + x^{\frac{2}{3}} = \phi x.$$



The form of the curve which has this equation is as in this diagram; O being the origin and OA (= AP) being unity. Now it ought certainly to be said that AP is the greatest ordinate of the curve, but neither is $\phi'x$ here equal to nothing, nor does it change sign. In fact when $x = 1$, we have $\phi'x = 1$, $\phi'x = 1/3$. The second criterion shows that AP is a maximum; the first shows nothing of the kind.

Now we can easily imagine it said, that in such a case as the preceding, AP, though unquestionably the greatest ordinate this curve can have, is not what is

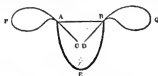
technically called a maximum: but it is meant that the last term should be restricted solely to denote those values of ϕx in which $\phi(a + h)$ and $\phi(a - h)$ are both possible, and both less than ϕa . To this, *ceteris paribus*, there could be no objection: it often happens that the technical use made of a foreign term will not bear, and is not meant to bear, translation into our own language. The word *maximum*, even in its widest allowable use, and if all we ask for should be granted, will not answer to *greatest*: for there may be several maxima and minima, and some of the minima may be greater than some of the maxima, which cannot be true of the words when translated. Suppose, then, that the word *maximum* is so restricted as to apply to no value of ϕx except when $\phi(a + h)$ and $\phi(a - h)$ are both possible: the disadvantage will be twofold. First, in every problem of maxima and minima, or in every problem which is reducible to one of maxima and minima, we shall have to invent an additional term to signify, perhaps, the very greatest or very least value of the function. Secondly, in applying the same limitation to the calculus of variations, we shall frequently be obliged to forego the solution of which we are in search, unless we look for the very case, as an answer to a problem of maxima and minima, to which we have refused to apply the term *maximum* or *minimum*.

In order to make $\int \sqrt{dx}$, as before described, a maximum, it is generally presumed that $\int \sqrt{dx} = 0$, and that y must be found in terms of x from this condition. Now the truth is that $\int \sqrt{dx}$, after the variation, becomes $\int \sqrt{dx} + \int \delta \sqrt{dx}$, and all that is absolutely necessary is that $\int \delta \sqrt{dx}$ should be always negative, for all values of x and δy between the limits, and for all values which are consistent with the limiting conditions, at the limits. It is easily shown that this requires, as to the indefinite integral part, the following equation:—

$$Y = P' + Q'' - R''' + \dots = 0;$$

and if we are resolved not to consider any points of the limiting curves, except those at which $\delta x, \delta y, \delta y, \delta y$, may be either positive or negative, as we please, then it is easily P. C., No. 1634.

proved that the rest of the expression for $\delta \int \sqrt{dx}$ must also vanish, and this limitation is generally made in works on the subject, by which means solutions are mistaken and may even be lost sight of. Thus it is generally asserted that the shortest line between two curves is always a straight line which is perpendicular to the tangents of both; and that a flexible chain, allowed to slide between two curves, with an extremity on each, is in equilibrium when it is in the form of a catenary perpendicular to the retaining curves at the points of suspension. On this we need only direct attention to the accompanying figure. The shortest line that can be drawn between the curves APA and BQB



is AB, which is perpendicular to neither of the tangents AC, BD; and the flexible chain AEB will hang from the cusps A and B without the slightest tendency to become perpendicular to AC and BD at its extremities.

The fact is, that owing to the very great complexity of the mathematical part of the subject, the part of the calculus of variations which relates to the maxima and minima of integral forms is in a very incomplete state. There are no problems yet as to be solved which are of such high interest as to excite continual attention, and, until there are, little hope can be entertained of any decided progress. How long it will be before the mere vanishing of a differential or variation will cease to be taken as the conclusive evidence of a maximum or minimum, depends on the degree in which mathematics will be studied as a discipline, and not solely as an instrument of physical inquiry.

The history of a large part of the Calculus of Variations is simply that of dynamics from the time when D'Alembert proposed his celebrated principle (1743). But long before this, the questions of maxima and minima which ultimately came to occupy the greater part of professed works on the calculus of variations, took their rise in the researches of the two Bernoullis, and led to their celebrated quarrel. (BERNOULLI.) The first problem, namely, to find the curve of shortest descent between two given points, proposed by John Bernoulli, was quickly followed by others of the same kind, proposed by James Bernoulli, in which the curve to be found was required to be of a given length. The prevalence of problems in which this last condition was contained, led to the name of the solution of *isoperimetric* problems, by which the calculus in question was long distinguished. But it must be noted that the first who solved any such problem as has since been referred to the calculus of variations, whatever may have been his method, was Newton, who in the Scholium to the 34th proposition of his second book gives, without demonstration, the construction requisite for finding the solid of least resistance. (PRINCIPIA, p. 9.) The subject was successively taken up by Brook Taylor, Euler, Simpson, Emerson, and Maclaurin, the second of whom first gave the general equation which determines the nature of the function required, independently of the limits of integration; and his 'Methodus inveniendi lineas curvas proprietate maxime minime gaudentes,' published in 1744, being the last of his efforts on this subject which was made before Lagrange came into the field, is an epoch in its history. Lagrange's first change in existing methods was the introduction of the specific symbol δ to stand for the variation of x (which suggested to Euler the name of the *Calculus of Variations*) and of the formation of all that part of $\int \sqrt{dx}$ which is free from the integral sign. Furnished with such an apparatus, he undertook problems of a much more complicated class than any of his predecessors, and stamped upon the subject the form which it has never since lost, at the same time that he gave it an extension which it can hardly be said to have since exceeded. Lagrange's memoirs were contained in the first and fourth volumes of the 'Miscellanea Tauri-

nemai,' published in 1760 and 1773. The 'Mécanique Analytique' of Lagrange (first edition, 1788) must also be regarded as the first work in which the calculus of variations was fully applied to problems of statics and dynamics, in the manner since universally followed. A complete and most excellent history of the rise and progress of the branch of this calculus which treats of the maxima and minima of undetermined integrals is contained in, and forms the substance of, Woodhouse's 'Treatise on Isoperimetric Problems,' Cambridge, 1810.

VARICELLA, or *Varicella lymphatica*, is the eruptive disease commonly called chicken-pox, and which has been described by different writers under the names of chrysalis, variolæ pusillæ, variolæ spuria, &c. It is almost peculiar to infants and young children; and the eruption appears either without premonitory signs, or after two or three days of slight illness. The eruption commences on the shoulders, neck, and breast: on the scalp and back it is usually abundant, but the face is only slightly affected. It consists of vesicles, about as large as a split-pea, full of transparent fluid, and lenticular, conoid, or globular in their form. They are surrounded by a slight superficial redness, and successive crops of them appear for two or three days, the old vesicles shrivelling up as the new ones are formed. Most of the vesicles burst naturally, and the cuticle which covered them falls to the level of the surrounding skin; but some shrink, the fluid within them becoming whey-like, or, if they be much irritated, purulent. After drying they form small scabs which fall off in grains, and sometimes leave small superficial scars. The whole course of the disease occupies about a week, and is not attended by any important constitutional disturbance. It therefore requires no particular treatment.

The first writers on varicella considered it as only a mild form of variola, or small-pox, and the same view is maintained by some modern authors, especially by Dr. Thomson of Edinburgh. It is however more probable that chicken-pox and small-pox are essentially different, on these grounds: 1. They sometimes prevail in distinct epidemics, no case of genuine small-pox occurring among many of chicken-pox. 2. The characters of the chicken-pox eruption are altogether different from those of small-pox even in its mildest and most modified form. 3. Chicken-pox is not inoculable, though the mildest small-pox is. 4. Chicken-pox is altogether unaffected by previous vaccination, and does not prevent the action of vaccine matter.

VARICOSE VEINS. (VIRUS.)

VARIATION, OR MARKING, in Botany, is applied to the disposition of two or more colours in the petals, leaves, and other parts of plants. The cause of the colour of plants is a subject involved in much obscurity, and neither the microscope nor chemical analysis has thrown much light upon it. The tissues of plants themselves are free from all colour, and they only become coloured from having deposited in their interior various secretions. The most prominent colour in the vegetable kingdom is green, the leaves of plants being generally of that colour. When the cellular tissue of a leaf is examined, the cells are found to contain a number of globules, consisting of starch and other substances; but the most abundant of these are those of a coloured secretion which, on account of its green colour, has been called chromule and chlorophyll. This is a carbonaceous substance, and it was supposed that the black carbon which it contains gave the green colour to the leaves; but it is not the colour of the carbon that produces greenness, as chlorophyll is found in leaves of very different colours, and also in the petals of flowers. Light has a great influence in developing the green colour of the chlorophyll, and it is well known that the leaves of plants become white in the dark, and that the parts of plants underground are seldom coloured. Sometimes the leaves of trees, when growing with perfect exposure to the light, become white in particular places, and they are then called variegated leaves. This circumstance occurs in all kinds of plants. In Exogens the blotches are for the most part irregular, but in Endogens they are usually arranged in bands that follow the course of the veins. The cause of this want of development of the colouring power of the chlorophyll is at present unknown. It is seldom confined to single leaves, but embraces the whole of the leaves of a branch. If a cutting is planted from a branch

thus affected, the whole plant that is produced from it will have variegated leaves. It is thus that variegated laurels, hollies, and other shrubs are procured for the purpose of producing variety in gardens and plantations. This variegation of the leaves sometimes disappears, and it is found that it is best preserved when plants are placed in sterile soils, and soonest lost in fertile soils. It is not continued in plants grown from seeds. The cause of this singular phenomenon is not known. It is generally attributed to a diseased state of the tissues of plants; but from a microscopic examination of the affected tissues we have been able to detect no change of structure, nor does the general health of the tree appear at all affected.

At different periods of the year leaves undergo very obvious changes in the colour, more particularly in the autumn, when leaves assume various shades of red and yellow. These changes seem to arise from an obstruction to the function of the leaf previous to its death, as leaves assume the same colours at all seasons of the year when they are accidentally injured.

The colours of petals producing the variegations so much esteemed by florists, in such flowers as the tulip and the ranunculus, are exceedingly various. They may be divided into two great series: those having yellow for their type, which passes into red or white, but never into blue; and those which have blue for their type, and which are also capable of passing into red or white, but never into yellow. The first series is called, by De Candolle, Xanthic, and the last, Cyanic. Of these series, Lindley gives the following analysis:—

Green colour of leaves.			
Cyanic.	Greenish blue	Yellow-green	Xanthic.
	Blue	Yellow	
	Violet-blue	Orange-yellow	
	Violet	Orange	
	Violet-red	Orange-red	
Red.			

It is found that a yellow flower may assume the colours of the Xanthic series, but never become blue, and *vice versa*; and this rule applies to many genera. It is not however universal, as genera are occasionally found having both yellow and blue flowers, as *Tropaeolum* and *Hycynthus*. These various colours depend on secretions in the cellular tissue of the petals, but the nature of these secretions is not well understood: they closely resemble however, if they are not identical with, chlorophyll.

VARIETIES, in Botany, are groups of individual plants subordinate to species. The character of the species is found in its capability of reproducing by seed a plant which is more like itself than it is like anything else; and this under all circumstances in which the offspring is capable of being produced. The variety differs from the species in points of structure which are developed only under certain circumstances, and which are not essential to the species. This may be illustrated by an example—as for instance, the common apple (*Pyrus Malus*). If the seeds of the wild apple, or any of the cultivated varieties of apples, are sown under any circumstances, the plants that spring from these seeds will, in the great mass of their characters, be more like all other apple-trees, than they will be like pear, plum, or any other trees. This then illustrates the idea of a species. If, on the other hand, the seeds of some of the sorts of apples, known under the names of Golden Pippin, Nonpareil, &c., be sown under different circumstances from that in which the plant from which they are taken was grown, the plants produced will differ in many respects from their parent in the characters that constitute the variety, but not in those of the species. The characters on which the definition of a species is founded ought to be such that no circumstances can alter them; whilst the essence of a variety consists in its having characters which are altered and produced by circumstances. The external agents which produce varieties in plants are very numerous—as situation, temperature, light, air, moisture, dryness, elevation, and, above all, cultivation. (SPECIES OF PLANTS.) Earlier botanists were not aware of the remarkable influence these circumstances had on plants, and accordingly set down all plants that differed in any remarkable manner as species. Linnæus was one of the first observers to detect this error; and having given his definition of his idea of a species,

and selected a definition for each particular species, he reduced a great number of previous species to varieties. But as a species can only be defined by its *permanent* characters, and as a group of individuals can only be called a variety by an ascertained want of permanency in their essential characters, time must elapse before it can be determined with regard to many groups of individuals whether they are species or varieties. Thus although Linnaeus, proceeding on his own experience, reduced many of the species of previous writers to the rank of varieties, yet subsequent observers have again regarded them as species. But as we can have only a very imperfect knowledge of what are the permanent characters of the great bulk of plants that are growing in the world, the definitions of many species can only be an approach to correctness, and their excellence will depend more on the judgment of the botanist than on any definition of the idea of a species. Still the great end of systematic botany must be the determination of the true characters of species; and it is only through the study of varieties that these can be understood. It is therefore as unphilosophical in botany to reject the study of varieties as trifling, as it would be on the same ground in chemistry to reject the study of the atomic constitution of the elements of compound bodies.

In botanical works considerable difference exists in recording varieties and species. Thus Dr. Lindley, in his 'Synopsis of the British Flora,' gives descriptions of about 1540 Phanerogamous plants; Sir William Hooker, in the last edition of the 'British Flora,' gives about 1500 species; whilst the list of the plants of the Edinburgh Botanical Society, drawn up by Professor Balfour and Messrs. Habbington and Campbell, gives upwards of 1700 species. A great difference also exists in recording varieties of admitted species. The attention given to varieties by British botanists is small compared with that of many continental writers, especially in Germany, who in their works record with great accuracy any departures from the normal type.

The mode of recording varieties differs in different writers. In some cases the species is defined, and the description is regarded as indicating one amongst the groups of varieties of which the species is composed. The Greek alphabet is used frequently alone to express varieties. Thus Hooker, in the 'British Flora,' page 233, gives the definition of *Rosa inodora*, and afterwards describes the varieties α and γ , and they are always spoken of as varieties α , β , and γ of *Rosa inodora*, the character of the species constituting var. α . Many writers give an additional name to the variety which is attached to that of the species. Thus the varieties of *Euphorbia lucida* are written *Euphorbia lucida latifolia*, *E. l. salicifolia*, *E. l. linearifolia*.

Where plants have undergone many changes by cultivation, further subdivisions are frequently resorted to: thus by some writers *Brassica Rapa*, the common turnip, is described in two subspecies, *B. R. oleifera* and *B. R. rufifera*; each of these has several varieties, as *B. R. o. bennetii*, and *B. R. o. onosa*, and *B. R. r. longa*, and *B. R. r. rotunda*. Each of these varieties has again been subdivided, according to the colour of the roots, forming white, yellow, green, and red subspecies.

The natural varieties of plants are nothing like so numerous as those which arise from cultivation. Almost the entire object in view in the kitchen and fruit gardens is the developing of some property in plants which they do not exhibit in their natural state, and this is mostly attended with a corresponding change of structure. All the varieties of apples are produced by cultivation from the common crab (*Pyrus Malus*), all the pears from *Pyrus communis*; the cherries from *Prunus Cerasus*; peaches, apricots, nectarines, from *Amygdalus Persica*; and plums from the *Prunus domestica*. The same is true of vegetables: all the varieties of cabbages are produced by cultivation from the same species; so also with turnips, potatoes, radishes, &c. This is also the case with flowers: the great majority of tulips, roses, anemones, ranunculi, &c. found in gardens are the result of changed characters dependent on cultivation. Although many of the varieties of fruits, vegetables, and flowers retain the same names for a great length of time, there is nothing permanent in their characters but those which belong to the species. It is for this reason that old varieties of fruits and flowers, which were

known in gardens or orchards fifty years ago, are now seldom to be met with; the circumstances which have produced them no longer surround their posterity, and they revert to the original character of the species. The late Mr. Knight, president of the Horticultural Society, long since ascertained that the varieties of apples and pears have only a limited duration. In this way a valued variety known by the name of the Golden Pippin is generally wearing out. It may in some instances be propagated by grafting, but it quickly cankers and dies. Many persons are thus disappointed in the planting of orchards: if they grow seedlings of fine old varieties, they no longer bear the fruit of their parents; and if they employ grafts, the tree grows weakly, quickly cankers, or bears a very imperfect kind of fruit. The attempt, then, to keep up old varieties is almost useless, but the horticulturist has his resource in being able to produce new varieties, many of which equal and even excel older varieties; but these in their turn are destined to perish.

The varieties of particular species of flowers which are most valued are those which depend on a change of colour in the flower, or an increase in its petals, so that a single flower becomes double. But although this department of floriculture has had so much attention paid to it, little or nothing is known with regard to the circumstances which favour a change in the colour of flowers. With regard to annuals, none of the varieties can be certainly reproduced by seeds, and generally the best varieties of flowers are obtained from the seeds of individuals that have most closely resembled the species. In perennial and shrubby plants, varieties may be preserved, in the same manner as in fruit-trees, by continuing the individual variety by means of cuttings, offshoots, layers, buds, &c.

One great source of variety in plants is the production of seeds by plants belonging to different species. This can be easily effected by art between allied species, by taking the pollen of one species and applying it to the pistil of another; the consequence is, that plants produced by the seeds of the latter partake of the characters of both their parents. These plants, as animals produced in the same way, are called mules or hybrids. This circumstance does not often occur in nature, but still there are many instances on record, of very puzzling varieties of plants having been thus produced, and not a few new species owe their origin to this cause. But hybrid varieties are not more permanent than those produced by other means, as they are quite incapable of propagating their peculiarities by seed for more than two or three generations, and some of them are incapable of producing seed at all. This intermixture can only be made to take place between closely allied species. No one has ever succeeded in fertilizing the apple with the pear, or the gooseberry with the currant, or the cucumber with the melon, and *rice orra*. As a probable source of variety in wild plants hybridization should never be overlooked; and in large genera, as *Rosa* and *Rubus*, where all the recorded species have a close identity of structure, great care should be taken not to admit varieties and species which may arise from this cause, as, being perishable in their nature, they only remain to confuse subsequent observers.

In obtaining varieties of plants for use or ornament, the production of hybrids is of great practical importance. 'I am inclined to believe,' says Professor Lindley, 'that the power of obtaining mule varieties by art is one of the most important means that man possesses of modifying the works of Nature, and of rendering them better adapted to his purposes. In our gardens, some of our most beautiful flowers have such an origin: as, for instance, the roses obtained between *R. indica* and *R. moschata*, the different mule *Potentilla* and *Cacti*, the splendid *Azalea* raised between *A. pontica* and *A. sudfordiana*, and the magnificent American Indian *Rhododendrons*. By crossing varieties of the same species, the races of fruits and of culinary vegetables have been brought to a state as nearly approaching perfection as we can suppose possible. And if similar improvements have not taken place in a more important department, namely, the trees that afford us timber, experience fully warrants the belief that, if proper means were adopted, improved varieties of as much consequence might be introduced into our forests, as have already been created for our gardens. It is however to be regretted that those who occupy themselves with experi-

ments of this kind do not confine them to woody or perennial plants which can be perpetuated by cuttings. Mule animals have the great fault of perishing almost as soon as they are obtained, and they serve no other purpose than that of encumbering the records of science with accounts of so-called species which from their transitory existence can never be re-examined.' (*Intro. to Bot.*, p. 348.)

VARIGNON, PIERRE. The common source of all biographies of Varignon is the éloge of him inserted by his friend Fontenelle in the *Mémoires* of the Academy of Sciences, and republished in the separate collection of éloges by the same author.

The subject of this article was born at Caen in 1654: his father, an architect, destined him for the church, and placed him at the college of his native town. He learned to make a sun-dial as well as his father's workmen could teach him, and this gave him a longing to know the principles on which such things are done, which he never found the way to gratify until, by accident, he met with a Euclid in a bookseller's shop. From this he went on to the writings of Des Cartes, which against the wishes of his friends, and became well versed in the mathematics of the day. Among his college friends was the Abbé de St. Pierre (not Bernardin, the author of the 'Stodes of Nature,' but Charles), whose regard for Varignon induced him to make over to the latter 300 francs a year out of 1800 which was his patrimonial fortune. This was his sole provision for many years, and enabled him to pursue his studies: the two friends went to Paris in 1680, took up their quarters in the same house, and pursued their several researches. It was here that Fontenelle, who was also of Normandy, became acquainted with them, and he describes Varignon as the most laborious of students; glad to go on with what he was doing at two o'clock in the morning, under the pretext of its not being worth while to go to bed, because he usually rose at four. In 1687 his first work, the 'Projet d'une Nouvelle Mécanique,' brought him at once into such reputation, that he was in the following year elected to the Academy, and appointed professor of mathematics at the Collège Mazarin: in 1690 appeared the 'Nouvelles Conjectures sur la Pesanteur.' By 1705 he had ruined his health: he was for six months in danger, and for three years in a state of debility. His life is a purely literary one; and there is nothing more to say, except that he died in the night of December 22, 1722, without illness, having performed his usual duties at the college the day before.

We take his works from the 'Biographie Universelle':—1, Paris, 1687, 'Projet d'une Nouvelle Mécanique,' 4to.; 2, Paris, 1690, 'Nouvelles Conjectures sur la Pesanteur,' 12mo.; 3, Paris, 1725, 'Nouvelle Mécanique,' 2 vols. 4to.; 4, Paris, 1725, 'Eclaircissements sur l'Analyse des Infiniment Petits,' 4to.; 5, Paris, 1725, 'Traité du Mouvement des Eaux Courantes,' 4to.; 6, Paris, 1732, 'Eléments de Mathématiques,' 4to.; 7, Geneva, 1730, 'Démonstration de la Possibilité de la Présence Réelle,' &c., in a collection of pieces on the real presence, by Vernet. There is perhaps no better test of real eminence than the desire of the surviving contemporaries to have an author's works; and more of Varignon was published after his death than he himself gave during his life. It is however to be remembered that, besides his two separate works, he printed a great deal in the *Mémoires* of the Academy of Sciences, particularly in defence of the new doctrines of the infinitesimal calculus. His name is familiar to all who have even glanced at the history of this theory as the explainer of its difficulties in answer to the earnest and frequently plausible attacks which were made upon it. The 'Eclaircissements,' &c. above mentioned, were intended by him as a commentary upon the well-known work of his friend De l'Hôpital, the first elementary writing upon the differential calculus. The 'Projet,' &c. was a most remarkable work, being in fact the first in which the great elementary principle of the composition of forces is made the basis of a systematic development of statics. Montucla mentions that Stevinus had preceded him in the knowledge of the use of this truth; insisting particularly upon his having used the most elegant and useful form of the theorem, namely, that forces which are as the sides of a triangle balance one another. Mr. Hallam ('Literature of Europe,' vol. ii., p. 462) cannot find this 'triangle of forces' in Stevinus. But the fact is that the theorem, though not

perhaps separately enunciated by Stevinus, is used by him: for instance, in Albert Girard's edition of Stevinus, p. 449, column 2, a look at the second figure with the accompanying text will show that LDO and OFC are 'triangles of forces.' The merit of Varignon consists in his making the composition of forces a basis for everything, in which he has been followed by most writers since his time. Stevinus mixed different principles. Mr. Hallam remarks, very naturally, 'Had it' (the triangle of forces) 'been known to him' (Stevinus), 'we may presume that he would have employed it, as is done in modern works on mechanics, for demonstrating the law of equilibrium on the inclined plane, instead of his catenarian hypothesis.' So he would have done had he been reviewing the subject: but he was discovering it; and that very inverse order which so often takes place in discovery, and which brought out the binomial theorem as an ultimate result of a mode of finding the areas of certain curves, occurred in the case of Stevinus, who brought out the mode of using the triangle of forces, rather than the theorem itself, from this very catenarian hypothesis; and, as far as we can see, partly by demonstration, partly by extension. One of the greatest compliments which Varignon's memory received was this, that his 'Projet,' &c. took such possession of the public mind, that by the time the work itself (3 in the above list) appeared, of which it was the 'Projet,' it excited very little notice, and added nothing to its fame.

The conjectures on the cause of gravity show that Varignon was not as happy in clear perception of hydrostatical laws as in those of statics. He imagines that the gravitation of a body towards the earth is the excess of the pressure downwards of the superincumbent column of air over the pressure upwards of the column between the earth and the body. This is enough for a specimen: even Fontenelle avows that he thinks it possible his friend may here have added one to the number of proofs of the difficulty of the subject. But notwithstanding this, Varignon may be placed among those men whose reputation is probably very much below their desert as estimated by their utility.

VARILLAS, ANTOINE, a native of Gafret, the capital of La Marche, was born in 1624. When he had completed his studies, he was sent to Paris as private tutor to some of his young townsmen. In 1648 he was appointed historiographer to Gaston, duke of Orléans. Dupuy procured for Varillas the situation of sub-librarian in the royal library, which he held under more than one of Dupuy's successors, and lost on account of his negligence in collating Brienne's MSS., which had been purchased by Colbert, with the originals in the library. He was allowed to retire with a pension of 1200 livres, which was withdrawn by Colbert in 1660. In the same year Varillas was offered a pension by the States-general of Holland to write the history of the United Provinces; but he declined the task, on the plea that he could not serve with his pen the enemies of France. In 1670 the archbishop of Paris obtained a pension from the assembly of the clergy for Varillas, whom he knew to be engaged on a history of heresies. Varillas died at Paris on the 9th of June, 1686. His published works are:—1, 'Politique de la Maison d'Autriche,' Paris, 1658, in 12mo; 2, 'Histoire de la France,' Paris, 1683 et seq.; 14 vols. in 4to., or 28 in 12mo. The work contains the reigns of the kings of France from Louis XI. to Henri IV. 3, 'La Pratique de l'Education des Princes, ou l'Histoire de Guillaume de Crecy, seigneur de Chievres,' Paris, 1684, in 12mo. 4, 'Les Anecdotes de Florence, ou l'Histoire Secrète de la Maison de Médicis,' La Haye, 1685, in 12mo. 5, 'Histoire des Révolutions arrivées en Europe en matière de Religion,' Paris, 1686-89, 6 vols. in 4to., or 12 in 12mo. This work extends from 1374 to 1569: a continuation to 1600, which would fill 12 quarto volumes, has remained in MS. 6, 'La Politique de Ferdinand le Catholique,' Amsterdam, 1688, 3 vols. in 12mo. A continuation of this work by the author exists in MS. The style of Varillas' writings is good for his age; but he has distorted facts and neglected to verify his quotations, and has even been convicted of alleging MS. authorities which never existed. Indolence and vanity seem to have been the chief if not the sole motives to his falsifications.

VARFNAS, or rather **BARFNAS,** as it is at present written in all official documents and modern publications,

is a town in South America, in the republic of Venezuela, and the capital of the province which bears its name. It lies near $7^{\circ} 30' N.$ lat. and $70^{\circ} 12' W.$ long., and is built, like many other towns in that part of Venezuela, at the base of the Andes, from which circumstance its importance is mostly derived. This situation has made it the place where the inhabitants of two contiguous regions, which differ greatly in their products, exchange their commodities. To the south-east of the town lie the plains known by the name of Los Llanos, which extend to the banks of the Orinoco; and to the north-west are the lower declivities of the Andes, which gradually rise higher and terminate in the Nevado de Mérida. The inhabitants of the mountains bring to the town the produce of their agriculture, especially corn and fruit, and take in exchange the produce of the numerous herds of cattle which pasture on the plains. The country which surrounds the town is very fertile, and especially fit for the cultivation of tobacco, which forms the staple article of its commerce, and is sent to Europe, where it continues to be in high repute, though the tobacco of Cumanaoa is said to be superior. This article is sent to Europe by way of Angostura in Guyana. The river St. Domingo, which originates on the declivities of the Nevado de Mérida, and passes through Barinas, becomes navigable at Torono, about fourteen miles below the town; so that the last-mentioned place may be considered as the port of Barinas, from which its exports are sent down the rivers St. Domingo, Apure, and Orinoco to Angostura. The population of Barinas before the war of independence is said to have been 10,000 individuals; but this place suffered much during the war, having more than once been taken and retaken, and about ten years ago a part of the population was carried off by a contagious disease resembling the plague. At present its population is stated to be about 6000.

(Depons, *Voyage de la partie Orientale de la Terre-firme*; Hall's *Colombia, its Present State, &c.*; and Codazzi's *Resumen de la Geografía de Venezuela*.)

VARINGHIANS, VAREGUES, VAREGO-RUSSES, a name given by the first Russian chronicler, Nestor, to the Norman adventurers who gave the name of Russia to an empire founded by them from various Slavonian and Finnish populations.

It is remarkable that the origin of a name, bestowed at once on an extensive country, inhabited by a great variety of populations, and at a no earlier date than the ninth century, should have been for a long time matter of doubt and uncertainty to historians. Even recently Professor Ewers, of Dorpat, a man of great learning, who has paid particular attention to this subject, declared that the *Varegues* of Nestor were an Asiatic nation of Turkish race. His opinion was received by several historical writers. Other authors who treated the same subject ascribed a different origin to the *Varegues*.

The prevalent opinion however now is, that the *Varegues* were Normans, that is, Scandinavians. It is well known that the foreign troops levied by the Greek emperors amongst the Anglo-Saxons and Scandinavians were called at Constantinople '*Varegues*,' which signified allies (*fœderati*), according to the celebrated Norwegian annalist, Snorri Sturluson, who says that the Gothic troops which served the Greek emperor had been called, since the time of Constantine the Great, *Varingar*, from the old Scandinavian word *væra* or *værr* (*pactum*), 'alliance.' This was certainly a more courteous appellation than that of mercenaries, which more properly belongs to them. It is also very possible that the name of *Varinghians* was derived from the old Teutonic word '*varre*,' or '*warre*,' and simply signified 'warriors.' However, there is no doubt that the name of *Varinghians* was given by the Byzantines to several nations of North-western Europe who served in the imperial guards, as those writers say that the *Varinghians* were foreigners from Thule, a name which was applied by them sometimes to Scandinavia and sometimes to the British Islands. Nestor states the same thing in the most positive manner: he says, there are *Varegues*, *Sweya* (Swedes), *Oormians* (Norwegians), *Anglans* (Angles), *Goths* (inhabitants of the island of Gothland), and *Russes*. These last *Varegues* puzzled the investigators of northern history; yet the researches of many of them seem to have established beyond all doubt that the appellation of *Russ*, or *Ross*, was given to adventurers from Sweden. A part

of the maritime coast of that country is still called *Ross-lagen*; and the name of the Swedes in Finnish is *Ruots*, or *Ross*. It is therefore very natural that, as the *Russes* became known to the Slavonians through the Finnish population, which lay between them and the Swedes, they should adopt the name given to the latter by the Finns. We have moreover two positive authorities that the *Ross* were Scandinavians. Luitprand, bishop of Cremona, who was at Constantinople in the tenth century, says, in describing an invasion of the Russians, '*Russios quos alio nomine Nordmannos vocamus*' ('Russians, whom we also call Normans'). The Herftian Chronicles relate that the Greek emperor Theophilus (in a.d. 1046) sent an embassy to Louis the Debonair, and with it some people who called themselves *Rhoss*, and their king Chacanus, who had arrived at Constantinople in order to conclude a treaty with the Greeks. Theophilus requested Louis to give them some means for returning in safety to their own country, as they had arrived at Constantinople by passing through many ferocious nations, and he did not wish to expose them again to such dangers. The same people told Louis that they belonged to the Swedish nation. It is well known that several kings of Scandinavia bore the name of *Hacon*, which might easily have been corrupted into *Chacanus*; and the barbarous countries through which they had passed on their way from Sweden to Constantinople were probably the countries which lie between the Baltic and the Black seas. We may add that the emperor Constantine Porphyrogenitus, when describing, in his work '*De Administrando Imperio*,' the cataraacts of the Dnieper, gives the names of the principal of them in Slavonian and Russian. Though these names are corrupted, the Slavonian names may be easily made out; whilst the Russian are evidently Scandinavian words which answer to the meaning of the Slavonian appellations. The names of the *Varego-Russo* leaders who established the empire of Russia are evidently Scandinavian.

The establishment of the *Varegues* among the Slavonians was similar to that of their countrymen, the Normans, in France. *Ruric*, their chief, or '*Konung*,' having established his power at Novgorod and in the adjacent country, gave to it the name of *Russia*, like his countryman *Rollo*, from whose followers a French province assumed the name of Normandy; and it is very probable that if the successors of *Rollo* had extended their conquests over all France, the name of France would have been replaced by that of Normandy, in the same manner as the Slavonian countries subjected by the descendants of *Ruric* received the appellation of *Russia*. *Ruric* gave different provinces and towns to his countrymen, who governed them as his vassals; and the descendants of the chief and of his companions, the number of which was increased by frequent new arrivals from Scandinavia, formed the class of princes and nobles. They soon adopted the language of the natives of the country, as was the case in France with the Normans; and the Scandinavian names, such as *Oleg*, *Askold*, *Carl*, and others, borne by the princes and chiefs, soon gave way to the Slavonian appellations of *Vladimir*, *Sviatolaf*, &c. It seems also that the religion of *Odin* was abandoned by them for the Slavonian worship; for we see from Nestor that the Russian princes *Oleg* and *Igor* swore by *Perun* and *Volos* (Slavonian deities) in concluding treaties with the Greek emperors.

The introduction of Christianity by the Eastern Church and of the Liturgy in the Slavonian dialect, into which the Scriptures had been translated by Cyrilus and Methodius (Slavonians), contributed to the obliteration of national differences between the ruling caste and the subject populations. The feudal institutions, which were ungenial to the Slavonian spirit, soon disappeared; and the only traces of Norman character which remained for a considerable time in Russia, and particularly at Novgorod, were various legal provisions embodied in the code of *Yaroslav the Great* (1019-1054): as, for instance, the fine for murders, wounds, &c., called *virra*, from the Teutonic *weirgeld*, the judicial combat, and other kinds of ordeal, or trials by the judgment of God.

VARIOLA, (SHALL POW.)

VARIOLARIA, a genus of plants, belonging to the natural order *Lichenes*. This name is derived from *variolæ*, because the apothecia resemble the pustules of small-pox. The thallus of the plants belonging to this genus is crust-

taceous, membranaceous, adnate, spreading, uniform. The apothecium is a suborbicular, scutelliform cup, formed of the thallus, and filled with a powdery or flocculent substance which covers an immersed waxy disk containing imbedded thecae. This genus borders closely upon others, and through some of its species it is closely connected with *Spiloma*, *Thelotrema*, *Parmelia*, *Urcularia*, and *Isidium*. All the species were included by Linnaeus in the species of *Lichen fagineus* and *L. lacteus*. They are of an ash-grey or white colour, and are found on the bark of the trunks of various trees, on rocks, walls, or on the ground. About thirteen species are found in Great Britain.

F. fagineus, the Bitter-sored Variolaria, has an orbicular crust, surrounded by a zonate border of various colours: the apothecia are very abundant, convex, with an obsolete border, and filled with a snowy white powder. This is one of the species included in the *Lichen fagineus* of Linnaeus. It is common on the bark of trees, especially of old beech-trees, and on pales. This species is distinguished from all others of the genus, as well as of the order, by its intensely bitter taste. It is for this reason that Turner and Borrer have separated the *F. discolor* from this species, although it has only a very slight structural dissimilarity; but it has no bitter taste at all. Braconot found that the *F. fagineus*, as well as several other crustaceous lichens, contained oxalic acid. The quantity yielded by 100 parts of this plant was 29.4 of oxalic acid, combined with 18 of lime. This chemist further remarks, that the oxalate of lime bears the same relation in the class of cryptogamic plants that the carbonate of lime does to the lower classes of animals, and the phosphate of lime to the higher. The quantity of this salt however is not great in any of the lichens that are not crustaceous, although they are generally found to contain some other salt as a subsalt. Sir William Hooker states that the *F. fagineus* is at the present time employed in France, on a very extensive scale, for the purpose of obtaining oxalic acid. On what the bitter taste of this plant depends does not appear to have been at present ascertained; nor has it been used, on this account, in medicine. In tasting this lichen the bitter taste is not immediately perceived, and not until the lapse of some minutes is its intense bitterness developed.

F. lacteus, Milky-white Variolaria, has a suborbicular, tartareous, thick, white, smooth, areolate crust, tinged at the edges with flesh-colour: the apothecia are copious, suborbicular, flatish, with an elevated border when young, which disappears with age; the powder very white. This is the *Lichen lacteus* of Linnaeus. It occurs on rocks in mountainous countries. This is a very elegant species of the genus, and is one of the lichens that are collected for the purpose of being used in dyeing.

F. globulifera, Vesicle-fruited Variolaria, has an orbicular, thickish, glaucous, rugose crust, and sprinkled all over with white soredia, and surrounded by a border somewhat zonate, and of various colours: the apothecia are large, spherical, depressed at the apex, where they at length burst irregularly, becoming scutelliform, with a lacerated border and a white powder. This species is found only rarely, growing on the bark of old oaks and beech-trees. It was gathered by Dr. Sibthorp in Greece; and, on account of the form of the reproductive organs, is the most remarkable-looking species of the genus.

F. vitiligo, Leprous Variolaria, has an elliptical, very thin, almost filmy, whitish crust, with very numerous, minute, oblong, confluent apothecia, having a very narrow elevated margin, and containing a lead-coloured powder. This is one of the most common species of the genus, and is common on old rails and gate-posts, giving them the appearance of having been imperfectly daubed over with white paint.

VARIUS, LUCIUS, a Roman poet, and a friend and contemporary of Virgil and Horace, both of whom speak of him in terms of the highest praise. (Virgil, *Eclog.* ix. 35; Horat. *Carm.* i. 6. 1, &c.; *Epist.* ii. 1. 247; *Ad Pison.* 55; *Satir.* i. 5. 40; 6. 55, &c.) From Domastus' *Life of Virgil*, it is clear that Varius survived Virgil, who died B.C. 19; for Varius is there described as one of the heirs of Virgil, and as one of the poets who undertook the correction of the *'Æneid.'* Varius distinguished himself no less as an epic than as a tragic poet. We know of two epic poems of Varius: the one was a description of the

exploits of Augustus and Agrippa, which is completely lost, and the second is called *'De Morte,'* and was probably an account of the death of Julius Cæsar. Macrobius (vi. 1) has preserved two lines of this poem. As to his tragic compositions, the antients are unanimous in saying that he excelled all his countrymen; and Quintilian (x. 1. 98) says that the tragedy *'Thyestes'* of Varius would bear comparison with any Greek tragedy. (Compare *Dialogus de Causa, Corrupt. Eloquent.* 12; Philargy. *ad Virg. Eclog.* viii. 10.) But, notwithstanding this general acknowledgment of his merits, no fragments of his tragedies are preserved which can be attributed to him with any certainty.

(Bothe, *Poetorum Latini Sceniorum. Progm.* i., p. 257, &c.; Weichert, *De L. Vario, Poeta, Commentatio*, Græmæ, 1825, 4to.; *Poetarum Latinorum Reliquiæ*, p. 150, &c.)

VARIX (in Conchology). The swollen or varicose vein probably gave rise to this term, which is used by malacologists to designate the longitudinal thickened elevations occurring at greater or less intervals on the outer surface of spiral shells. These varices are formed by the thickened and reflected edge of a former aperture of the shell, which the animal has increased, by adding to its growth by fresh deposits of testaceous matter beyond such former aperture. Thus many varices or elevated longitudinal ridges, the relics of former apertures, are seen on the spire and body-whorl of many marine shells. Examples will be seen in *Ranella*, *Triton*, and *Murex*. (SIPHONOSTOMATA.) Their elegant regularity in *Hurpa* (ENTOMOSTOMATA) adds greatly to the symmetry and beauty of the shell.

VARIX. (VEINS, DISEASES OF.)

VARLEY, JOHN, an artist who ranks very high as a water-colour painter, in which branch of the art he was almost the first to adopt those principles and processes which have raised it to such eminence in this country, and rendered it capable of effecting upon a small scale nearly all that oil-painting can produce upon a larger one. He was born in London about the year 1777, of parents in rather moderate circumstances, and was about to be apprenticed to a silversmith, very much against his own inclinations, when the death of his father, who had always opposed what he considered an idle talent for drawing, left him at liberty to choose a profession. That his family were unable to further his views may be taken for granted, since he was fain to content himself at first with obtaining employment with an obscure portrait-painter in Holborn. Afterwards, when about fifteen or sixteen, he received some instruction from a drawing-master of the name of Barrow, with whom he made a sketching excursion, which was of material service to him; for a view which he then made of Peterborough Cathedral brought him into notice. He next became acquainted with Arnold, the landscape-painter, with whom he made a tour through North Wales about the year 1799. On his return from that excursion, he was for some time employed by Dr. Munro in making sketches for him of the scenery in the neighbourhood of his residence at Feteham in Surrey. Two other professional excursions through Wales in 1801-2, and similar ones through various parts of England, stocked his portfolio with subjects that occupied his pencil for many years, and established his reputation as the first in that department of art he had chosen. He was certainly among the first, if not the very first, who began to advance the practice of water-colour drawing to that of water-colour painting, and to give that mode of execution a solidity and force, a freedom and breadth, which it had not before attained, nor was even supposed capable of. Up to that time, scarcely anything had been produced beyond washed or tinted drawings, very little superior to the coloured prints of the same period—raw and feeble in effect. Varley gave to his paintings nearly all the vigour of oil-pictures, and by a mode peculiar to himself; for he worked with great rapidity, and does not appear to have produced his effects by repeated spunging and other processes now in use, or by mixture of body colour: his colours look as if they had been laid on at once, and hardly retouched. Although he was not an original member of the 'Water-Colour Society' (established in 1804), he afterwards joined it, and his pictures contributed in no small degree to the attraction of its exhibitions. From them and his practice as a teacher, he derived a considerable income for many years; but a numerous family, and want of either management or

economy, kept him almost always in difficulties. Besides which, he devoted much time to the study of judicial astrology, which he may almost be said to have made a second profession; for he was in the habit of giving his advice formally to those who consulted him respecting their 'nativities,' and is said to have received fees on such occasions, or at least to have found a liberal purchaser for a drawing in a client of that kind. He certainly made no secret of his pretensions, nor did he show any disinclination for the title of 'Astrologer' publicly attached to his name. Of extraordinary predictions by him many strange anecdotes are told; but if he possessed the art of foreseeing events, he did not possess that of averting troubles and misfortunes—in his own case at least—which a little ordinary prudence would have enabled him to avoid. Varley was married twice: his first wife died in 1824; his second was the daughter of Wilson Lowry, the celebrated engraver. He himself died November 17, 1842, at the residence of a friend, near Cavendish Square.

VARNISH, a fluid applied to the surfaces of various articles, as wood, &c., and which, by the evaporation or chemical change of a portion, leaves upon them a shining coating impervious to air and to moisture.

Varnishes may be divided into three classes, alcoholic or spirit varnishes, volatile-oil varnishes, and fixed-oil varnishes.

Spirit or alcohol varnishes are in general prepared very readily, are easily applied, soon become dry, and emit no disagreeable smell: they are however liable to crack or scale off, and are incapable of resisting friction or blows.

The following, which are chiefly taken from Aikin's 'Dictionary of Chemistry,' are among the most approved spirit varnishes:—Take of mastich 6 ounces, sandarach 3 ounces, reduced to fine powder, and add 4 ounces of coarsely-powdered glass, which prevents the resins from agglomerating into a mass or sticking to the bottom of the vessel; digest in a quart of spirit of wine, contained in a loosely-corked vessel for three days in a warm room, shaking the mixture frequently; then add 3 ounces of melted Venice turpentine to the warm solution, stirring thoroughly till mixed; let the mixture remain in a warm room for about a week, and then strain it. This is a strong varnish applied to chairs and other articles of furniture.

Take of copal, which has been liquefied and afterwards very finely powdered, 3 ounces, mastich 2 ounces, and elemi 1 ounce; digest in a warm room in a quart of spirit, and when the solution is complete add 2 ounces of Venice turpentine. This is stated to form a good varnish for violins and other musical instruments.

For different purposes the ingredients of spirit varnishes are considerably varied; seed-lac, benzoin, anime, frankincense, entering into the composition, according to the use to be made of them.

The only essential or volatile oil largely used in varnishes is oil, or, as it is commonly called, spirit of turpentine; and one of the best varnishes into the composition of which it enters is copal varnish. [COPAL VARNISH.] This is chiefly used for pictures. Another powerful varnish is prepared by adding to highly-rectified oil of turpentine about an eighth of its weight of castor-oil; this indeed is the varnish now generally employed in waterproofing the garments well-known by the name of Mackintoshes; sometimes gas-oil or coal-naphtha is employed for the same purpose, but its smell is more disagreeable, and longer in going off. The preparation of this varnish does not require the application of heat.

In these varnishes the volatile solvents evaporate, but in the case of fat or fixed-oil varnishes, the solvent undergoes a chemical change, and dries with the substance dissolved—these are sometimes termed fat varnishes. We shall mention two kinds, first the most colourless: this is prepared by mixing 4 ounces of copal, which has been liquefied and finely powdered, oil of turpentine, and drying linseed-oil, each 10 ounces; digest in a gentle heat till the whole is dissolved; strain it after standing a few days. This forms a solid and nearly colourless glazing, and dries easily at common temperatures.

The black varnish used by coachmakers is stated to be thus prepared: take of amber 16 ounces, melt it, and add to it half a pint of drying linseed-oil boiling-hot, 3 ounces each of asphalt and rosin, both in fine powder; stir the materials together till they are thoroughly melted and incorporated, add to the mixture a pint of warm oil of tur-

pentine: this varnish is intended to dry to a very hard consistence.

VARNISH-TREES. This name has been applied to several trees which exude liquid resins naturally or from incisions. These become dry in the air, and are employed for preserving various articles from the influence of the air, water, or insects, as well as for giving them greater brilliancy, and also for varnishing pictures. Most of these are found in India, Burma, and China, and have been mentioned under appropriate articles. Many of them belong to the natural family of Terebinthaceae. Some of these exude an acid resinous juice, which on drying becomes black, and is used as a varnish, as that of the *Anacardium occidentale*, or cashew-nut tree. The marking-out, or *Semecarpus anacardium*, has its outer coat covered with cells filled with a similar black, oily-looking, acid juice, which is much used as a marking-ink. *Augia sumensis* of Loureiro is said to produce the genuine Chinese varnish with which the different fancy articles are lacquered, and which is black when simply dried, but becomes coloured by the admixture of different pigments. The Japan varnish of Kämpfer and Thunberg is *Rhus vernix*, and that of the Malayan islands *Stigmaphys vernificia*, which, according to Mr. Jack, yields not only the lacquer and varnish of Siam and Tonquin, but also that of Japan. Dr. Buchanan informs us that the juice of *Holigarna longifolia* is used in Malabar for varnishing shields. The thebetree, or varnish-tree of the Burmese, has been described and figured by Dr. Wallich, by the name of *Melanorrhous usitata*. He identified it with the *Rhus*, or varnish-tree of Munipore, on the north-east of Sibir. A very fine liquid varnish is also yielded by *Vateria indica* and *V. lanceifolia*. The greater part of the trees which yield these liquid varnishes exhale some acrid volatile principle, which renders the air in their immediate vicinity irritating and harmful to those who come within its influence. This is observed also in some of the species of *Rhus*, as *R. Toxicodendron*.

VAROTARI, ALESSANDRO, called **PADEVANINO**, a celebrated painter, born at Padua in 1590. His father Dario Varotari was also a distinguished painter and an architect: he was a scholar of Paul Veronese, and established a school at Padua, where he died in consequence of a fall, in 1596, six years after the birth of his son, and in the 67th year of his age. The instructor of Alessandro Varotari is not known, but he went in 1614 to Venice, and devoted himself to the study of the works of Titian: he made some copies after Titian, which were remarkable for their fidelity, and acquired him a great reputation. In his own pictures also he displayed such a mastery over many of the characteristic excellencies of Titian, that he is considered to approach nearer to him than any other of his imitators, in freedom of touch, in mellowness and gradation of tints, and in simplicity of composition. The works of Padovanino are seldom seen out of Venice and Padua. He excelled in painting women and children, but was more successful in the richness of his carnations and in his impasto than in the outlines of his figures. His masterpiece is generally considered the Marriage at Cana, in the Academy of the Fine Arts at Venice, formerly in the monastery of San Giovanni di Verdara at Padua. This painter had several scholars, who painted in his style, and had such facility in copying some of his works, that it is extremely difficult to distinguish some of the copies made by his scholars from the originals painted by Padovanino. He died in 1650. His most distinguished scholar was Bartolomeo Scalfegno.

Chiara Varotari, the sister of Alessandro, was a distinguished portrait-painter: her own portrait, by herself, is in the Florentine Painters' Portrait Gallery. She was born at Verona in 1582, and died there in 1639.

(Ridolfi, *Le Maraviglie dell'Arte*, &c.; Lami, *Storia Pittorica*, &c.)

VARRIO, MARCUS TERENCE, was born at Rome in the year a.c. 116, and descended from an ancient senatorial family. He was instructed by L. Aelius, who is spoken of as a most distinguished person, and afterwards by Antiochus, an Academic philosopher. The whole of his early life must have been spent in the acquisition of that prodigious learning which he afterwards displayed in his works. But he did not on that account withdraw from public life altogether; for in a.d. 67 we find him at the head of a part of the fleet of Pompey the Great in his war

against the pirates. During the civil war between Caesar and Pompey, Varro steadily adhered to Pompey, and was appointed one of his generals in Spain. The western part of the peninsula was placed under his especial protection, and he had two legions at his command. When his colleagues had been compelled to surrender, and Caesar marched westward, Varro also surrendered in the neighbourhood of Corduba, and after being set at liberty he went to Pompey at Dyrrachium, where he was staying at the time of the battle of Pharsalus. During the absence of Caesar in Egypt, a.c. 47, Antony destroyed Varro's villa near Casinum, where a great part of his property was lost. After the defeat of Pompey, Varro withdrew altogether from public life, and returned to Italy; and when Caesar came to Rome Varro became reconciled to him, and was intrusted by him with the purchasing of the books for, and the whole management of, the Greek and Latin libraries, which were then established at Rome. He now enjoyed for a few years perfect peace, and gave himself up entirely to study and the composition of several works. But new troubles arose. After the murder of Caesar, in a.c. 43, Varro, then a man of upwards of seventy years of age, was put by Antony on the list of the proscribed, apparently for no other reason but because Varro was a staunch friend of republican freedom. Varro himself escaped, as his friends concealed and protected him, until the danger had passed over, but his libraries were irretrievably lost. After the battle of Actium, a.c. 30, Varro again lived at Rome, and appears to have been highly esteemed by Augustus, who gave him the superintendence of the library founded by Asinius Pollio. Notwithstanding the great loss of books and other property which Varro had sustained, his literary activity remained unabated to a very advanced age. In his eighty-eighth year he was still writing. (Pliny, *Hist. Nat.*, xxix. 18.) He died in the ninetieth (a.c. 27), or, according to Valerius Maximus, in the hundredth year of his age.

Varro was one of the most extraordinary men that ever lived. He was certainly the most learned of the Romans, but his learning was not the learning of the closet only; he had acquired a practical knowledge of men and things during his public career, and on the basis of this solid knowledge he wrote his works in the retirement of his villas. There was scarcely any branch of knowledge with which he was not thoroughly conversant: he was an historian, a philosopher, a naturalist, a grammarian, and a poet, and in all these branches he is spoken of in terms of the highest praise. Varro was for his time and for the Romans what Aristotle was to the Greeks. He himself says that he wrote 400 books ('septuaginta hebdomades,' Gellius, iii. 10), but all of them, with the exception of two and a few fragments of others, are now lost. We shall only mention some of the more important among his lost works, and then add a few remarks on those still extant. 1. *Rerum Humanarum Antiquitates Libri xxv.* 2. *Rerum Divinarum Antiquitates Libri xvi.* 3. *De Vita Populi Romani*, consisting of at least eleven books; 4. *De Gente Populi Romani Libri iv.* 5. *De Inititiis Urbis Romae Libri*; 6. *De Re Publica*, consisting of at least twenty books; 7. *De Philosophia Libri*; 8. *De Sceniciis Originibus Libri*, of which the third book is mentioned; 9. *De Poetis*; 10. *De Plautinis Comœdiis*; 11. *De Bibliothecis*, &c. (See the list in Fabricius, *Biblioth. Lat.*, i. c. 7.)

The two extant works of Varro are on the Latin language (*De Lingua Latina*) and on Agriculture (*De Re Rustica*). The former, of which a part only is extant, consisted originally of twenty-four books, of which we possess only books 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10; and these are much mutilated and interpolated. The work was written between the years a.c. 46 and 44, and was dedicated to his intimate friend, M. Tullius Cicero. In the first three of the extant books Varro treats on the origin of words, and in the last three on the accidents of words, such as declension and conjugation. The subject is of such a nature that we cannot judge of him by it; but it is nevertheless of great value on account of the philological remarks as well as various historical and archeological matters which are mentioned incidentally. The first edition of *De Lingua Latina* is that of Venice, 1498, 4to., edited by Pomponius Laetus and Rholandellus. The best among the modern editions are the Bipont (1788, 2 vols. 8vo.), that of Spengel (Berlin, 1838, 8vo.), and especially that of C. O. Müller (Leipzig, 1833, 8vo.). The Bipont edition

contains a collection of the fragments of Varro's lost works.

The work *De Re Rustica* is complete, and not in such bad condition as the *De Lingua Latina*, although ancient authors quote passages from it which are not in it now. It consists of three books, and is dedicated to his wife Fundana. Although Varro wrote it at the age of eighty, it is, at least among the Roman works on agriculture, the best that has come down to us. It is written in the form of a dialogue, and in a pleasing and lively style. Besides the subject it professes to treat of it contains a great number of passages illustrating ancient mythology, archaeology, and ethnics. It is chiefly based upon Greek works, and one written by the Carthaginian Mago. It is printed in the collections of Varro's works published by H. Stephens (1569), Pöppa (Leiden, 1801, 8vo.), and others; and also in all the collections of the *Scriptores Rei Rusticæ*, the best of which are those by J. M. Gesner, with notes of Ernesti (Leipzig, 1773-74, 2 vols. 4to.), and J. G. Schneider (Leipzig, 1794-97, 4 vols. 8vo.), who has also given a very good Life of Varro.

(Fabricius, *Biblioth. Lat.*, i. c. 7; Orelli, *Onomast. Tullianum*, under 'M. Terentius Varro'.)

VARRO, PUBLIUS TERENTIUS, surnamed ATACINUS, a Roman poet, was born, according to Hieronymus, in the Chronicle of Eusebius, about the year a.c. 82, at Atax in Gallia Narbonensis, or, according to Wüller, at Narbo itself. Respecting his life, little is known beyond the facts that he learned Greek at the age of thirty-five, and died in a.c. 37, at the age of fifty-five. Varro distinguished himself in epic, elegiac, and epigrammatic poetry, but, with the exception of some fragments and epigrams, his works are now lost. We know of three epic poems of Varro—1. *An epic on the war of J. Caesar against the Segunni*, 'Bellum Segunticum,' of which Priscian (x. p. 877) quotes the second book. 2. *Bellum Punicum Secundum*, which Fabricius attributes to Marcus Terentius Varro, but others, with greater probability, to P. Terentius Varro Atacinus. 3. *Argonautica*; this poem was a free translation of the *Argonautica* of Apollonius Rhodius, and was very celebrated among the Romans. It is frequently referred to by contemporary writers, as well as by later grammarians.

(For a more detailed account of this poet, see Wernsdorf, *Poet. Lat. Minores*, v. 3, p. 1365, &c.; and Wüller, *Commentatio de P. Terentii Varronis Atacini Vita et Scriptis*, Münster, 1828, 4to. In both of these works the remains of the poet are collected.)

VARVICITE. (MANGANESE—Ores of.)

VARUS, QUINTILIUS. (HERMANN.)

VASA, GUSTAVUS. (GUSTAVUS ERICSSON.)

VASA (vessels), in Botany, a term applied to several of the tissues of plants: see TIMBER, VEGETABLE.

VASARI, GIORGIO, Cavaliere, born at Arezzo in 1512, was a celebrated painter and architect in his time, but his reputation now rests nearly exclusively upon his Lives of the most excellent Italian Painters, Sculptors, and Architects, 'Vite de' più eccellenti Pittori, Scultori, e Architetti,' published in Florence, in 1550, in 2 vols. 8vo., and again in a second edition by himself, in 1568, in 3 vols. 4to., with portraits set in wood, likewise in Florence, with many new lives of living and deceased artists, up to the year 1567. This work became remarkably popular, and many editions of it have been since published: one at Bologna, from 1647 to 1663, with the same portraits; one at Rome, in 1750, with copperplate portraits, and emendations and annotations by Bottari; again at Leghorn and Florence, with additional notes by Bottari, in 1767-72; another at Siena, in 1794-94, by Della Valle, with some additional information respecting the artists of Siena (this edition was reprinted in the Milan edition of Italian classics); and a complete edition of the works of Vasari was published in Florence, in six volumes, 8vo., in 1822-23, in which the biographies were reprinted from the edition of 1568, without notes, but with copies of the portraits of Bottari's edition. In 1832, Schorn, the late editor of the 'Kunst Blatt,' commenced the publication, at Stuttgart and Tübingen, of a German translation of the Lives, with many original notes, and others selected from former editions: the notes render this edition very valuable, but as yet the first and second parts only are published.

The last life in Vasari's work is his own, which he traces up to his fifty-fifth year. He was instructed in design by

his father Antonio Vasari, and in painting by William of Marcellino; and being taken to Florence, in 1524, by Silro Passerini, cardinal of Cortona, he was there further instructed by Michel Angelo, Andrea del Sarto, and others. Vasari lost his father, in 1528, of the plague, and in 1529 he turned goldsmith in order to be the better able to assist his family, who were supported by an uncle. He however the same year took up his former profession at Pisa. He afterwards returned to Arezzo, and studied with Francesco Salviati, from whom he was taken by Cardinal Ippolito de' Medici, who took him into his service to Rome, and introduced him to Clement VII. He returned afterwards to Florence, and there, through the encouragement and protection of the Medici family, he met with all the success he could desire. Few painters have been more successful in point of patronage, or have executed more works than Vasari; but his paintings are remarkable for no particular excellence, though they are generally correctly drawn, and many of them are conspicuous for a dignity of character which is not common. He was the intimate friend and no enthusiastic admirer of Michel Angelo, and he may be almost termed a servile imitator of his style. The majority of Vasari's works were executed from his designs or cartoons by his scholars, who were very numerous: they painted at Rome a great ceiling with many frescoes for the Cardinal Farnese, in a hundred days, but so little to Vasari's satisfaction, that he determined from that time, 1544, not to entrust to them the finishing of any work whatever. Vasari in his 'Life' relates the origin of his biographical work; he undertook it in consequence of a suggestion of the celebrated Paolo Giovio, and at the request of Cardinal Farnese. It is a vast compilation and a work of great labour, whether the production of one or more persons, and remains even now unrivalled by any work of its kind, notwithstanding its numerous inaccuracies and his partiality for the Florentines: the style is excellent for the period, and the language is both powerful and eloquent. Vasari died at Florence, in 1574, and was buried in Arezzo.

VASCULAR TISSUE. [TIMERS, VEGETABLES.]

VASCULARES, in Botany, applied to the two principal classes of plants, Exogens and Endogens, on account of their highly developed vascular tissues, in opposition to the class of Acrogens, the tissues of which are principally cellular, and hence they are called Cellulars. [EXOGENS; ENDOGENS; CRYPTOGAMIA; VEGETABLES.]

VASES (*vasei, vases, λυγες, δοξαρις*). This word in its widest sense comprises all vessels intended to contain fluids, whether they are made of metal, stone, or clay. In form also vases may be of all varieties of shape, from that of a cup or a snifter, to that which we are accustomed to call vase or urn, in a narrower sense of the word. Ancient vases of all these materials and forms have come down to our time; some of them are simple vessels without any ornament, and others are decorated with reliefs or paintings. The most numerous class of ancient vases are those painted vases of dried or baked clay which have of late years been discovered by thousands in Etruria, Southern Italy, Sicily, Greece, and some of the Grecian islands. They are only found in the tombs and catacombs of these countries, and the few other spots in which they are now and then met with have generally been considered as places in which they were manufactured. It is remarkable that no such vases have ever been discovered either at Rome or in central Italy, or in any of the Greek towns of Asia Minor, and that they are found in much greater numbers in Etruria, Southern Italy, and Sicily, than in any part of Greece Proper. Although they are almost invariably found in graves, they do not appear in any case to have served as urns in which the remains of the dead were deposited, but they are always found either standing round the bodies of the dead, or lying on bronze pegs round the walls of the catacombs. This circumstance, together with the fact that they are not found at Rome or in central Italy, has led to various conjectures as to the meaning of the custom of placing them in graves or tombs. The most common opinion is, that on certain occasions, especially when persons were initiated in the mysteries of Demeter (Ceres) or Dionysus (Bacchus), they received such vases as memorials of the solemnity, and that after their death these vases were deposited in their tombs to attest the fact of their having been initiated. Others think that these vases were the prizes gained in contests during

certain religious festivals. But neither of these opinions has any foundation, for painted vases are found in the greatest numbers in places (as in Etruria) where the Bacchic mysteries were never introduced, and in places where they existed only for a very short time; and it is also evident that the paintings on most of the vases have no reference whatever to the mysteries. If the vases were prizes given to the victors in solemn contests, their number could not possibly be as great as it is. We also know only of one instance in which vases were given as prizes to the victors in the solemn contests, and this was in the Panathenæa of Athens. Under these circumstances we must be content with the simple knowledge of the fact that in certain countries the ancients used to adorn the graves of the dead with these vases, until further discoveries shall show the meaning of the custom.

So long as only a few of these painted vases were known, they were principally valued as relics of antiquity or for their inscriptions, and it rarely happened that the elegance of their forms or the beauty of their paintings was thought worthy of much consideration. It is only of late that they have been regarded as something more than ancient curiosities, and nothing is indeed better calculated to give us a correct idea of the universal appreciation of art and beauty among the ancients, than the immense number of these painted vases. For the men who made these paintings are not the great masters of the art, but must have formed a numerous class of ordinary artists, painters engaged in the potteries or potters themselves, who had either taste enough to imitate or copy the works of eminent masters, or had imbibed from the works of art with which they were surrounded a taste which enabled them to produce works of their own, many of which are worthy to stand by the side of those of the greatest masters of ancient or modern times. That they formed a distinct class of artists, who were probably trained in their craft like other artificers, and that they were not held in any particular esteem, may be inferred from the manner in which they are spoken of by Aristophanes. (*Eccles*, 991, &c.) Among the numerous names of vase painters, which we read on the vases themselves, there is not one that can with any degree of certainty be identified with any of the painters mentioned by ancient writers. Here then we have not indeed the works of any particular genius raised above his nation, but the productions of the national genius itself. The period during which the art of vase painting completed its development from the rudest elements to the highest perfection, is comprised in the three centuries before the Christian era, from B.C. 600 to about 300. Within this period the art went through the various stages which every art has more or less to pass through, and at the end of it the application of it gradually ceased, so that about the time of the Christian era, and afterwards, those painted vases were valued as much and fetched as high prices as in our own days.

Various attempts have been made to classify the immense number of ancient vases, of which specimens are preserved in all the museums of Europe. The differences in vases found in different districts or countries have led some archaeologists to classify them according to certain localities in which manufactures are supposed to have existed. This plan has been adopted by Leveson, in his description of the vases in the Royal Museum of Berlin; but this system compelled the author to have recourse to the most arbitrary hypotheses, as vases of precisely the same kind occur in places very distant from one another, and the most different kinds are found in the same place. The most convenient criterion for classifying them is their style of painting, which is itself a very obvious distinction, and also marks the different stages of the art. Those which contain the rudest and most imperfect paintings are indeed, on the whole, vases of the highest antiquity; but this is not always a safe guide, for as in statuary certain antique forms, especially when connected with religious worship, became conventional and traditional, and were retained at a time when the art had made great progress, so it is very probable that in some cases the most ancient style of vase painting was insisted at a comparatively late period. With this caution we may divide all painted vases into five great classes:—

1. Vases with paintings in the *Egyptian style*.—This name is not meant to imply that they were made in Egypt or by Egyptians, but merely that their style of painting

resembles that on the monuments of Egypt. The characteristics by which vases of this class are easily distinguished are as follows:—The vases themselves are of a somewhat depressed or bulky shape, and of a pale yellow colour, in which the figures are painted in a black or brown colour, sometimes with the addition of purple or white tints. The figures represented are usually animals, such as lions, rams, stags, swans, cocks, sphinxes, and other monsters. Garlands of fantastic flowers run around the vases and make a sort of frame to the figures. Human figures occur very seldom, and it seems that the painter's only object was to give to the vessel a pleasing and suitable ornament. The black and brown colours are usually laid on thickly upon the natural colour of the clay, and are without any kind of varnish; nor are the colours always laid on carefully and equally, so that one part is often lighter or darker than the other. The inner outlines of the parts of the figures are more or less carefully traced in the clay with a sharp or pointed instrument. The character of the design is antique and conventional, but in many instances the figures are full of life, and indicate a feeling for harmony, both in the composition and in the detail. Grace is entirely wanting; some critics have imagined that some of the vases of this class may be as old as the time of Homer, but the best antiquaries are agreed that most of them are not older than the year B.C. 500. The skill and neatness with which the designs are made are very surprising, and these points are on the whole a safe criterion of their antiquity, for in later imitations the designs are usually made carelessly and inaccurately. The inscriptions are sometimes written from right to left, and sometimes from left to right. They are sometimes quite unintelligible, and it is remarkable that certain ancient Doric characters occur in a great many of them, whence it has been inferred that they were manufactured at Corinth, or in other Doric places. These vases occur most frequently in the tombs at Volci in Etruria, and in those of Nola.

2. Vases with paintings in the *archaic or antique style*.—The vases of this class have black figures on a red ground, and the figures are no longer mere animals and ornaments of the vessels, but contain scenes taken from the stories about the gods and heroes of Greece, and from the occurrences of ordinary life. The paintings thus have a greater value both on account of the subjects and their containing the distinct germs of further development. The form of these vases, which is usually that of the amphora, has a freedom and elegance of proportions which are wanting in those of the first class. In size they vary from the greatest Panathenæan vases, which contained a whole metretres, down to the smallest size, but they are always of beautiful proportions. The style of painting resembles that of the vases of the first class, as both have the character of undeveloped antiquity, and the peculiarity of the designs has led many critics to attach to them no value at all, and to regard them as mere curiosities. But although art in these paintings has not yet reached the height of free movements, and has not yet the full control over the subjects represented, still they cannot be viewed without regard to their relation to the history of art in general: they mark a distinct period of its development, and contain traces of the same Greek spirit which is so striking in the later and more perfect works of art. The peculiarities of the designs are strong outlines of the main parts of the human body. The shoulders, hips, and upper parts of the legs are broad and muscular; the body above the hips is mostly thin, slender, and contracted. The faces are by no means beautiful, and for the most part without any expression, and only represented in the profile. The eyes appear nevertheless in their whole length, and in male figures they are large and circular; their outlines are traced in the clay with a pointed instrument. In female figures the eyes are rather long than circular, and painted with a brown on white ground. All the movements of the figures are violent, and the artists appear to have aimed at the expression of the highest degree of physical strength. In the representation of animals, especially horses, which frequently occur, the artists were evidently less bound by conventional rules, for the horses sometimes display a considerable degree of boldness and beauty. The number of vases of this class is very great, and it is scarcely necessary to remark that the features which we have here mentioned occur with the greatest possible number of modifications

and shades, as the period which produced them was unquestionably one of progression with a gradual transition from the harsh to softer forms. On the whole the forms of the designs bear a strong resemblance to that kind of sculpture of which we possess specimens in the metopes of the temple of Selinus. The character of the designs is such that the time in which these vases were made might be regarded as the same as that to which those of the first class belong. But it is highly probable that the early style may have potentially been continued even after the art itself had made considerable progress. Such may, for instance, have been the case with the Panathenæan vases, which, being connected with religion, continued to be made according to the antique fashion, though Brünsted (*On Panathenæan Vases*, p. 112; has shown that the prize at the Panathenæa did not consist of the vase itself, but of the oil contained in it. The majority of vases of this class however are generally believed to have been made previous to the year A.C. 430.

3. Vases with paintings in the *severe style*.—In the vases of this class the figures are red, the natural colour of the clay, on a beautiful black ground. White is seldom used, and only to express the white hair of old persons. Although the colour of these vases and their figures present a striking contrast to those of the first two classes, yet the character of their designs is in many cases not materially different from those of the second class; while in others the severity of the designs vanishes and gives way to the beautiful, so that they might be ranked in the fourth class. The inner outlines are in a few instances still marked with a pointed instrument, as we have seen in the first two classes: in a few others the hair only is marked in this manner, while in the majority of cases all the outlines are drawn with the brush. The red figures on the black ground produce a most pleasing effect. The harshness and violence of movement so striking in the archaic vases gradually disappear, and make way for a calm and severe dignity. The artists however did not yet work with perfect freedom, and the designs are rather stiff. The most striking features in the designs are a certain moderation and harmony. The drapery forms varied and rich folds, though they show a conventional regularity. The heads are worked with great care, and sometimes are truly graceful; the hands and feet are better drawn, and with much greater neatness and accuracy than on the vases of the former classes. The hair is still stiff, and betrays a degree of timidity on the part of the artist, and the arrangement of the hair is always very simple. The subjects represented are the same as those on the vases of the second class, but repose is more frequent than action. The forms of the vases have something more elegant than those of the second class, although they present great variations both in shape and size. They occur most frequently in Etruria and at Nola; they often contain inscriptions in characters of a middle kind between the archaic mode of writing and the later one. The period commonly assigned to works of this class is from A.C. 460 to 430. Among the ancient sculptures the Aegina marbles are those which bear the greatest resemblance to the paintings of this class of vases.

4. Vases with paintings in the *beautiful style*.—The transition to this style too was, as it has been remarked above, gradual, and it had been prepared by the works of the preceding class, so that in many cases it is difficult to determine whether a work belongs to the third or fourth class. But in all the vases which are regarded as the true representatives of this period, all harshness and severity of style have disappeared: liveliness in the composition, perfect freedom in action and movement, as well as in the drapery, are the essential characteristics of this style. The faces of the figures are of beautiful forms, and the heads are no longer in profile only, but many present their faces to the spectator. All the outlines are drawn with the brush. The feeling for what is essential in art appears to have guided the workmen in all the processes: for all is beauty and simplicity; exaggeration in expression, movement, and ornament are avoided. The colour of the figures, as in the third class, is the natural red of the clay; the varnish is generally of extraordinary fineness and of an unvalued gloss. The purple tints which are seen here and there in the vases of the first classes never appear here, and in their place white is used to represent a variety of things, such as ribbons, garlands, the flames of

torches, and the like. The inscriptions too are usually painted in white. Vases of this class are not often found in Etruria: they are most frequent in Nola, Sicily, and Attica. The subjects represented on them are in the whole the same as on those of the third class, but scenes connected with the worship of Demeter and Dionysus become more prevalent than before. Thus we find frequent representations of Bacchic dances, but all are of the noblest conception. Sometimes we also meet with scenes taken from Greek comedies. The most common form of the vases of this kind is that of the slender amphora, the round hydria, and the crater. The vases of this class which show the highest perfection of the art appear to belong to the period beginning with the year B.C. 400. A particular kind of these beautiful vases is found at S. Agata de' Goti. They are especially remarkable for the great softness of their figures. They are generally believed to belong to the period of Philip and Alexander the Great.

5. Vases with paintings in the *rich style*.—Vases of this class belong partly to the period in which those of S. Agata were made, and partly to the period which followed it. Those of S. Agata have for the most part greater simplicity of design than those of the rich style, which are chiefly found in Apulia and Lucania. In detail they display the highest degree of beauty, but are overladen with figures and ornaments. The vases themselves are usually of a large size, and the artists seem to have been anxious to fill their space as much as possible, and with a variety of subjects, which in some cases have no connection with one another. The varnish on these vases is on the whole like that on the vases of S. Agata, that is, without gloss, and inferior to that on vases of the fourth class. The designs are often executed with considerable carelessness, and evidently show the sinking condition of the art. The figures are very soft, as may be seen especially in the frequent representations of naked figures of females, genii, youths, and hermaphrodites. The hair of the female figures is rich; that of male figures often scanty. The best specimens of this class of vases are of extraordinary beauty, but the worst of them are so bad that they can scarcely be regarded as the works of Greeks. From this circumstance it has been inferred that during this period the art of vase-painting became more and more a mere matter of mechanical labour. The subjects represented are for the most part scenes of the heroic ages, but mystic solemnities and rites, which it is difficult to explain, occur very frequently. Comic scenes also are more numerous than on the preceding class of vases. A particular kind of vases of this class are found in the Basilicata, which have been considered by some as not of Greek origin; but the subjects represented on them, as well as the inscriptions, are Greek, and they probably belong to the time when the art was in its decay.

The precise time at which the use of painted vases as ornaments for tombs ceased cannot be determined, but the cessation of the custom must have been followed by the discontinuance of the manufacture. The cessation of the custom has been accounted for and been connected with various occurrences in the history of Italy. Some have thought that the Social War, which destroyed so much of Greek civilization in Italy, also put an end to the manufacture of these painted vases; others suppose that the suppression of the Bacchic mysteries by the *Senatus Consultum de Bacchanalibus* was the cause of painted vases being no longer deposited in the graves. The groundlessness of this opinion has been satisfactorily proved by Kramer (*Ueber den Styl und die Herkunft der bemalten Griech. Thongefässe*, p. 137, &c.), who is inclined to believe that the custom gradually ceased at the time when the Roman sovereignty was established in Italy and Sicily. As the Romans themselves had never adopted the custom, it is not improbable that their influence, without any definite enactment for the purpose, put an end to the custom in Italy and Sicily. Kramer thinks that there are no painted vases of a later date than the second Punic war.

The question as to the place or places where such painted vases were manufactured was never raised, and was not indeed of great importance, until immense numbers of them were found in Etruria. The question then became of no small importance, as it is intimately connected with the whole history of ancient civilization; for in the place or places where these vases were produced, the taste for real artistic merit must have been much more widely

spread than in any place of modern times. That all the painted vases are of Greek origin is now no longer a matter of doubt, and is sufficiently attested by the subjects represented on them, as well as by the Greek inscriptions, although the precise meaning of some of the paintings and inscriptions will perhaps remain undiscovered. All the opinions which have been set forth in regard to the origin of the painted vases found in Etruria may be divided into two great classes: the one is, that they were manufactured in the country where they are found; and the other, that they were imported from a foreign country or countries. Those who maintained the former opinion believed either that there was in Etruria a considerable Greek population (Tyrrhenians), among whom vase-manufactories were established, and that afterwards this Greek population was absorbed and overwhelmed by the Etruscans; or that there existed at Volci in Etruria one or more corporations of potters who were in close connection with Attica. Those who assert that the vases were imported from foreign parts again differ as to the place or places where they were manufactured, and from which they were exported. Some have regarded Sicily, others Athens or the Chalcidic colonies in Campania, especially Cumæ and Nola, as the places where they were manufactured; but most of these opinions are opposed to well-known historical facts, and supported by very weak arguments; while others are mere hypotheses, formed only because their authors felt the necessity of fixing upon some place or other as the one from which these vases came into Etruria. If we consider the regular and organic development which we have endeavoured to trace in the art of vase-painting, and the resemblance among the vases found in the most distant parts of the ancient world, we feel inclined to look to one particular place or country, in which they originated and to which the art was developed. If, in addition to this, we remember that the subjects represented on these vases, as far as they are intelligible to us, belong to the mythical history of Attica, and that the characters in the inscriptions underwent in the period in which the vases were manufactured the same changes as those which we find in Attic inscriptions, together with various other circumstances which are carefully weighed and examined in the work of Kramer above referred to, we can scarcely doubt that Athens was the place where they were manufactured, and from whence they were exported to various other parts of the ancient world. Some of the vases belonging to the first class, especially those with Doric characters in their inscriptions, may have been made at Corinth. The principal manufactory at Athens seems to have been in the Ceramicus, a suburb of Athens, which derived its name from *ceramæus* (*καμάρη*), a potter. The trade which Athens thus carried on in painted vases must have been very extensive. Other towns too, had their potteries, in which vessels of various kinds, and some of great beauty, were manufactured for the purposes of ordinary life, and an extensive trade in them was carried on.

We cannot here enter into a description of the mechanical process of making paintings on vases, which has been the subject of much discussion in modern times, but must refer the reader to an able treatise on this point by Hansmann, 'Commentatio de Confecione Vasorum Antiquorum Fictilium, quæ vulgo Etruscæ appellatur,' Göttingen, 1823, 4to. The dissertations upon particular vases, which have been written of late years, are innumerable; we shall only mention those which give a detailed account of painted vases in general, many of which contain drawings in which the colours of the ancient vases are more or less accurately imitated.—L. F. de Rossi, 'Raccolta di Vasi diversi,' Rome, 1713, fol.; Passeri, 'Picturae Etruscorum in Vasculis,' Rome, 1767, 3 vols. fol.; 'Collection of Engravings from Ancient Vases, mostly of pure Greek workmanship, discovered in sepulchres in the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies, now in the possession of Sir W. Hamilton,' by W. Tischbein, Naples, 1798-1803, 4 vols.; C. A. Böttiger, 'Griechische Vasenmalerei,' Weimar, 1797-1800, 3 vols. 8vo.; 'Peintures de Vases Antiques, &c., par A. L. Millin, publié par Dubois Maisonneuve,' Paris, 1828, 2 vols. fol.; J. Millin, 'Peintures Antiques et Infidèles de Vases Grecs,' Rome, 1813, fol.; by the same author, 'Unedited Ancient Monuments. Painted Greek Vases,' Paris, 1827, 4to.; and 'On the late Discoveries in Etruria,' Supplement to vol. II. of the 'Transactions of the

Royal Society of Literature: T. Panofka, 'Raccolta di Vasi Scelti,' Rome, 1826; and by the same author, 'Vasi di Premio, illustrati,' Florence, 1829, fol., with explanatory text in 8vo.; Dubois Maisonneuve, 'Introduction à l'Étude de Vases Antiques, accompagnée d'une Collection des plus belles Formes,' Paris, 1817, fol.; Gerhard, 'Berlins Antike Bildwerke,' Stuckelberg, 'Die Gräber der Griechen,' Bielefeld, 'On Panathenaic Vases,' in the 'Transactions of the Royal Society of Literature,' vol. II. The number of other works, and of those which contain descriptions of the various museums of Europe, is too large to be enumerated here. The work which deserves to be particularly recommended for the critical history of the art of vase-painting is that of Krauer, quoted above (published at Berlin, 1827, 8vo.).

VASSAL. [FREDAL SYSTEM.]

VASSY. [MARIE HAUTE.]

VATER, JOHANN SEVERIN, a distinguished German linguist and theologian, was born at Altenburg on the 27th of May, 1771. After having received his preparatory education in the gymnasium of his native town, he went in 1790 to the university of Jena, where he studied philosophy and theology, the latter under Griesbach, Doederlein, and Paulus. From the year 1792 to 1794 he continued these studies in the university of Halle, where he also began his career as academical teacher. In 1796 however he returned to Jena, where he was appointed professor extraordinary in the theological faculty. Along with the Hebrew language, the grammatical knowledge of which was greatly advanced by him, he now devoted himself to the study of a variety of languages, for the purpose of comparison, and of discovering what was then called a philosophical or universal grammar, which was to develop the great principles common to all languages and their respective grammars. In the year 1800 he was invited to go to Halle as ordinary professor of theology and Oriental literature. Without giving up his linguistic studies, he now devoted considerable time to the critical examination of the early books of the Old Testament, and of ecclesiastical history. After the death of Adelung, in 1806, who left his great linguistic work, 'Mithridates,' unfinished, Vater, with the assistance of Adelung's MSS. and of several distinguished scholars, undertook its completion. Adelung had only published one volume, and the other three were published by Vater (Berlin, 1808-17). In 1809 he was appointed professor of theology and librarian in the university of Königsberg, where he continued his linguistic labours with unabated zeal. His studies embraced the languages of civilized nations, as well as those of the tribes of America and Africa. In 1820 Vater returned to Halle as professor of theology, and although he did not altogether abandon his former linguistic pursuits, yet we find him chiefly engaged in ecclesiastical history and the exposition of the New Testament. During the last years of his life he edited several theological and religious periodicals, as the 'Journal für Prediger,' the 'Kirchenhistorisches Archiv,' and the 'Jahrbuch der Häuslichen Andacht,' the last of which he himself had set on foot in 1819. He died at Halle on the 10th of March, 1825.

Vater possessed a more extensive knowledge of languages than any of his contemporaries, although he did not enter into their spirit so deeply as others. His works however are very valuable on account of the immense materials which they contain for the study of comparative grammar.

The following list contains the most important of his linguistic works:—1, 'Übersicht des Neuesten was für Philosophie der Sprache in Deutschland gethan worden ist, in Einleitungen, Auszügen, und Kritiken,' Götting, 1799, 8vo.; 2, 'Versuch einer Allgemeinen Sprachlehre,' &c., Halle, 1801, 8vo.; 3, 'Lehrbuch der Allgemeinen Grammatik, besonders für Höhere Schulklassen, mit Vergleichung älterer und neuerer Sprachen,' Halle, 1806, 8vo.; 4, 'Handbuch der Hebräischen, Syrischen, Chaldäischen, und Arabischen Grammatik, für den Anfang der Erlernung dieser Sprachen bearbeitet,' 2nd ed., Leipzig, 1817, 8vo.; 5, 'Literatur der Grammatiken, Lexica, und Wörter-Sammlungen aller Sprachen der Erde, in Alphabetischer Ordnung,' Berlin, 1815, 8vo. (this work is printed in German and Latin); 6, 'Analecten der Sprachkunde, mit einer Sprachenkarte von Ostindien,' Leipzig, 1820 and 1821, 2 parts; 7, 'Vergleichungstafeln der Europäischen Stammsprachen und Süd-west Asiatischer,' R. K. Rask,

Ueber die Thakische Sprachlehre; Altona: Die Grammatik nach Fr. Mar. de Lecce; Gräzische Grammatik nach Margio, Ghai und Firalow, und Galische Sprachlehre von Ch. W. Ahlwardt, Halle, 1822, 8vo.

VATERIA, a genus of plants of the natural family of Dipterocarpaceae, which has been so named in compliment to Abraham Vater, once professor of medicine at Würtemberg, and author of some botanical dissertations, as on the balsam of Mecca, &c. The genus is characterised by having the calyx 5-cleft; segments at length reflexed; petals 5, oval, emarginate, twisted in the bud; stamens 40 to 50, short, inserted between the petals and the base of the germ; anthers long, linear; capsule 3-valved, 1-celled and 1-seeded; cotyledons stalked. The species are only two in number, *V. indica*, which grows all along the Malabar coast and in Canara, and *V. lanceifolia*, which is common in Silhet. Both species form large trees with entire, smooth, coriaceous leaves, and terminal panicles of white flowers, and both are valuable not only as timber-trees, but for yielding valuable, almost unique products. *V. indica* grows to the height of about 60 feet, and yields valuable timber, which is much employed in ship-building, and is not liable to be attacked by the teredo; when the bark is wounded, a pellucid, fragrant, acrid, bitter, resinous fluid exudes, which in the rays of the sun becomes yellow and fragile like glass. This resin is well known in commerce, and is usually called copal in India, but when imported into England receives the name of gum anime. The fluid resin also makes a good varnish, which is called *fundam*, or liquid copal; on the Malabar coast it is often called piney varnish, and the tree piney varnish-tree or piney marum. The dry resin, boiled with more or less oil, is used for the purposes of tar and resin; it is also employed by the natives instead of frankincense. Besides these, another very valuable product is yielded by this tree, and that is a fatty substance which is known by the name of the piney tallow, or vegetable tallow of Canara. This is obtained by boiling the seeds, when the fatty substance floats to the surface, and on cooling down becomes of the consistence of tallow. In colour the different specimens vary from pale yellow or fawn, to perfect white. Its general properties, such as its hardness, colour, combustibility, and fusibility, place it between wax and tallow; but it is far superior to the latter, having no disagreeable smell, either when burning or at common temperatures. One hundred parts of the tallow were ascertained by Mr. E. Solly to consist of 98 parts of stearine and two of elaine. The first good account of this substance was published by Dr. Babbington, in Brande's 'Journal of Science and the Arts,' 1823, who detailed experiments proving its applicability to candle-making. For this purpose it has the great advantage of being easily cast, as the tallow comes freely from the mould; it burns very well, and gives a good bright flame resembling that of wax, and in economy of combustion it is superior to either spermaceti or wax. Mr. E. Solly (*Proc. of Royal Asiatic Soc.*, 1839) has inferred that it might also be employed in the manufacture of soap. It seems also well adapted for preventing friction in machinery. As this tree is valuable in many points of view, it seems very desirable for more extensive cultivation: a branch cut off and placed in the ground grows rapidly, and the tree comes to perfection in from 15 to 20 years.

V. lanceifolia is the other species, which was described by Dr. Roxburgh from Silhet, where it is called *moal*. Like its congener, this also exudes a clear liquid from wounds, &c. in the bark, which soon hardens into an amber-coloured resin. From this the natives distil a dark-coloured and strong-smelling resin called *chopa*, and *choca* and *gond* by the Brahmans, who use it as incense. *V. indica* has been figured by Rheede, *Hort. Mal.*, iv., p. 35, t. 15, and by Dr. Roxburgh, *Coromandel Plants*, iii., p. 80, t. 284.

VATICAN, the name of a hill, a church, and a palace, or rather an assemblage of public buildings, on the right bank of the Tiber, within the walls of modern Rome. The Mons Vaticanus was outside of the walls of ancient Rome, and derived its name, according to some, from the 'vaticinia,' or divinations of soothsayers, which were delivered in that sequestered spot; but this seems a fanciful derivation (A. Gellius, xvi. 17). Pliny (*Hist. Nat.*, xxxvi.) speaks of an evergreen oak of great antiquity, older than Rome itself, upon which was an inscription in Etruscan characters, sig-

nifying that it was a sacred tree. The Vatican was within the territory of Etruria before the Romans spread their dominion north of the Tiber. Part of the Janiculum was afterwards enclosed by walls, but the Mons Vaticanus never was enclosed, either under the republic or the empire. In the plain between the hill and the Tiber Caligula constructed a circus for chariot-races, and placed an obelisk in the middle of it, the same which now stands before St. Peter's Church. This circus, being afterwards used by Nero, was called by his name; Nero had also gardens in the same neighbourhood. The circus was destroyed under Constantine, who built on its site a church or basilica, dedicated to the Apostle Peter, whom tradition reported to have been buried on that spot. This church is said to have been consecrated by Pope Sylvester I., and to have been enriched by Constantine with splendid ornaments and ample revenues, which the succeeding Christian emperors greatly increased.

Pope Leo IV., about A.D. 850, walled round part of the Vatican hill and the plain beneath, to protect the church of St. Peter against the incursions of the Saracens, and he gave the unenclosed grounds to a number of Corsican families, which, having been driven from their country by the Saracens, had taken refuge at Rome. It then became a suburb of Rome, and was called 'Leoniana Civitas.' This district is now called by the name of 'Il Borgo.' In the year 1146, Eugenius III. began building a palace near the church of St. Peter for the Papal residence, which grew by degrees, under successive popes, into an immense mass of buildings, known by the general name of the Vatican. The Lateran palace had been formerly the residence of the popes. [LATERAN.] Gregory XI. on his return from Avignon fixed his permanent residence in the Vatican on account of the protection of the neighbouring castle of St. Angelo. The palace of the Vatican continued to be the residence of the popes, until about the middle of the 16th century, when Paul III. built the palace on the Quirinal Mount, which, on account of its healthier and purer air, has since been preferred to the Vatican, which is however used occasionally as a winter residence, as well as on the occasion of grand 'funzioni,' or church ceremonies, being performed in St. Peter's, when the pope removes to the Vatican to be near at hand.

The old church of St. Peter was a large structure, more than 300 feet in length; it lay lower than the present church, which has been raised above it, and which is much larger. Part of the ancient church is become a subterranean vault under the pavement of the modern building; it contains chapels, and altars, with old monuments, sculptures, and mosaics, and the public have access to it on certain days only.

Nicholas V. was the first who, about the year 1450, thought of building a new church, as the old one was in a ruinous state, but the undertaking was abandoned for about half a century, until Julius II. commissioned the architect Bramante to make a plan of the intended structure. The plan of Bramante was a Latin cross, surmounted by a vast and lofty dome. Julius II. himself laid the first stone on the 18th of April, 1506. Bramante raised the enormous pillars which support the cupola. After the death of Julius and Bramante, Leo X. entrusted the work first to Giulio di San Gallo, and to Raphael d'Urbino, who was an architect as well as a painter, and afterwards to Peruzzi, who altered Bramante's plan into that of a Greek cross, but effected little towards its execution. After Peruzzi's death, Pope Paul III. sent for Michelangelo, who carried forward the works with his characteristic energy, raised the drum of the cupola, covered over the body of the church, and cased the inside with stone. After the death of Michelangelo, his pupil Barozzi or Vignola continued the building, and cased the exterior with travertine. He died in 1573, and little more was done till 1583, when Sixtus V. resolved that the dome should be finished, and commissioned Domenico Fontana and Giacomo della Porta, who, after making the necessary plans and arrangements, began the work in July, 1588. It was carried on night and day: six hundred workmen were employed on it, and in May, 1590, the last stone, after being solemnly blessed by the pope, was fixed in its place at the sound of a discharge of cannon from the Castle St. Angelo. By the following November the crowning of the dome was completed. Paul V. (Morgese) being elected pope in 1605, appointed Carlo Maderno to be architect of St. Peter's, who lengthened the nave of the church, so as to give it the shape of a

Latin cross. He then built the portico, which was finished in six years, and was open to the public in 1612. Two years after, the whole structure was completed. Sixtus V. and his architect Fontana had already raised the obelisk before the church. Paul V. and, after him, Innocent, constructed the two magnificent fountains by the sides of it; and Alexander VII. began in 1691 the two semicircular colonnades which enclose the Piazza, or open area in front of the church. Bernini was the architect of this last work, which was finished in 1697. Lastly, Pius VI. built the fine Sacristia and Chapter-house which adjoin the church.

Such a building as St. Peter's, carried on under so many different hands, and upon different plans, for a period of more than a century, must have faults and incongruities. The portico in front is mostly objected to, as not corresponding to, and spoiling the view of the church itself. But with all its faults, St. Peter's as a whole may be safely said to be the most magnificent structure raised by man. Its interior well corresponds with its external appearance: the proportions are so well kept, that the eye, at first, is not struck with the vastness of the edifice, until moving on we examine some of the parts separately. For a description of the structure itself, and its gorgeous ornaments in marble, bronze, stucco, and gold, its altars, chapels, paintings, mosaics, sculptures, and numerous sepulchral monuments, we must refer the reader to the guide and tourist books, and to the following professional works:—Fontana, 'Descriptio Templi Vaticani,' Rome, 1694; Costaguti, 'Architettura della Basilica di S. Pietro, in Vaticano,' Rome, 1684; Cancellieri, 'Descrizione della Basilica Vaticana, con una Biblioteca degli autori che ne hanno trattato,' Rome, 1778; Poteri, 'Memorie storiche della gran Cupola di S. Pietro,' Padua, 1748. Concerning the former church and the vault, under the modern one, see 'Descriptio Basilicæ veteris Vaticanæ, auctore Romano ejusdem Basilicæ Canonico cum notis Pauli de Angelis, quibus accessit Descriptio brevis novi Templi Vaticani, nec non utriusque Ichnographia,' Rome, 1646; Torrigione, 'Le sagre Grotte Vaticane,' Rome, 1618-30; and P. L. Donisius, 'Sacrorum Vaticanæ Basilicæ Cryptarum Monumenta necnè Tabula incisa et Commentariis illustrata,' Rome, 1773.

The assemblage of buildings called by the name of the Vatican, and which extends in an oblong irregular mass north of the church as far as the town walls, consists mainly of—1, the Papal palace; 2, the court and garden of Belvedere; 3, the library; 4, the museum. The Papal palace contains, among other remarkable objects, the Sistine and Pauline chapels, painted by Michelangelo; the four 'stanzas,' or apartments, painted by Raphael; and the 'loggia,' or open galleries, painted by Raphael's pupils under his direction. [RAPHAEL.] There are numerous other apartments, with paintings and other objects worthy of notice, which are described in the guide-books. The principal staircase, made by Bernini, is a splendid work of art. The Vatican is said to contain altogether eight great staircases, more than twenty courts, twelve great halls, and several thousand apartments large and small. A corridor, about a thousand feet long, joins the Papal palace to the building called Belvedere, which serves as a museum. About halfway up this corridor is the entrance to the Vatican library, which was built by the architect Fontana under Sixtus V. Pope Nicholas V. was the founder of the Vatican library, which has been increased by many popes. The libraries of the dukes of Urbino, of the Elector Palatine, of Christina of Sweden, of the family Ottoboni, and others, have been added to it. It now contains 80,000 printed volumes and 24,000 MSS., of which 5000 are in Greek, 16,000 in Latin, and 3000 in the Oriental languages. (Valéry, *Voyages Littéraires en Italie*.) Partial catalogues of this great store of learning have been published by Assemani, Marini, Mai, and other librarians.

The museum, or collection of works of art, mostly of ancient sculpture, was begun by Clement XIII. and Clement XIV., and greatly increased by Pius VI., who was a man of taste, and who gave it the name of 'Museo Pio-Clementino.' It was illustrated by Gio. Battista Visconti and his son Ennio I. Visconti, in 7 vols. folio, with plates, Rome, 1782. Pius VII., during his troubled pontificate, began a new collection, to which has been given the name of Museo Chiaramonti. The two together, which are dis-

tributed along the court, garden, and palace of Belvedere, constitute the richest museum in Europe. Another and more extensive garden belonging to the pope is annexed to the Vatican palace, and extends along the brow of the hill. For a further account of all these we must refer to the splendid work of Pistolesi, *Il Vaticano descritto ed illustrato*, published in numbers, which began to appear in 1820.

VATTIUS. [Cicero.]

VATTEL, EMMERICH, the celebrated writer on international law, was born at Court, in the principality of Neuchâtel, in 1714. The family was of considerable antiquity in the principality. Emmerich's father David, a clergyman, had been ennobled by the king of Prussia. John Frederick, an elder brother of Emmerich, entered the French service, and rose to the rank of lieutenant-colonel and knighthood. Charles, a younger brother, entered the Sardinian service, and fell at the passage of the Tanaro. Jacob Vattel, who represented another line of the same family, was burgomaster of Neuchâtel in 1702.

Emmerich was educated for the church. He was sent to the university of Bâle to study the classics and philosophy. Having completed the usual curriculum of the Faculty of Arts, he returned to Neuchâtel, and passed with distinction the preliminary examinations, which all who proposed to enter the church had to undergo before commencing their theological studies. He then repaired to Geneva, to devote himself to those strictly professional pursuits. The writings of Leibnitz and Wolff had however more attractions for him than the 'Institutes' of Calvin. It was an age in which literary men were caressed and promoted at courts, and young Vattel felt a greater vocation for such worldly advancement than for the charge of a rural parish. In 1741 he proceeded to Berlin, in the hope that the court of Frederick II., who had recently ascended the throne of Prussia, and whose taste for literature was general, might afford a field for his talents. At Berlin Vattel contracted on intimacy with Jordan. In 1742 he published a defence of Leibnitz's system, which he dedicated to Frederick. His wish was to enter the diplomatic service of Prussia, but no vacancies occurred, and his fortune was too limited to admit of a lengthened attendance at court. In 1743 some overtures from the court of Dresden, which sought to rival that of Berlin in a reputation for the patronage of art and literature, induced Vattel to visit that city. The gracious reception he experienced from Count Brühl decided his resolution to enter the service of the king of Poland and elector of Saxony.

It is extremely doubtful in what capacity Vattel was attached to the Saxon court in 1744-45. In 1746 he obtained the appointment of diplomatic counsellor (*conseiller d'ambassade*), with a pension, and was sent to Berne as the king of Poland's minister with that republic. The duties of a Polish ambassador at Berne were not very onerous: Vattel was able to spend the greater part of his time with his family at Neuchâtel, and to devote himself to literary pursuits. In 1746 he published a collection of essays. In 1747 it was reprinted, under the title of *'Philosophie Leisurée'*, and dedicated to Count Brühl. Some of them have the appearance of having been previously published in some periodical—possibly the *'Journal Helvétique'*. The subjects are sufficiently diversified:—*'Essai sur le fondement du Droit Naturel'*; *'Sur les Moyens de répondre aux Manichéens'*; and *'Sur la Nature d'Amour, à Mademoiselle de M.'* They evince a cultivated taste for French literature, with an easy play of good-natured but not very brilliant wit. The discourse upon love is dated 1741. In 1757 he published *'Poliergie'*, a collection of miscellanies in prose and verse. But the chief employment of Vattel during the ten years which elapsed between the appearance of these two volumes was the preparation of his work on the law of nations. The first edition was published at Neuchâtel (the title-page has the fictitious place of publication 'Londres') in 1758.

About the time that the work appeared he was called to Dresden, and received an appointment in the diplomatic bureau. He gave so much satisfaction as a practical diplomatist, that he was soon raised to the rank of a privy counsellor. His intense application to business undermined his constitution, and in 1766 he was obliged to visit his native country in search of health. The favourable symptoms produced by relaxation and the mountain air

encouraged him to resume his labours before his health was quite re-established. His complaint returned with increased violence soon after he reached Dresden, and a second visit to Neuchâtel proved unavailing. He died on the 28th of December, 1767. He had married at Dresden, in 1764, Marianne de Cléme: one son, the issue of this marriage, was alive in 1773.

The work by which Vattel is best known is his *'Droit des Gens'*. It is the work of a scholar, not of a practical diplomatist; for the almost nominal charge of Polish envoy to the republic of Berne could afford but scanty experience. It evinces no very extensive acquaintance on the part of the author with treaties or negotiations, or even with political history; his principal authorities are the systematic writings of Grotius, Puffendorf, and Wolff. According to the custom of the period, an imaginary law of nature is substituted for the real practice of nations. In respect to its doctrinal merits, the work has all that speciousness and superficiality which characterize the moralists of the *'Encyclopédie'*. The work however obtained an extensive reputation. It had the fashionable tone of the age, and was therefore more relished than Grotius and Puffendorf; and its systematic arrangement was found useful by practical diplomatists, as it enabled them to classify the fruits of their own experience. It became a text-book in the universities, and was quoted by negotiators when it favoured their views and other authorities were wanting. The original French text has gone through many editions:—Londres (Neuchâtel), 1758, 4to.; Neuchâtel, 1773, 4to.; Amsterdam, 1775, 4to.; Bâle, 1773, 12mo.; Nîmes, 1783, 4to.; Lyon, 1802, 12mo.; Paris et Lyon, 1820, 8vo. (a bad edition); Paris, 1820, 8vo. (the worst edition); Paris, 1830, 8vo. (an indifferent edition); Paris, 1838, 8vo. (a good edition); Paris, 1839, 8vo. (the best edition). There have been three Spanish editions:—Madrid, by Hernandez, 1820; Bordeaux, by J. B. J. G. 1822; Paris, by Atrens, 1824. The last two translations are mere plagiarisms of the first. An English translation was published in 4to. in 1760, and reprinted in 8vo. in 1793. Mr. Chitty, in 1833, republished the edition of 1798, with valuable notes, containing the most modern rules and decisions. A German translation by Schulin was published at Frankfurt-on-the-Main, in 1760.

Next in importance among the works of Vattel is that entitled *'Questions de Droit Naturel, et Observations sur le Traité du Droit de la Nature de M. le Baron de Wolff'*, Berne, 1762, 12mo.; Paris, 1763, 12mo. This is a critical examination of Wolff's treatise, characterised by that talent for arrangement and lucid expression which is the chief merit and source of attraction in Vattel's writings.

The remaining works of this author are of little consequence:—1. *'Pièces Diverses, avec quelques Lettres de Morale et d'Amusement'*, Paris, 1746, 12mo. This collection was republished at Geneva and Dresden, in 1747, in 12mo., under the title *'Le Loisir Philosophique, ou Pièces Diverses de Philosophie, de Morale, et d'Amusement'*; and again at Hagie, in 1765, in 8vo., under the title *'Amusements de Littérature, de Morale, et de Politique'*. 2. *'Poliergie, ou Mélanges de Littérature et de Poésies, par M. de Vattel'*, Amsterdam (Paris), 1757, 12mo. 3. *'Mélanges de Morale, de Littérature, et de Politique'*, Neuchâtel, 1770, 12mo.

(*Helvetische Lexicon*, von Vattel; *Sketch of Vattel's Life*, prefixed to the edition of 1773; *Quérard, La France Littéraire: Biographie Universelle*.)

VATTIER, PIERRE, was born near Lisieux in Normandy, and lived about the middle of the seventeenth century. He was physician to Gaston, duke of Orleans, and devoted a great part of his time to the translation of Arabic writers on history and medicine. The titles of his published works are as follows:—1. *'L'Histoire Mahometane, ou les quarante-neuf Califes du Macine'*, Paris, 1657, 4to.; 2. *'L'Histoire du Grand Tamerlan'*, Paris, 1658, 4to., from the Arabic of Aclamed, son of Guerapso; 3. *'Portrait du Grand Tamerlan'*, Paris, 1658, 4to.; 4. *'L'Onirocritte Mussulman, ou l'interprétation des Songes'*, Paris, 1664, 8vo., from the Arabic of Gabborachman, son of Nasor; 5. *'Merveilles d'Egypte selon les Arabes'*, Paris, 1666, 12mo., from the Arabic of Murtadi. This was translated into English by John Davies, and published, London, 1672, 8vo.; 6. *'La Logique, traduite d'Arabe'*, Paris, 1658, 8vo., from Avicenna; 7. *'De Morbis Mentis Tractatus'*, Paris, 1659, 8vo., also translated from Avicenna, of the

whole of whose works he promised a translation, which he is said to have completed, but which was never published; 8. *Eloge de Thograi*, Paris, 1663, 8vo.; 9. *Nouvelles Penses sur la Nature des Passions*, 1659, 4to., which appears to be the only work of his own composition. His translations are said to be inaccurate, and in many parts incomplete.

Moren. Dictionnaire Historique; Elog. Dictionnaire Historique de la Médecine.

VAUBAN, SEBASTIEN LE PRESTRE DE, was born May 1, 1633, at St. Léger de Foucheret, near Saulieu in Burgundy. His family had been in possession of the lordship of Vauban for more than 250 years, but from misfortune or otherwise the estate became encumbered with debts; and both his father, Urbain le Prestre, who had spent his life in the service of his country, and his mother, Aimée de Carnagnot, dying while he was young, he was left to the care of M. de Fontaines, prior of St. John, at Semur, who generously supported him, and besides teaching him to read and write, gave him the only instruction in arithmetic and geometry which he ever received from a preceptor. Unwilling probably to remain a burthen to his benefactor, and stimulated by the example of his uncles and brothers, all of whom were in the army, he entered at seventeen years of age into the regiment of Condé, which was then in the service of Spain, and he was received as a cadet in the company of Arcenai. In this situation his good conduct soon procured for him a commission; and joining to the experience acquired in the field a knowledge of the mathematics as far as they are connected with the military art (for he had then studied trigonometry and mensuration), having probably also read the writings of the Italians on fortification, he was qualified to undertake the duties of an engineer.

In the beginning of the year 1652, when only nineteen years of age, he was employed on the fortifications of Clermont in Lorraine, and in the same year he was sent from thence to serve at the siege of Ste. Menchould. Here he superintended the construction of the lodgments, and during the assault of the place he performed the daring exploit of swimming across the river under the fire of the enemy.

In the following year he was taken prisoner by a party of French royalists and brought before Cardinal Mazarin, who, having heard of his gallantry, received him kindly and solicited him to enter the king's service. Vauban readily consented to take this step, having had no other motive in following the standard of Condé than the desire of studying the art of war under that great general; and he was immediately appointed to a lieutenancy in the regiment of Bugundy. In that year (1653) he served under the Chevalier de Clerville at the second siege of Ste. Menchould, and after the taking of that place he was appointed to superintend the repairs of its fortifications. In the following year he assisted at the siege of Stenay, and three months afterwards at that of Clermont. Both of these places were taken, and in 1655 he received the commission which placed him in the corps of engineers. During that year he directed the sieges of Landrevies, Condé, St. Guislain, and Valenciennes; and in 1657 that of Montmédi, where he received three wounds. In 1658 he had the chief direction of the attacks at the sieges of Gravelines, Ypres, and Oudenarde. The *Maréchal de la Ferté*, under whom he served, and who, in 1656, had given him a company in his own regiment, an acknowledgment of his superior merit gave him then one in another regiment, and ventured to predict that if the life of the young officer were spared he would attain the highest dignities.

Cardinal Mazarin also sent him a present, accompanied by flattering expressions of esteem, which stimulated the insatiable mind of Vauban to still greater acts of zeal for the public service: in fact so much does he appear to have been occupied by his duties, that only, it is said, by the accounts given of his exploits in the government papers his relatives obtained any knowledge of his existence.

Hitherto Vauban had to make his way without any of the advantages which wealth or the patronage of the great procures; but from this time he enjoyed the confidence of the government, and his history may be said to be connected with that of his country.

In 1661 occurred the peace of the Pyrenees; and then Dunkirk, Fort Louis, and Maasike having been ceded to France, the king (Louis XIV.) determined to strengthen

their fortifications, so that they might constitute a bulwark against the Spaniards, who then possessed Artois. He committed this important duty to Vauban, who accomplished the proposed end to his satisfaction, and at the same time conciliated the inhabitants by causing a canal to be cut, which was to allow, in case of necessity, a commercial communication between those places. At this time also it is said that he gave plans for improving the fortifications of Cherbourg.

When the war recommenced in 1667, Vauban had the direction of the sieges which the king conducted in person; and at Douay he received in his face a musket-ball, the scar from which he carried to his grave. Notwithstanding his wound, he conducted the siege of Lille, and succeeded in taking the town after nine days from the opening of the trenches. The king, who was present, gave him on this occasion the appointment of lieutenant in the French guards, together with a pension and the more flattering distinction of a public eulogium.

After the peace of Aix-la-Chapelle (1668) he was occupied in superintending the repairs of the fortifications of Flanders and Artois; and in the same year he was made governor of Lille, the citadel of which town he had constructed. He also gave plans for executing new works in Provence and Roussillon; and he went with M. de Louvois to Piedmont, where he visited Verran, Vercelli, Turin, and Pinerolo, and suggested projects for improving their fortifications. At his departure the duke of Savoy presented him with his portrait enriched with diamonds; and on his return from Italy he went to superintend the works which were being executed at Dunkirk, where 30,000 men were constantly employed with admirable regularity.

In 1672, the Dutch having united themselves under the Prince of Orange in opposition to France, Louis XIV. proceeded in person to the seat of war; and under the direction of Vauban several places were besieged and taken: in the following year Maasnick was invested; and here Vauban made a great improvement in the mode of conducting the attack, by executing long trenches connecting at intervals the several lines of approach, and forming covered communications by which the different divisions of the attacking force were enabled to support each other. In or near the fronts of these trenches he placed the batteries destined to silence the fire from the place. Vauban immediately afterwards reconnoitred the fortifications of Tournay, and having given directions for the prosecution of the siege, France being at that time threatened on all sides, he proceeded to visit the fortifications on the coast. After giving orders for the construction of new works for the defence of the Isle of Rhé, he returned to Flanders, and subsequently he rejoined the king, who was then carrying the war into France Comté. But the allies having in the meantime invested Oudenarde, he entered that place, and conducted the defence so vigorously that they were obliged to raise the siege; and for these services he was, in 1674, made brigadier of the French infantry.

During the following year the armies of France were compelled to act on the defensive; but in 1676 Vauban besieged Valenciennes, and took the place after an assault made by daylight, in opposition to the opinions of the generals of the army, who gave the preference to a night attack. During this campaign he was made *maréchal de camp*, and received a pension, besides a present from the king, of 25,000 crowns. In the following year he conducted the siege of St. Guislain under Marshal d'Humières, and the fall of that place was followed by that of Ghent. Ypres was immediately invested, and soon afterwards taken. At this time the death of the Chevalier de Clerville, who was director-general of the fortifications, left that post vacant, and the king immediately conferred it on Vauban. It is said that at first he declined it on the ground that it would bring him into close intimacy with the ministers. These were Louvois and Colbert, men jealous of each other; and Vauban probably felt that it would be difficult to give satisfaction to both: he was at length induced to accept the post, and he appears by the uprightness of his conduct to have succeeded in acquiring their esteem.

The peace of Nimeguen (1678), which relieved Vauban from the duty of taking fortresses from the enemy, enabled him to direct all the energies of his mind to the improvement of those which belonged to his country. He first went to Dunkirk, where, by cutting through the sand-bank which closed the entrance, and providing the means of keeping

the channel open by directing through it a current of water, he rendered the harbour one of the most important in the north of France: from hence, proceeding to the south, he gave plans for enlarging the fortifications of Toulon, and for the construction of its arsenal; and making Perpignan the centre of the defences of the Eastern Pyrenees, he caused the fortress of Mount Louis to be constructed. Returning to the north, he was employed in improving the chain of fortresses along the frontiers on that side: with this view he completed, near Calais, the fort of Neuilly and that of Lakenoek, by which the communication between Ypres and Menin was protected, and Cassel covered. The construction of the works of Mauberge and the repair of those of Charlemont served to secure the line between the Scheldt and the Meuse, which was before imperfectly protected by Philippeville; and a chain of new fortresses closing up the Vosges secured the conquest of Alsace. The fort of Huningen near Basle protected the frontier of the Rhine and the Jura; and the new forts which he caused to be built at Fribourg served to render that important place nearly impregnable.

While the execution of these works was in progress, Vauban went again (1680) to the south, where he formed a plan of defence for the Western Pyrenees, improving the post of Bayonne and making that place the grand dépôt, while St. Jean Pied-de-Port served to connect the line of defence with the mountains: he also caused the fort of Andaye to be constructed for the purpose of defending the mouth of the Bidassoa. In 1681 Vauban was employed in adding new works to Brest, Rochfort, and other places for the protection of the coast; but these works were scarcely traced when he was called upon to strengthen those of Strasbourg, a free city which had fallen into the hands of the French. He constructed the citadel of that place, and connected the fortifications of the city with the right bank of the Rhine by means of fort Kehl, and by several strong redoubts; facilitating the arrival of materials for the works by cutting a canal with sluices, the construction of which he superintended in person.

Hostilities breaking out in 1683, Vauban proceeded in the following year with the French army into Belgium, where in four days he took Courtray, and immediately laid siege to the strongly fortified city of Luxembourg; this place was also taken, but not till all the resources of the art of attack had been displayed; and it is said that on this occasion he first constructed trench-cavaliers for the purpose of dislodging the defenders from part of the covered-way, previously to an assault being made. In reconnoitring by night for the purpose of ascertaining the height of the glacis, being accompanied only by a few men at a distance, he was discovered by the sentinels; but he was fortunately enabled to retire in safety, having first deceived them by walking coolly towards them as if he had been one of their own officers.

The war being suddenly terminated in 1684, Vauban strengthened the fortifications of Luxembourg, by the addition of a crown, and a horn-work beyond the ravine on the western side of the town; and, in order to become completely master of the course of the Moselle, he then constructed the fort called Mount Royal. About the same time he was enabled to display his talents as a civil engineer by executing, in part, the magnificent aqueduct of Maintenon, by which the waters of the Eure were to be conveyed to Versailles. In 1686 he visited the great canal of Languedoc, which had just then been executed; and he is said to have suggested some improvements which were afterwards adopted.

Two years afterwards, the war again broke out, and Vauban was immediately employed under the Dauphin, in conducting the sieges of Philippsbourg, Manheim, and Frankenthal: the first of these places, whose fortifications he had strengthened in 1676, held out twenty-two days from the time of opening the trenches; and most of the engineers under his orders being killed or wounded, the duty of superintending the operations fell almost wholly on himself. This year he was made lieutenant-general, and the king in a complimentary letter recommended him to be careful of his life for the good of the service. The Dauphin, as a token of regard, presented him with four pieces of cannon for his Château de Bazoche. It is said to have been at the siege of Philippsbourg that Vauban first put in practice the method of ricochet firing; and that he proposed the organization of a corps of sappers expressly for siege

duties. In this year he began the fortresses of Landau and Belfort.

The following year (1689) Vauban had the command at Dunkirk, Bergues, and Ypres, with orders to enter into and conduct the defence of any of these places, should it be besieged; but no investment took place. During the year 1690 Vauban was rendered incapable of doing any military duty in consequence of a severe illness which he contracted while superintending the repairs of the fortifications of Ypres: he recovered, however, and next year he besieged and took Mons. In 1692 the siege of Namur was formed under the orders of the king, and the first attacks were directed against fort Guilleume, a strong work which had been constructed by the celebrated Coehorn, who then commanded it: the fort was obliged to surrender to the superior fortune of Vauban, who succeeded in cutting off its communication with the town, and the latter was soon afterwards taken. The siege of the fort and town lasted 29 days from the opening of the trenches, during which time five strong sorties were made by the garrison. In 1693 he conducted the siege of Charlemont.

The duke of Savoy threatening to invade Dauphiny, Vauban was sent into the south of France to ascertain the state of the fortresses on that side, and he gave plans for improving the works at Brigncon; for fortifying Fenestrelles, and constructing fort Dauphin. In 1694 the reports being frequently bombarded by the English fleets, application was made to Vauban, who suggested the formation of magazines and casemates which should be proof against the destructive effects of shells and red-hot shot. In 1697 he besieged and took Aeth in a few days from the opening of the trenches. After the peace of Ryswick, Vauban was employed for several years in visiting the frontiers and in forming projects for the defence of the country; and in the year 1698 he commenced the important fortress of New Brissach.

The War of the Succession commencing in 1703, Vauban proceeded to Namur, in order to superintend the repairs of the fortifications; and at this time the king, as a recompense for his many services, elevated him to the dignity of a marshal of France: this honour he at first declined, urging that it would put it out of his power to serve the country by directing any future siege, as he could not with that rank act under a general of the army. He at length however accepted it; and he readily consented soon afterwards to conduct the siege of Old Brissach, under the orders of the young duke of Burgundy, the pupil of Fénelon. This was one of the places which Vauban had constructed, and it surrendered on the fourteenth day.

In 1706, after the battle of Ramillies, Marshal Vauban was sent to command at Dunkirk and on the coast of Flanders, where his presence served to support the energies of the people, who were much discouraged by the reverses which the armies of the country had sustained during the war. He succeeded in disarming them from executing their project of inundating the district in order to prevent the enemy from besieging that town; and he immediately commenced an intrenched camp, extending from Dunkirk to Bergues, by which the town was more effectually secured.

This was his last public work, for he died, March 30, 1707, after an illness of eight days, in the seventy-fourth year of his age. He had married Jeanne d'Annois (of the family of the Barons d'Espérai, in Normandy), who died before him; and he left two daughters, the countess of Villebertin and the marquise d'Uxelles.

During the intervals of his services in the field he employed his leisure in composing his three principal works: these are entitled 'Traité de l'Attaque des Places,' 'Traité des Mines,' and 'Traité de la Défense des Places.' The last was finished only a short time before his death. Several editions of these works have been published, and the best is that of Poissac, Paris, 1796. During his life he also found time to write a great number of memoirs on various subjects; and near the end of his days he collected them in twelve folio volumes (MS.). He entitled them his 'Disivetés'; and among them is a paper on the abuses practised in collecting the *droit royal*; one on the limits of ecclesiastical power in temporal matters; one on the cultivation of forest-lands; and several on finance, on geography, and on different parts of the mathematics: there is also a memoir concerning a project for joining the canals of maritime Flanders with the Lys, the Deule, the Scarpe,

and the Scheldt; and one concerning the defence of Paris. In consequence of the disasters experienced during the campaign of 1706, the king contemplated abandoning his capital and retiring behind the Loire; and on this occasion Vauban wrote the memoir last mentioned, in which he pointed out the importance of preserving Paris, and the possibility of defending it, adding a plan of the fortifications which he proposed to construct for its defence. This memoir was published in 1821.

Fontenelle, in summing up the military actions of Vaubao, observes that he superintended the repairs of 300 old fortresses, and executed 33 new ones; that he conducted 33 sieges, many of them under the eye of the king, and that he was present at 140 vigorous actions. He was much beloved by his soldiers, who obeyed him willingly, both from the confidence which they placed in him, and from the knowledge that he avoided exposing them as much as the good of the service would permit. At the siege of Cambray the king, by the advice of the persons about him, was on the point of ordering that an assault should take place, and that the garrison should be put to the sword: Vauban alone opposed this advice, observing that it would be preferable to save one hundred French troops than to destroy 3000 of the allies; and the king had the good sense to abandon the idea. The humanity of Vauban's character is also manifest in the effort which he made to induce the king to re-establish the Edict of Nantes: unhappily, the bigotry of the king or the influence of the priesthood rendered his representations on this point fruitless. He had no constant system in fortifying places, and he appears to have followed in some respects the method of the Italian engineers: what are called his three systems have been formed since his death, from a diligent study of the works which he executed at different times. In 1693 the Order of St. Louis was founded, chiefly by the advice of Vauban, who was immediately invested with the dignity of Grand Cross of the Order, he being one of the seven to whom that dignity was at first confined. When the Académie des Sciences was renewed, in 1699, Vauban was appointed one of its honorary members; and Fontenelle observes that no one better deserved this distinction, since no one had more completely rendered science subservient to the benefit of mankind.

Besides the 'Eloge' by Fontenelle, in his 'Histoire du Renouveau de l'Académie,' we have an account of Vauban's life in an 'Eloge' by Carnot; and another by M. Noel in 1790: the former gained the prize proposed by the Académie de Dijon in 1783, and the latter that which was proposed by the Académie Française in 1785.

It is remarkable that little is known of the collateral branches of the family of Vauban: one of his grand-nephews was a lieutenant-general and governor of Bethune; and the son of this officer, after having served in America under Rochambeau, and subsequently in La Vendée, died at Paris in 1816.

VAUCHER, JEAN PIERRE, professor of historical theology at Geneva. Although a preacher and a teacher of theology, he is better known for his works on botany. Alphonse de Candolle, in a notice of the life and writings of Vaucher, attributes his love of natural history indirectly to his possession of the chair of historical theology. For he says, 'the recital of so much strife caused by unintelligible questions, of so many wars and persecutions brought about by theological dogmas, was likely to produce this effect upon an upright and enlightened man.' The first work on botany published by Vaucher was on the family of 'Conferve,' the phenomena of whose sporules excited his attention. This was published at Paris, in 1800, and entitled 'Mémoire sur les Grains des Conferves,' &c. He continued his researches upon the family of plants, to which he had already directed his attention, and, in 1803, published his history of fresh-water Conferve (*Histoire des Conferves d'Eau Douce*, &c.), a work which has long been held in the highest estimation, and which laid the foundation for all subsequent labours in this department of botany. His remarks on the reproduction and growth of the various species of Conferve that fell under his observation were correct, nor has much advance been made in this department of botany since his day. For although subsequent algologists have added greatly to the lists of species of Algæ, they have done much less towards the elucidation of their functions. Vaucher subsequently pursued his researches on the structure and functions of

several of the genera and species of Cryptogamic plants. The result of his observations was published in several papers in the 'Mémoires of the Society of Natural History and Physics of Geneva.' He also published at Paris, in 1827, a work on the structure and functions of the Orobanchæ, which was illustrated with 15 lithographs of dissections of these plants. In 1828 he published a monograph on the natural order Equisetaceæ. Although his published observations on plants up to this time had been for the most part confined to the lower orders, he had all his life been more or less preparing for a great work on the physiology of plants in general. The first part of this work was published in 1830, but finding that the plan on which he had commenced it was too extensive, he deferred any further publication of the work till it was completed in 1841, when it appeared at Paris, in 4 vols. 8vo., entitled 'Histoire Physiologique des Plantes d'Europe, ou Exposition des Phénomènes qu'elles présentent dans les diverses Périodes de leur Développement.' He received the first complete copy of this work on his death-bed, and he employed the few remaining days that his strength permitted in sending some copies to his friends. The work was dedicated to Charles Albert, Prince of Carignano, now king of Sardinia, who was one of his former pupils.

The design and execution of this work are novel. In describing the structure and functions of plants, species, or small groups of species are taken, and are studied independently of other plants, for the purpose of arriving at their individual peculiarities. His leading idea in the observations contained in this work is, that the species, genera, and families of plants have distinctive physiological as well as structural characters. The labour required for this work was immense, and only a long life could have enabled him to do it; but it was with Vaucher a labour of love, and he appears to have pursued it without regard to fame or reward. His observations are of course confined to plants which he had observed in a living state, and which could only comprehend a small portion of the vegetable kingdom. His general views in this work are not always free from error, nor is his terminology so correct as is required at the present day; but whatever may be the faultiness of his generalizations, or want of accuracy in the use of terms, there is every reason to believe, from the correctness of his former observations, that this work is entitled to the confidence of the botanist. The short time that this work has been published will not permit us to speak more positively: already some of his views have excited attention amongst botanists on the Continent; and Alphonse de Candolle, whilst he differs from Vaucher in some of his conclusions, places the utmost confidence in the accuracy of his observations. Many parts of the work too were finished when botany was much less advanced than at the present day, and consequently display deficient knowledge of modern observation. Vaucher, with De Saussure and others, was one of the founders of the Geneva Society of Natural History and Physics. He died at a very advanced age in the year 1841, beloved and respected by all who knew him. A genus of coniferous plants was named in honour of him 'Vaucheria,' by De Candolle.

(Bischoff, *Lehrbuch der Botanik*; Alphonse de Candolle, *On the Life and Writings of Vaucher*, translated in the 'Annals of Nat. Hist.,' vol. x., from the *Bibliothèque Universelle*.)

VAUCHERIA, a genus of plants belonging to the articulate Algæ, named after professor Vaucher of Geneva. This genus belongs to the tribe Siphonæ, and was formed by De Candolle from Vaucher's genus *Ectosperma*. The fronds or filaments are aggregated, tubular, continuous, capillary, and coloured by an internal green coloured mass. The fructification consists of dark green homogeneous vesicles, which are attached to the filaments. The species are found in pools and ditches and stagnant waters, on damp ground, and on the mud of salt-water rivers, and in the sea.

V. dichotoma, large dichotomous Vaucheria, has dichotomous filaments, with solitary, globose, sessile vesicles. This is one of the most common of the species, and is found, in spring and summer, in pools and ditches of fresh water, and Mr. Berkeley has found a variety in the sea. It is one of the largest of this genus, its filaments being often more than a foot long, and filling up the ditches on account of their number.

1. *Dillwynii*, Dillwyn's Vaucheria, has branched, flexuose filaments, with globose, lateral, sessile vesicles. This species is common on the ground in damp situations, forming a thin intricate fleece of a green colour.

V. elaeuda, clubbed Vaucheria, has short filaments terminating with a vesicle, which contain the sporidia. This species does not appear to be an inhabitant of Great Britain. It inhabits ditches of clear water, and is interesting on account of the observations made upon it by Unger. Whilst examining this plant, he found that the vesicular summits had the power of contraction, and that by this process they expelled the contained sporidia, which after their expulsion ascended to the surface of the water. 'As I continued my observation,' says Unger, 'I happened to look at the surface of the water, and was not a little astonished to find it covered, especially towards the side of the vase, with minute globules, unequal both in colour and size. Many of them swam freely here and there, moving at their option, in one way or another, retiring and approaching one another, gliding round globules that were motionless, stopping and again setting themselves in motion, exactly like animated beings. Conjecturing the identity of the green globules that possessed motion with those that had none, I immediately began to examine whence these infusory animalcules derived their origin, and what relation they bore to the green globule and the fructification of the conferva. The next day I perceived a great number of globules aggregated around the bubbles of gas disengaged from the conferva, and floating at the surface. There were some of them of a dark green colour, and either round or elongated, others more transparent, humid, and with one or two appendages diverging from or at right angles with each other: these were evidently plants in a state of germination; other globules again were oval, very dark at one extremity, and almost transparent at the other; these swam about freely. Within the space of one hour, I succeeded in tracing not only the diminution of vitality and death of the infusoria, but also the subsequent development of the dead animals into germinating plants, in such a manner as to establish the truth of the fact.' (*Mag. of Nat. Hist.*, vol. i.) These curious phenomena have not been observed in other Vaucheria, although similar motions have been observed in the sporidia of other Confervae. There are nine species of the genus Vaucheria found in Great Britain.

VAUCLUSE, a department in the south of France, bounded on the north by the department of Drôme, on the east by that of Basses Alpes; on the south by that of Bouches du Rhône, from which it is separated by the Durance; on the west by that of Gard; and on the north-west, for a very short distance, by that of Ardèche: from the last two it is separated by the Rhône. Its form approximates to an oval, having its longer diameter from north-west to south-east, from the bank of the Rhône north of La Palud, to that of the Durance at the junction of the Verdon, 69 miles; and its shorter diameter or breadth, from south-west to north-east, from the junction of the Durance with the Rhône below Avignon, to the border of the department of Drôme, 38 miles. It is comprehended between 43° 38' and 44° 27' N. lat., and between 4° 40' and 5° 46' E. long. The area is estimated at 1345 square miles, which is not much above half of the average area of the French departments, and is just about equal to the area of the English county of Salop: the population in 1826 was 233,048; in 1831, 239,113; and in 1836, 246,071, showing an increase in the last five years of 6958, or between 2.5 and 3 per cent., and giving 183 inhabitants to a square mile. In ancient of population it falls very far short of the average of the departments, but in density of population it exceeds them; and in both amount and density of population exceeds the English county with which we have compared it. Avignon, the chief town, is 350 miles in a direct line south-east of Paris, or 432 miles by the road through Sens, Auxerre, Lyon, Valence, and Orange; in 43° 57' N. lat. and 4° 48' E. long.

The eastern side of the department is mountainous: the mountains of Lure, which separate the department of Hautes Alpes from that of Drôme, enter this department on the north-east side, where they rise to the height of about 5500 feet, and are connected with Mont Ventoux, which has an elevation of 6423 feet above the level of the sea. This eastern side of the department is occupied by the secondary geological formations which intervene be-

tween the cretaceous and carboniferous groups. The western and south-western sides, where the hills subside, and plains extend along the banks of the Rhône and the Durance, are occupied by the tertiary formations. The mineral wealth of the department is not great. There are four pits for lignite, of which one is worked, and yielded, in 1831, 4131 tons, valued at 3s. 4d. per ton; it gave employment to 21 workmen. There was at the same time one furnace for smelting iron. Pottery is abundant; and there are plaster-pits, limestone-quarries, and quarries of excellent freestone. Peat is found, but is not dug for fuel. There are several mineral springs, but none of any note.

The department belongs wholly to the basin of the Rhône, which flows along its western boundary, as its tributary the Durance does along the southern. The Rhône is the only navigable river; for the Durance has too rapid a current, and a channel too much obstructed with islands, to be navigable. Large rafts are formed of the timber floated down the stream from the well-wooded districts about its upper waters; and the produce of the country is sometimes transmitted on these rafts to the neighbourhood of Avignon. The other rivers of the department are the Lez, which belongs partly to the department of Drôme, the Aigues, and the Sorgues (with its affluents the Nesque, the Auzon, and the Ouvèze or Anvaize), all three tributaries of the Rhône; and the Canlon or Calvonn and the Leze, tributaries of the Durance. The length of the navigation of the Rhône belonging to this department is estimated at about 34 or 35 miles. There are no navigable canals, but a number of canals for the purpose of irrigation.

The fountain or spring of Vaucluse, to which the verses and letters of Petrarch have given celebrity (PETRARCHA, FRANCESCO), and from which the department takes its name, is the source of the Sorgues; it rises in a cavern in the secluded valley of Vaucluse (*vallis clausa*) midway between Apt and Avignon. The spring is sufficiently copious to form at once a stream capable of bearing a boat. In the immediate vicinity of the fountain a column was erected in 1800 by the 'Académie de Vaucluse' of Avignon; it bears in gilt letters the simple inscription 'à Pétrarque' ('to Petrarch'). Not far distant from the fountain is the village of Vaucluse, in which Petrarch lived; and between the village and the fountain is an old castle or mansion, formerly belonging to the bishops of Cavaillon, in which the poet frequently resided, and which has derived from that circumstance the name of 'Petrarch's Castle.'

The number of 'routes royales,' or government roads, on 1st January, 1837, was four, having an aggregate length as follows:—in repair, 22 miles; out of repair, 11; unfinished, 23;—total, 56. The principal road is that from Paris and Lyon to Aix and Marseille, which enters the department on the north side near La Palud, and passes through Mont-dragon, Mornas, Pistolet, Orange, Courthouzon, Bedarides, Sorgues, and Avignon: this is a first-class road. A second-class road, crossing the Rhône at Le Pont St. Esprit, passes through the northern portion of the department by Bollène, and enters the department of Drôme; it then crosses that of Hautes Alpes, and runs by Mont Genèvre to Turin. The departmental roads had, at the same period, an aggregate length of 291 miles, namely, 171 miles in repair, (95) out of repair, and 30 unfinished.

The climate is on the whole temperate and healthy: the variations of the weather are however rapid; tempests are frequent, and the hail is often destructive to vegetation. Occasionally there are years marked by extreme nod long-continued drought.

The area of the department may be given in round numbers at 840,000 acres; of which about 380,000 acres, or nearly one-half, are under the plough; but from the poverty of the soil the produce in grain is not sufficient for the consumption of the department: of the corn grown, rye and barley form an unusually large proportion. The meadow-lands are not extensive, they occupy only about 15,000 acres; but the best, and open pastures amount to about 170,000 acres. There are numerous flocks of sheep, but of a very inferior breed. The ass and the mule are much employed in agricultural labour. The vineyards occupy an area of 70,000 acres; the wine produced is generally deep-coloured and heavy, but of inferior quality, and not suited for exportation. The best are the red wines of Côtéau-brûlé, Châteauneuf, and Sorgues. The orchards and garden-grounds occupy 14,000 acres: the department

yields abundance of olives, almonds, and woads; good pears, peaches, plums, apricots, figs, and melons. Saffron, madder, arickhokes, anise, coriander, fustic, the yellow grain of Avignon (the produce of a species of buckthorn), and the evergreen oak are cultivated. The silkworm is extensively reared, and honey and wax are abundant. The woodlands occupy about 150,000 acres.

The department is divided into four arrondissements, as follows:—

Arrondissement.	Situation.	Area in Square Miles.	Can. towns.	Comm. towns.	Population 1831.	1846.
Arles . . .	S. W.	192	5	29	65,946	69,829
Apt . . .	S. E.	4.0	5	29	52,245	46,199
Carpentras .	Central and N. E.	2.6	5	29	51,261	52,033
Orange . .	N. and N. W.	377	7	84	66,523	67,443
		1345	22	146	239,113	246,671

In the arrondissement of Avignon are the following towns:—Avignon, population in 1831, 25,956 for the town, or 29,869 for the whole commune; in 1846, 31,786 for the commune [AVIGNON], on the Rhone; Courthézon, pop. 2235 for the town, or 3053 for the whole commune; Bédarides, pop. 1693 for the town, or 2215 for the whole commune; and Sorgues, pop. 1884 for the town, or 2518 for the whole commune—all on the road from Paris to Avignon; Cuvillon, pop. 3845 for the town, or 6911 for the whole commune [CAYALLOS], on the Durance; and Thor, and Lisle or L'Isle, pop. 4717 for the town, or 6032 for the whole commune, on the Sorgues. Courthézon or Courthéson is a walled town, and has in its vicinity a lake of salt water, on the banks of which maritime plants grow; yet the nearest part of the Mediterranean is not less than 44 or 45 miles distant. There are no fish in the lake. Bédarides or Bédarides is on the Ouvèze, over which there is a good bridge; and Sorgues is on the Sorgues, from which it has its name: Sorgues is walled; and there are two towers remaining of an old castle of the popes: there are a paper-mill and a madder-manufactory; trade is carried on in wine and brandy. Lisle or L'Isle is on an island of the Sorgues: it was originally a hamlet inhabited by fishermen, but became important from having been made by the inhabitants of some neighbouring towns a place of refuge from the brigands who then infested the country. The townsmen manufacture woollen yarn, blankets, woollen stuffs, silk, and leather; and trade in silk, oil, wine, and madder: they have four yearly fairs for horses, mules, sheep, silk, and manufactured goods.

In the arrondissement of Apt are the following:—Apt, population in 1831, 4315 for the town, or 5707 for the whole commune; in 1846, 5058 for the commune [APT], on the Calavon or Caulon; St. Saturnin, Gordes, and Cognae, to the north of that river; Menerbes, Bonnieux, Saignon, and Cacaon, between the Caulon and the Durance; and Cadenet, pop. 2289 for the town, or 2595 for the whole commune, and Pertuis, pop. 3764 for the town, or 4529 for the whole commune, on or near the Durance. Gordes has four yearly fairs for cattle and hardware. At Pertuis, woollen yarn, brandy, and earthenware are made; and there is a commercial tribunal.

In the arrondissement of Carpentras are—Carpentras, pop. in 1831, 6294 for the town, or 9817 for the whole commune; in 1846, 9224 for the commune [CARPENTRAS], on the Auzon; Montoux, pop. 2106 for the town, or 4700 for the whole commune; Mazan, pop. 2670 for the town, or 3851 for the whole commune; and Mormoiron or Mormoiron, pop. 1506 for the town, or 2197 for the whole commune, on the same river; Sarrians; Cromb, pop. 2238 for the town, or 2532 for the whole commune; and Bédoin, on affluents of the Ouvèze; and Pernes, pop. 3264 for the town, or 4563 for the whole commune; Venesque, and Sault—all three on the Nesque. Montoux has a madder-mill. Mazan has the ruins of some Roman buildings, and a number of pleasant country-houses. Mormoiron is walled, and has narrow gloomy streets: the principal houses are outside of the walls: it is in a pleasant country. Sarrians is in the midst of a silk-growing district; Cromb in a wine, oil, and pulse district: there is a strong castle in the latter town. Venesque or Venasque has a very ancient Church, which has been commonly, but erroneously, supposed to have been a temple of Diana. At Pernes trade is carried on in silk, oil, and saffron. It was the native place of the celebrated preacher Fvcher. Sault is in too elevated a site to admit of the cultivation of the olive; but the mul-

berry is cultivated, and a great number of silkworms are reared in the vicinity: the distillation of scented waters is carried on in the town.

In the arrondissement of Orange are—Orange, pop. in 1831, 6211 for the town, or 9123 for the whole commune; in 1846, 8674 for the commune [ORANGE]; La Palud, Mont-dragon, Mornas, and Piolene, on the road from Paris to Avignon; Bollène, pop. 2770 for the town, or 4672 for the whole commune, on the Læz; Valréus, pop. 2883 for the town, or 4348 for the whole commune, on the Corronne, a feeder of the Læz; Vaison, on the Ouvèze; Malaucène, pop. 2259 for the town, or 3069 for the whole commune, between the Ouvèze and the Auzon; and Cadereuse, pop. 1911 for the town, or 3169 for the whole commune; and Châteaufort, on the Rhône. La Palud is a small town, walled, situated at some distance from the Rhône, but liable to injury from the overflowing of that river. Mont-dragon, Mornas, and Piolene or Piolene, are small walled towns of nearly the same size, and each commanded by a limestone rock surmounted by a ruined castle. It was from the rock of Mornas that the ferocious Des Adrets forced his prisoners to leap, in the religious wars of the sixteenth century. In or near Piolene, coal (or perhaps lignite), jet, and pipe-clay were or are dug; some silk is thrown; and considerable trade in corn, wine, fruit, and silk is carried on. Bollène is built on the slope of a hill: the townsmen are engaged in throwing silk and in dyeing. Numerous remains of antiquity have been dug up near the town. Valréus or Vouréus is the birth-place of Cardinal Maury. Vaison has an ancient bridge over the Ouvèze, of one arch and of considerable width, evidently of Roman construction; the remains of an amphitheatre; an ancient temple, believed to have been sacred to Diana, and afterwards converted into a chapel; some remains of a quay-wall along the bank of the river, and various other fragments of Roman buildings; and an ancient cathedral, some portions of which are probably as old as the tenth century, with a cloister. Mosaic pavements have been discovered in the neighbourhood of the town. Vaison was the Vasio of the Romans. It was plundered several times by the barbarians who overran the Western Empire; and was afterwards ruined by Raymond VI., Count of Toulouse, towards the end of the twelfth century. Malaucène has silk-mills, oil-mills, copper-works, and a paper-mill. Cadereuse or Cadereuse, has silk-mills, and is in the midst of a country productive in wheat, silk, and madder. Near Châteaufort, distinguished as Châteaufort du Pape, some of the best wine in the department is made.

The population of the towns, where not otherwise described, is from the census of 1831.

The department constitutes the metropolitan diocese of Avignon; the archbishop of which has for his suffragans the bishops of Nîmes, Valence, Viviers, and Montpellier. It is in the jurisdiction of the Cour Royale of Nîmes; and under the superintendence of the Académie Universitaire of the same city. It contains a Protestant Consistory; and has resident in it a considerable number of Jews. It is included in the eighth military division, of which the head-quarters are at Marseille, and sends four members to the Chamber of Deputies. In respect of education, it is a little below the average of the departments of France. Of the young men enrolled in the military census for 1828-29, 37 in every 100 could read and write: the average of the departments being between 39 and 40.

In the most ancient period the greater part of the department was included in the territory of the Cavares (Cavares, Strabo; Carape, Ptolemy), or Cavares (Pliny and Mela); some parts on the northern border, adjacent to the Rhône (the Rhodanus of the Romans, and Pôas of the Greeks), were included in the limits of the Triestini (Triestini, Ptolemy); and some parts of the north-eastern border, round Vaison, in those of the Vocontii (Vocontii, Strabo and Ptolemy). Some of the south-eastern parts belonged to the Memini (Memini, Ptolemy) and the Vulsigentes. All these, so far as we learn, were Celtic nations. The Triestini are mentioned by Livy in his account of the emigration of the Gauls into Italy under Belloresus (lib. v., c. 34); and again in his description of the march of Hannibal (lib. xxi., c. 31). Polybius however does not mention them. Strabo does not mention either the Triestini, Vulsigentes, or Memini; he probably comprehends them in his description of the Cavares, whose name he tells us had been extended to the other Celtic tribes in their neighbourhood: perhaps

they had become subject to the Caviar. The Caviar (we understand the name to be used in an extended sense) were remarkable for living in a great degree, in Strabo's time, adopted the Roman language and mode of living. The Danave was known to the ancients by the name *Druentia* (*Δρυντις*, Strabo). Strabo, in a passage evidently corrupted, speaks (as we understand the passage) of two rivers surrounding a city of the Caviar and flowing with united stream into the Rhône; but these rivers can hardly be identified. He also mentions another stream, the *Sulgus* (*Σουλγας*), now the *Sorgues*, which, he says, joins the Rhône at the city *Undulium* (*Οὐδύλιον*), or, as we should perhaps read, *Vindulium* (*Βινδύλιον*), the town being evidently the same as the *Vindulium* of Livy (*Epitome*, lib. lxi.) and *Orosius* (lib. v., c. 13); and the river with the *Vindelicus* or *Vindulius* annis of Plinius (lib. iii., c. 2).

The following Roman towns were comprehended in the department: *Avenio* (*Ἀβεννιον*, Ptolemy), now *Avignon*; *Aransio* (*Ἀρανσιος*, Ptolemy), now *Orange*; *Cabellio* (*Καβελίον*, Ptolemy), now *Cavaillon*; *Vasio* (*Βασίον*, Ptolemy), now *Vaison*; *Carpentorate*, now *Carpentras*; *Vindulium*; *Apia Julia*, now *Apt*; and perhaps *Æria* (*Ἄρια*, Strabo), and *Forum Neronis*. Of these, *Aransio* (called *Secundanum* from its having been colonized by soldiers of the second legion) was a Roman colony; *Avenio* and *Cabellio* (in Ptolemy's time, for according to Pliny they were only Latin towns) were also Roman colonies; these three were in the territory of the Caviar; *Vasio*, which was in the territory of the Vocontii; *Carpentorate*, which Pliny assigns to the *Mernini*; *Apia Julia*, which belonged to the *Vulgentes*; and *Æria*, were Latin towns. *Vindulium* was at or very near the junction of the *Sorgues* with the Rhône; but the exact position of this town and of *Forum Neronis* is not agreed upon. Strabo says that the position of *Æria*, being in a very lofty site, well accorded with its name. D'Anville suggests that it was upon *Mont Ventoux*, which is perhaps right. *Forum Neronis* was in the country of the *Mernini*; and if Pliny is correct in assigning *Carpentorate* to that people, *Forum Neronis* was probably near that town, if not identical with it, as some have supposed. D'Anville however, who doubts the correctness of Pliny, proposes to identify *Forum Neronis* with *Forcalquier*; for no other reason than the very insufficient one that the name of this town embodies the syllable *For*—a relic of *Forum*. One of the many positions termed in the 'Itinerary' of Antoninus and the Peutinger Table 'Fines,' or 'borders,' was in this department, between *Cavaillon* and *Apt*.

Under the Romans this department was included in the province of *Narbonensis*; and, on the subdivision of this, partly in *Viennensis*, partly in *Narbonensis Secunda*. It afterwards passed to the Burgundians, Franks, Ostrogoths, and again to the Franks; and in the middle ages the greater part of it was included in the counties of *Avignon* and *Vendôme* (*COMTAT D'AVIGNON*, *LE*, and *LE COMTAT VENAISIN*) and the principality of *Orange*. (*ORANGE*.) The counties of *Avignon* and *Vendôme* were properly parts of *Provence*, but belonged to the pope until 1791, when they were annexed to France. The principality of *Orange* was included in *Dauphiné*, and belonged to the family of *Nissau*, until the death of William III., prince of *Orange* and king of *England*. It then came to the king of *Prussia*, by whom it was ceded to France.

(*Malte-Brun, Géographie*; *Millin, Voyage dans les Départements du Midi de la France*; *Voyage de Villiers, Itinéraire Descriptif de la France*; D'Anville, *Notice de l'Ancienne Gaule*; Bouquet, *Récueil des Historiens des Gaules et de la France*; *Dictionnaire Géographique Universel*.)

VAUD, CANTON DE, called also 'Pays de Vaud' ('*Waadt*,' in German), a canton of Western Switzerland, is bounded on the north partly by the canton of *Neuchâtel* and partly by France, from which it is separated by the chain of the *Jura Mountains*; on the east by the cantons of *Freyburg*, *Bern*, and the *Valais*; south by the *Lake Lemán*, which separates it from *Savoy*; and west by France and the canton of *Geneva*. The area is vaguely said to be about 1200 square miles; and the population is about 184,000 inhabitants, who belong to the Reformed or Evangelical communion, with the exception of about 3300 Roman Catholics, chiefly in the district of *Eclimlens*. The central part of the canton is traversed from east to west by a succession of heights and table-land known by

the name of *Jorat*, which seems to connect the *Jura* with the *Alps*, and which divide the waters that flow northwards into the lake of *Neuchâtel* and the *Anr* from those which run southwards into the *Lake Lemán* and the *Rhône*. The southern part of the *Canton de Vaud*, which slopes to the shores of the lake, is one of the finest regions of Central Europe. The vine is planted in terraces along the slopes of the hills, and its cultivation employs above 20,000 persons. The best wines are those of *La Vaud*, between *Lausanne* and *Vevey*, and of *La Côte*, between *Arbonne* and *Nyon*. They are white wines, and capable of keeping for a number of years. The *Canton de Vaud* is essentially agricultural: the highlands of the *Jura* and those of the *Alps* on the east towards the borders of *Bern* feed considerable herds of cattle. In 1835 there were in the canton about 70,000 head of large cattle, 64,000 sheep, 17,000 goats, 22,000 horses, and 20,000 pigs. Corn is not produced in sufficient quantity for the consumption of the population. The cultivation of potatoes has been greatly increased within the last twenty years. Fruit-trees are abundant, and the forests cover large tracts. There are a few manufactures of any great importance; those that exist are chiefly for the supply of the internal consumption.

The principal towns of the canton are—1, *LAUSANNE*; 2, *Vevey*, 12 miles east of *Lausanne*, in a beautiful situation on the banks of the lake, has a handsome church, a college, a public library, and about 5000 inhabitants, who carry on a considerable trade. *Vevey* is better built and easier of access than *Lausanne*, and is a very pleasant residence. To the east of *Vevey* is the estate of *Chillon*, on which Lord Byron has written a poem. Farther eastward in the valley of the Rhône are *Aigle*, a small town at the entrance of the romantic valley of *Ormonts*; the wine of *Yveron*, made in its neighbourhood, is much esteemed; and *Bex*, with its salt-mines. West of *Lausanne*, along the shore of the lake, is a succession of picturesque small towns, *Morges*, *Hollé*, *Nyon*, *Coppet*, and higher up the hill *Aubonne*. In the northern part of the canton is *Yverdon*, on the lake of *Neuchâtel*, with a castle, in which Pestalozzi established his school, an institution for the deaf and dumb, and about 3000 inhabitants. In the interior of the canton are *Moudon*, with 2550 inhabitants, and a college, and *Payenne* on the river *Broye*, an affluent of the lake of *Neuchâtel*, with 2700 inhabitants. *Orbe*, at the foot of the *Jura*, on the road from *Lausanne* to *Paris* by *Besançon*, has about 1900 inhabitants. The high valley of the *Orbe* with the romantic lake of *Joux*, in the *Jura* mountains, is a most interesting district in the summer season. Watchmaking, cutlery, and iron-works are carried on in this remote district.

The *Canton de Vaud* forms an important part of the *Suisse Romande*, called also *Suisse Française*, because the common people speak *Romanse* patois or dialects, and the educated people speak French. The *Suisse Romande* comprises *Vaud*, *Neuchâtel*, part of *Freyburg*, the *Lower Valais*, and *Geneva*. The people of German Switzerland in common discourse designate the whole by the name of *Wälschland*. These countries formed part of the ancient kingdom of *Burgundy*, having been occupied by the *Burgundians* as early as the fourth century.

The *Pays de Vaud* was conquered about the middle of the thirteenth century by Peter, count of *Savoy*, and was annexed to the dominions of that house as a great fief, which was given in appanage to a branch, with the title of barony of *Vaud*. In 1359 the barony reverted to *Amadeus VI.*, count of *Savoy*; by a cession made by Catherine, the heiress of the barons of *Vaud*. The country was parcelled out among a number of feudal lords, vassals of the house of *Savoy*, such as the lords of *Granson*, *Aubonne*, *Blonay*, and *Cossonay*, the domanial towns which were directly subject to the house of *Savoy*, such as *Moudon*, *Yverdon*, *Nyon*, and *Morges*, the bishop of *Lausanne*, who held jurisdiction over several districts, and the municipal town of *Lausanne*, which enjoyed considerable franchises. The *Pays de Vaud* had states or assemblies of the clergy, the nobility, and the deputies of the towns, which used to meet generally at *Moudon*; but the history of those assemblies, their prerogatives, and form of proceeding is very obscure, and has given rise to much controversy. They seem to have been in some respects subordinate to the states of *Savoy*, just as the representative assemblies of the British colonies are subordinate to the imperial parliament.

In 1476, when Charles the Rash, duke of Burgundy, invaded Switzerland, James of Savoy, count of Romont, who governed the Pays de Vaud during the minority of his nephew duke Philibert I., joined his troops with those of Charles. The consequence was that the Bernese and their confederates, having defeated Charles at Granson and Morat, overran the Pays de Vaud, took and pillaged Lausanne, and finally detached the eastern districts of Bex, Aigle, and Ormonts, which were incorporated with Bern, and those of Morat, Granson, and Orbe, which were administered as common bailiwicks subject to both Bern and Freyburg.

In the following century Duke Charles III. of Savoy having attacked Geneva, the ally of Bern and Freyburg, the latter sent troops to the assistance of Geneva, and at length a treaty was concluded at St. Julien in 1530, by which the duke promised to respect the independence of Geneva, and it was stipulated between the parties that if the duke broke the treaty he should forfeit the Pays de Vaud. Six years after, the duke again laid siege to Geneva, and the Bernese invaded the Pays de Vaud; some towns, such as Rolle, Nyon, and Coppet, opened their gates willingly to them; others attempted to resist, the bishop of Lausanne ran away, and finally the whole Pays de Vaud became subject to Bern. About this time Farel, Viret, Haller, and others preached the doctrines of the Reformation in Western Switzerland; Bern embraced them, and the Pays de Vaud followed the example. The see of Lausanne was abolished.

In 1530, by an order from the Bernese government, the French language was substituted for the Latin in all public acts. In 1564 Emmanuel Philibert, duke of Savoy, renounced by a treaty all his claims on the Pays de Vaud, which was to retain the privileges and franchises which it enjoyed under the house of Savoy. Charles IX. of France acted as mediator, and guaranteed this treaty. Among the privileges and franchises the assembly of the states was implicitly included. But the elements of those ancient states existed no longer. In consequence of the Reformation the bishops and abbots were gone; the feudal lords had likewise lost their political jurisdiction by the Bernese conquest, and the subsequent uniform system of administration which was established; and the states were no longer convoked. This however was made the pretence, about two centuries and a half afterwards, for the armed interference of the French republicans in the affairs of Switzerland.

The Pays de Vaud was divided for the purpose of administration into fifteen bailiwicks, the bailiffs, or governors, of which were appointed by the government of Bern. Several of the old noble families were inscribed among the patricians of Bern, and thus obtained a share in the government of the whole canton. All the rest of the population were subjects of Bern. But the communes had their own councils, and appointed their local officers and magistrates; the taxes were few, and the Bernese bailiffs were generally honest and equitable. Personal servitude was abolished in 1678, but feudal rights and fees were continued, and in the following century the government of Bern made several useful reforms in the administration of the laws. High roads were also constructed, and agriculture was encouraged. The Bernese administration in the Pays de Vaud could not be called oppressive, but it was absolute, and inclined to keep things stationary. Discontent existed not so much in the mass of the population, as among individuals of the educated classes, who could not bear the idea of being subjects of the Bernese. The difference of language between the governors and the governed contributed to embitter the feud. The breaking out of the great French revolution encouraged the malcontents. Bern used coercive measures: several individuals were imprisoned, and others escaped to Paris, where they formed clubs, and corresponded with the disaffected at home. They applied to the French executive directory, which eagerly seized the opportunity of meddling in the affairs of Switzerland. The nickname of aristocrats, applied indiscriminately right or wrong, was then in bad repute, and Bern was decidedly an aristocratic government. At last, in 1798, the directory imperiously required Bern to restore the Pays de Vaud to its independence, and this in the name of the old guarantee of King Charles IX. Meantime popular assemblies were formed in the Pays de Vaud, being countenanced by a strong body of French

troops assembled along the frontier. The council of Bern acted with indecision, the French troops entered the Pays de Vaud, and that fine country was lost to Bern for ever. It is a fact well remembered at Lausanne, that when the French soldiers entered that town, so little did they know whom they were marching against, that they asked the citizens where did their lord (seigneur) live, that they might settle their business with him. The invasion of the Pays de Vaud led to that of Bern, and the overthrow of the Bernese government altogether. [BERN, CANTON OF.]

After a series of vicissitudes during the ephemeral governments set up in Switzerland by the French, the Pays de Vaud was constituted as a sovereign canton or state of the Swiss confederation, and acknowledged as such by Bonaparte's Act of Mediation, in 1803. All feudal rights were abolished, civil equality was proclaimed, and a representative government was established. The canton was divided into circles: the electors in each circle appointed three deputies, with a property qualification, to the great council or legislative assembly. The great council appointed the members of the executive and of the high courts of justice.

Napoleon being overthrown in 1814, the Act of Mediation fell with him. The old cantons, and Bern among the rest, put forth their claims to the former subject bailiwicks; the head towns of the cantons assumed their former rights over the country districts, and the aristocratic families claimed again the monopoly of offices. All was again confusion in Switzerland, when the ministers of the allied powers invited all the Swiss cantons, without distinction of old and new, to frame a new federal compact, and at the same time recommended them to revise their respective constitutions, so as to take a middle course between aristocracy and democracy, and reconcile, if possible, popularity with stability. The old town cantons gave a share in the representation to the inhabitants of the country, retaining however a majority of seats for the deputies of the head towns. As for the new cantons, such as Vaud, Aargau, Thurgau, and Ticino, they had no chief town of importance, and no old aristocratic families to conciliate; but the framers of the new constitutions contrived a curious machinery in order to check all democratic tendency. The mode of election was made triple; one-third of the members of the legislature continued to be elected direct by the circle assemblies as before. These assemblies also presented a list of four candidates for each circle, having a higher property qualification than the direct members, out of which list the great council selected one deputy, and thus another third of the seats was filled. Lastly, an electoral commission, consisting of the members of the council of state, or executive, of the high court of appeal, and of a certain number of members of the great council, chose the remaining third of the new members chiefly from amongst the wealthier landed proprietors, and a few from among men of learning, without any property qualification. The members of the executive, and of the supreme judiciary court, were appointed by the great council from among its own members, who retained, after their appointment, their seats in the legislature. The right called 'of the initiative,' or of proposing laws, belonged exclusively to the executive. A project of law, laid by the council of state before the great council, could be accepted or rejected, but not amended. Such was the frame of the government of the Canton de Vaud, and such, with few differences of detail, was that of the new or 'popular' cantons, as they styled themselves, in opposition to the old aristocratic or town cantons. The only real distinction however was that the aristocracy of the old cantons was one of principle and privilege, recognised as such, while the aristocracy of the new cantons was that of a set of men who, while professing to claim no exclusive rights, contrived to perpetuate themselves and their friends in power. Dissatisfaction however existed, but did not break out openly till 1830. In May of that year, before the events of Paris, the assemblies of the communes of the canton Ticino demanded a reform in the constitution, and obtained it without any serious disturbance. This example, and the Paris revolution of July, 1830, encouraged the people of the other cantons to do the same. The respective councils of state demurred, and took time, and this occasioned popular tumults in several places. In the Canton de Vaud several thousand countrymen, excited by leaders of the higher class, but armed

with sticks only, repaired to Lausanne, to oblige the council of state to convoke the assemblies of circles, for the purpose of appointing deputies to frame a new constitution. The council yielded, and the men returned home quietly. A 'constituante,' or national assembly, was convened, which framed a new constitution on the principles of equality of political rights and rotation of office, without any property qualification, which constitution was laid before the primary or communal assemblies, in June, 1830, and accepted. The members of the great council, or legislature, are elected by the assemblies of circles, one for each thousand inhabitants. All citizens of the canton, being bourgeois of a commune, who have completed twenty-three years of age, and are neither bankrupts nor paupers, nor interdicted, are possessed of the elective franchise. The members of the legislature are elected for five years. Candidates for seats must be twenty-five years old, citizens of the canton, and have their domicile in it.

The great council meets twice a year for about a month each time: its members receive a remuneration. It appoints the members of the executive, and those of the courts of justice. The canton is divided for administrative purposes into twenty-one prefectships: Aigle, Aubonne, Aveches, Cossonay, Echallens, Grenchen, Lausanne, La Vallée, Lavaux, Morges, Moudon, Nyon, Orbe, Oron, Payerne, Pays d'Enhaut, Rolle, Vevey, Yverdon, Ormonts, and St. Croix. The public revenue amounts to about 1,600,000 Swiss francs, or 100,000*l.* sterling. The principal sources of revenue are the land-tax, conveyance and legacy duties, stamps, monopoly of salt and gunpowder, licenses, duty upon the sale of wine and other liquors, post-office, duty upon horses and dogs, customs, which are very moderate, and the forests and other domains, and capital belonging to the state. The principal items of expenditure are: General administration, 126,000 Swiss francs; judiciary and police, 133,000; church and clergy (the established religion is the Helvetic communion), 249,000; public instruction, 101,000; roads, 301,000; military, 217,000; gendarmerie (a body of 200 men, with their officers), 88,000; charitable establishments, 40,000; besides minor objects.

All natives or bourgeois of a commune of the Canton de Vaud, or of other parts of Switzerland, having their domicile in the canton, are inscribed on the military registers from the age of sixteen to forty. Active duty begins at twenty, first in the 'élite' for eight years, after which the men are placed on the lists of the reserve. The regiments of élite are the first to be called out in cases of emergency, besides which they are regularly exercised and encamped at certain times of the year.

The civil code of the Canton de Vaud is mainly framed upon that of France. A new penal code, as well as a code of procedure in criminal cases, have been published and enforced of late years. Trials are public. There is no jury; the judge decides both the fact and the law.

Much has been done since 1830 for public instruction. There are primary schools in every commune, middle schools, or schools of industry, colleges, and lastly the 'Académie' of Lausanne, a sort of university college, with fifteen professors and four 'auditeurs'; theology, law, philosophy, and belles-lettres. The 'école normale,' or school for masters, founded in 1833, has effected much good. A sensible and modest report by the director of this institution, which may be read with advantage by the promoters of education in any country, was published in 1830: 'De l'Ecole Normale du Canton de Vaud, depuis sa fondation jusqu'à aujourd'hui, par L. F. Gauthier, Pasteur, Directeur de cet établissement, Lausanne, Mai, 1830.'

The charitable institutions are numerous: most communes have a purse for the relief of their indigent inhabitants, besides which there are no less than eighty private charitable establishments in various parts of the cantons. Subscriptions for the poor are also frequent, especially in the winter season; committees of ladies and gentlemen, who visit the poor 'à domicile,' exist in most towns. There is much pauperism in the country, owing to various causes, such as the uncertainty of the vintage, which forms the staple harvest of a large portion of the canton; the habit of drinking among the men; and a certain indolence and improvidence, which is characteristic of the people.

Upon the whole the Canton de Vaud is one of the most interesting and beautiful cantons of Switzerland, and is one of those which has gained most, and lost least by the po-

litical vicissitudes of the last half-century. There is a spirit of moral activity at work there, which promises well; and the situation of the country, the subdivision of property, the absence of large towns and their populace, the good temper of the people, all these render the experiment of a democratic government less hazardous than in countries differently situated. For population, extent, and influence, the Canton de Vaud ranks the first in Romande or French Switzerland. Society at Lausanne and Vevey is as refined as in any European capital. A great revival of religious and moral feeling has also taken place in this canton, though partially, within the last ten years.

(Leresche, *Dictionnaire Géographique Statistique de la Suisse*; Descombat, *Soirées du Village, ou Entretiens sur l'Histoire du Canton de Vaud et sur ses Institutions*, Lausanne, 1839; Olivier, *Le Canton de Vaud*; and an article in the 'Foreign Quarterly Review,' No. xvii, January, 1832, on the *Political State of Switzerland*, which gives a concise, but clear account of the internal political changes which have taken place in Switzerland since 1758.)

VAUDEVILLE. Aval, or à-va, is a phrase among navigators, implying the reverse of amount. À-va de l'eau is used adverbially to express drifting down a stream: — 'Personne ne ramoloit, nous nous laissions aller à-va de l'eau.' Vaudeville appears originally to have been applied to designate any song or ballad borne along on the current of town gossip or popularity: — à-va de ville.' It has been customary among etymologists to maintain that the word was originally *vau-de-vire*, from the valley of Vire in Normandy, 'where gay and malicious songs were composed centuries ago, which had great currency.' No evidence has ever been adduced in support of this legend, and the kind of rhymes originally designated by the word vaudeville are quite as likely to have originated in populous towns and their gossiping crowds, as in a Norman valley. 'Vaudeville,' we read in the *Dictionnaire de l'Académie*, 'signifies a popular song, the air of which is easily sung, and the words composed upon some story of the day.' From songs the term was extended to pamphlets and theatrical pieces founded on ephemeral gossip: — 'C'est un vaudeville, une pièce à vaudeville.' At present the theatrical application of the name appears likely to supersede the others. Theatrical speaking, a vaudeville is a short drama, the dialogues of which are interspersed with short songs set to popular airs. The principal charm of the vaudeville consists in its covert allusions, its delicate raillery on the leading characters and events of the time. The plot ought to be simple—rather sketched or indicated, than developed—and the characters presented in the same slight manner. The interest ought never to be sufficiently serious to divert attention from the interlarding of playful sarcasm and simple melodies which all can appreciate. The vaudeville charms by its brilliant and easy dialogue, its snatches of apparently impromptu music and song, and its least possible spice of malice: any attempt to give a show of reality to the story and persons of the drama would render the elegant trifle ponderous and stupid. It is an odour, or a flavour devoid of substance. Hitherto French authors alone (with perhaps the exception of Goethe) have succeeded in composing, and French actors in representing, these charming nothings: the graceful levity of the vaudeville can scarcely ever bear translation into the more stately languages of Europe; and English, German, or even Italian actors are all too much in earnest to act it properly. Among all French authors of vaudeville, the palm is undoubtedly due to Scribe of the thousand dramas.

VAUDOIS ('Waldenses,' or 'Vaudenses' in Latin 'Vallesi,' 'Vallèsi' in Italian; 'Vauds' in their own dialect), a remarkable people, who form a communion separate from the church of Rome, and who live in three high valleys of Piedmont, on the eastern or Italian side of the Cottian Alps, between Mount Vaso and the Col de Sestrières, in the province of Pinerolo. The valleys are:—1, that of Lucerna, through which flows the Pelice, an alpine torrent which rises in the Col de la Croix, near Mount Viso, and, flowing eastward, falls into the river Chusone; 2, Valley of Perosa, through which passes the Chusone, which rises in the Col de Sestrières, flows in a south-east direction by Fenestrelle, Perosa, and near Pinerolo, and, after receiving the Pelice, joins the Po a few miles farther down; 3, Valley of San Martino, which branches out of the valley of the Chusone, along the course

of a torrent called *Germanas*, which rises in the Col d'Alirics. Of these three valleys, the southernmost, that of Luerna, is tolerably productive: gardens and vineyards, orchards, corn-fields, and pastures are seen in pleasant succession; but the other valleys are ill favoured by nature. The inhabitants grow some corn and maize: they have sheep, goats, and cattle, but not many horses. Silk-worms are reared in some places, and silk is made. The farmers are mostly *métayers*, that is to say, they pay to the landowner half the produce of the ground, either in kind or money. Most of the peasantry have with their cottages a few rods of land of their own: some are possessed of a few acres. Fuel they obtain from the forests in the mountains. Their cottages are of a very humble description. The three valleys together comprise an area of about 22 miles in length from north to south, and 18 miles in width from east to west, confined between the right bank of the Clusone and the left bank of the Pelice. The population amounted, according to Serriero's 'Statistica,' in 1833, to 21,523 individuals of the ancient Vaudois communion, besides about 1700 Roman Catholics scattered about the various communes, mostly strangers, who are carrying on some trade. The Vaudois are distributed in thirteen parishes, each having its pastor, called 'barle' in their dialect. One of the pastors bears the title of moderator, being superior in authority to the rest. In former times, when the Vaudois communion was much more extended than it is now, they had bishops, who are mentioned in several old documents. The principal villages are:—La Torre, in the valley of the Pelice, or Lacerna, with about 2000 inhabitants; San Giovanni, Angrogna, Bobbio, and Vallaro, in the same valley; Pomaretto, in the valley of the Clusone; San Martino, Villasecca, and Perera, in the valley of the Germanasca, or San Martino. In every parish there is a church and a school, besides a Catholic church for the Roman Catholic population. Formerly there was a college at Angrogna, where candidates for ordination received their instruction; but it has long since been demolished, and its funds have been seized, and students are obliged to go to Geneva or Lausanne in Switzerland, where they are examined and ordained. England, the Protestant cantons of Switzerland, the Netherlands, the king of Prussia, and the emperor of Russia, have at various times contributed, by subscription or annual grants, towards the support of the Vaudois pastors and their schools. The Sardinian government allows them 300 francs a year to each pastor. As it is, the pastors have little more than 1000 francs a year, with the use of the humble presbytery or parsonage-house. The Vaudois clergy are allowed to marry. They take no fees for burials, baptisms, or marriages. The Liturgy now in use is that of Geneva, in the French language: formerly they made use of a Liturgy in Italian. The spoken dialect of the people resembles the other dialects of Piedmont. The origin of the name *Valdenses*, or *Valdesi*, is found in the word *valis*, and means inhabitants of the valleys. Its derivation from Peter Waldo, or Valdo, of Lyon, a merchant of the twelfth century who was a religious reformer, caused portions of the Bible to be translated into French, and was the founder of the sect called the Poor Men of Lyon, is now abandoned. Waldo being excommunicated by the archbishop of that city, a.n. 1172, and afterwards by Pope Alexander III., emigrated to Germany, and is said to have died in Bohemia. The Vaudois of Piedmont however existed as a religious community long before Waldo, whom Beza even suspects of having derived his tenets, if not his name, from them. From him however the separatists from Rome in the south of France have been called *Waldenses*, and this has caused them to be confounded with the Vaudois, or *Vaudés*, of the Alps, although the doctrines and discipline of some of the former were not always in accordance with those of the Vaudois. The real Vaudois remained in the valleys east and west of the Cottian Alps. The *Albigenses* properly so called were quite distinct from the Vaudois. [ALBIGENSES.]

This little community is remarkable for having kept itself from time immemorial separate from the Church of Rome, in ages when that church is generally considered as having been the only existing church in the West, and for being the only Italian church which continues to this day separate from Rome. We have memorials of the doctrines of the Vaudois written in the early part of the twelfth century: their tenets were then such as they are

now. The 'Nobis Leyen,' a poem in the Vaudés dialect, nearly the same as that which is spoken at the present time, records in the text its having been composed in the early part of the twelfth century. We give here the beginning of the poem, retaining the old orthography, with its contractions, as found in a very ancient copy on parchment which is preserved in the university library at Geneva:—

O Inyma, ostile una uolta breuon
Noi f'edem vellea restar on d'adon.
C'um v'ed' l'ep' m'et on j'ed' d'adon.
Noi curim d'adon v'ed' d'adon d'adon.
'Ch'um v'ed' l'ep' m'et d'adon d'adon.
Noi f'edem vellea restar on d'adon.
Que lo sepa lora car non al d'adon d'adon.

The translation of which is—

O teachers, hear a noble lesson;
We could often to watch and pray,
For we see this world is fast in decay.
We ought to be content in doing good works,
For we see this world is approaching to its end.
Eleven hundred years are fully completed
Since it was written, "The end of all things is at hand."

The last sentence, whether it alludes to the passage in Acts, ii. 17, or to the passages of a similar tenour in St. Paul's Second Epistle to Timothy, and the Epistle to the Hebrews, in the Epistles of St. Peter, or, lastly, to the First Epistle of St. John, ii. 18; still it points to an epoch within the apostolical times, and therefore the period of eleven hundred years from that fixes the date of the 'Nobis Leyen' to within the first half of the twelfth century or thereabouts. The text goes on to say that it was 'easy to see the sign of the accomplishment of the prophecy in the increase of evil and the decrease of good, in the perils which the evangelists and St. Paul have mentioned,' &c. The poem is a sort of abridgment of the history and doctrine of the Old and New Testaments: It speaks of the mission of the apostles and of the primitive church, and of certain practices that were introduced afterwards in its bosom; of simony, the institution of masses and prayers for the dead, of absolution, and other tenets of the Church of Rome, which it rejects. In one place it speaks with censure of the practices of 'all the popes which have been, from Sylvester to the present time'; and in another it says—'Now after the apostles were certain teachers who went on teaching the way of Jesus Christ our Saviour, some of whom are found at this present day, but they are known to a very few'; and after describing the life and conversation of such teachers, the text proceeds—'Such a one is called a Vaudés.'

There is also a confession of faith of the Valdenses, bearing date a.n. 1120, acknowledging the apostle's creed and the canonical books of the Old and New Testaments, recognising no other mediator and advocate with God the Father but Jesus Christ, denying purgatory, admitting only two sacraments, Baptism and the Lord's Supper, as signs or visible forms of the invisible grace, disavowing the feasts and vigils of saints, the abstinence from flesh on certain days, the mass, &c. And another MS. dated 1100, speaks of the Valdenses as having maintained the same doctrines from time immemorial in continued descent from father to son, even from the times of the Apostles. Besides these, there are two controversial treatises, one entitled 'Of Anti-christ,' and the other upon 'The Invocation of Saints,' which seem to bear this internal evidence of their antiquity, that in enumerating the various tenets and practices of the Roman church which the Valdenses reject, they speak of the doctrine of the real presence, and of the adoration of the Virgin Mary and the Saints, but in so doing they do not use the words transubstantiation and canonization. Now the term transubstantiation was first introduced under Pope Innocent III., and confirmed in the council of Lateran, A.D. 1215, and the first Papal Bull in which the word canonization occurs is dated 1165. Nor do these treatises speak of the devotional exercise of the Rosary introduced by St. Dominic, nor of the Inquisition, which began in the thirteenth century. Had those institutions existed when the treatises were written, they could hardly have escaped the notice of the writer. MS. copies of these and other ancient documents relative to the Vaudois, amounting to 21 volumes, were brought to England by Sir Samuel Morland, who was sent by the Protector Cromwell as envoy to the Duke of Savoy in 1655, and were by him presented, in 1658, to the library of the university of Cambridge. Morland wrote a 'History of the Evangelical Churches of the Valleys of Piedmont,' London, 1668, giving a transcript and English translation of the

Nobla Leyron.' P. Allix, D.D., who published 'Remarks upon the Ecclesiastical History of the Ancient Churches of Piedmont,' in 1690, notices the MSS. brought by Morland. But now only 14 out of the 21 volumes are existing in the university library, and nobody can tell what is become of the rest. The 'Nobla Leyron' is one of those which are missing. In 1663, Jean Leger, a pastor of the Valdenses, published at Leyden, 'Histoire Générale des Eglises Evangéliques des Vallées du Piémont,' in two books, the first of which treats of the early date and continuity of their doctrine, and he gives transcripts of several of the MSS. brought to England by Morland.

The question about the early date of the 'Nobla Leyron,' the Vaudois confession, and the other MSS. above-mentioned, is of considerable importance in an historical as well as religious point of view. There is however further evidence brought forth for the antiquity of the Vaudois doctrines. The name of Valdenses does not appear in historical records till the end of the twelfth or early part of the thirteenth century, but we find allusions as early as the ninth century to the existence of non-conformist churches on the borders of Italy. Jonas, bishop of Orleans, in his work 'De Cultu Imaginum,' addressed to Charles the Bald, A.D. 840, speaks of Italian churches which he accuses of heterodoxy because they refused to worship images, and he charges Claudius, bishop of Turin, with encouraging the people of his diocese in their separation from the Catholic unity.

The fragments existing of the works of Claudius show his opinions concerning faith and merits, prayers after death, the worship of images, the invocation of saints, tradition, and church authority, to have been the same as are expressed in both the old and modern Vaudois catechisms, as well as in the catechisms of the modern Reformed churches. And it is worthy of remark, that Claudius in his epistle 'Ad Theodemirum,' says, in reply to the charge of promulgating novelty in religion: 'I teach no new sect, but keep myself to the pure truth, and I will persist in opposing to the uttermost all superstitions and schisms.' Claudius died about A.D. 840, and contemporary with him Azobardus, bishop of Lyon, as appears by his 'Treatise against Pictures,' edited by S. Baluze, was also preaching against the worship of images. The valleys of the Cottian Alps must have been under one or the other of these bishops. In the synod held at Arras, A.D. 1025, it was represented to the president, Bishop Gerard, that certain persons had come from the borders of Italy and had introduced heretical dogmas about the nature of justification, the real presence, and against images, relics, altars, &c. About 1140 Bernard of Clairvaux, in his 66th sermon upon the Canticles, speaking of heretics who then were disturbing the church, mentions, among others, 'a sect which calls itself after no man's name, which affects to be in the direct line of apostolical succession, and rustic and unlearned though it is, yet it contends that we are wrong and that it only is right. It must derive its origin from the devil, since there is no other extraction which we can assign to it.' The Valdenses have always rejected any distinctive sectarian appellation, and have boasted of adhering from age to age in the primitive faith. In the bull of Pope Lucius, A.D. 1183, four years after the Lateran council, in which the Albigenses were anathematized, several sorts of heretics are mentioned, Cathari, Paterini, the poor men of Lyon, and the Passagini, or men of the passes, as lying under a perpetual anathema. And in 1194, Alfonso, king of Aragon and marquis of Provence, issued an edict, 'commanding the Valdenses, the Insabotati, who otherwise are called the poor men of Lyon, and all other heretics to depart out of his dominions.' About 1230 Reinerus, a Dominican, who states that he had been himself a heretic, wrote a treatise against heretics, 'Opusculum de Hæreticis,' in which he speaks, among others, of the Leonists, or Poor Men of Lyon ('Secta Pauperum de Lugduno qui etiam Leoniste dicuntur'), and describes their tenets, which are exactly the same as those contained in the old records of the Valdenses as well as in their modern catechism. The Valdenses and the Poor Men of Lyon (Valdenses sive Lugdunenses) are confounded together in the chronicles of that age; and in the Chronicon of Abbas Ulbergensis, A.D. 1212, the Pauperes de Lugduno are represented as an ancient order which arose in Italy long ago. Reinerus begins by saying, that these Leonists or Pauperes were the most pernicious of all the sects, for three reasons—1, Be-

cause they are the most ancient, more ancient than the Manichæans or Ariana, dating their origin, according to some, from the time of Pope Sylvester I., and according to others from the time of the Apostles. 2, Because they are more universally spread. 3, Because they have the character of being pious and virtuous, as they believe in the Apostles' creed, and are guilty of no other crime than that of blasphemy against the Roman church and clergy. He also says that, 'in all the states of Lombardy and Provence the heretics have more schools than the theologians and more auditors; they hold public disputations and convoke the people to solemn discussions . . . they have translated the Old and New Testaments into vulgar tongues. I myself have seen and heard a clownish layman who could repeat the whole of the book of Job by heart, and many who were perfectly acquainted with the whole of the New Testament. . . . They reject whatsoever is taught, if it is not demonstrable by a text in the New Testament.' And then he goes on enumerating many places where the heretics have churches and schools: all which shows that dissent was very widely spread in North Italy and the south of France in the thirteenth century, and it corroborates the traditions of the Valdenses, that their doctrines spread at one time over many districts on both sides of the Alps. This book of Reinerus is very important, but we must refer those who wish for further information to the Rev. W. S. Gilly's *Second Visit to the Pastors of Piedmont*, 1831, section iii., where the author has placed in parallel columns passages from Reinerus's text, the corresponding opinions of Italian writers previous to the twelfth century, and those of the ancient and modern Valdenses concerning the same topics.

When Marcus Aurelius Renoreo, grand-prior of St. Roch, was sent by duke Charles Emmanuel, about the middle of the seventeenth century, to make inquiries concerning the Vaudois, he reported that 'these Apostolicals, as they call themselves, were of an origin of which nothing certain could be said, furthermore than that Bishop Claudius might have detached them from the church in the eighth century, and that they were not a new sect in the ninth and tenth centuries.' And the monk Belvidere, who went to the valleys of the Cottian Alps on a similar inquiry, reported 'that heretics have been found in the valley of Angrogna in all periods of history.' Claude Seissel, arch-bishop of Turin, A.D. 1500, spoke of them as 'the Vaudois sect, which originated with one Leon, a devout man, in the time of Constantine the Great.' From all the above testimonies, it is contended, with considerable show of argument, by the Vaudois, that they are not a sect that sprung up in the twelfth century, or was introduced by emigrants from abroad, but that they are an aboriginal Alpine community, the offspring of early Christianity implanted in these remote districts. The earlier edicts of the dukes of Savoy speak of the 'men of the valleys' and their 'ancient faith,' which 'it had been found impossible to eradicate from thence, and which the dukes had been constrained to tolerate.' An edict of 1561 speaks of privileges granted by former dukes, and cites edicts of 1449 and 1452. In the 'Theatrum Statuum R. C. Sabaudie Ducis,' published in 1682, it is stated that treaties 400 years old secured personal and religious freedom to the Vaudois.

It is an historical fact that, some time in the fourteenth century, a colony of emigrants from north Italy professing the tenets of the Vaudois settled in Calabria, where they cleared the ground of whole districts, and became thriving tenants of the great landlords. They built the towns of La Guardia (which is still called Guardia Lombarda), San Sisto, La Rocca, and others, not far from Cosenza, where they lived in peace and unnoticed for about three centuries. But after the spreading of the Reformation in the sixteenth century they began to correspond with Geneva and other places, and invited some Protestant divines to come among them. This excited the attention of the local authorities; and the duke of Acaia, viceroy of Naples, sent commissioners and monks with troops to convert or destroy them. They resisted, and were destroyed with circumstances of great barbarity, in 1561. (Botta, *Storia d'Italia*, book x.)

At one time the valleys of the Vaudois were subject to the marquises of Saluzzo; and the Vaudois have repeatedly asserted, without being contradicted, that 'their ancestors professed their ancient faith long before the dynasty of Savoy was established in Piedmont.' Their religious community

extended then over many other valleys on both sides of the Alps; to the southward beyond the Po over part of the marquisate of Saluzzo, westwards in the valley of the Durance as far as Embrun and Briançon, and northwards to the banks of the Dora. The valleys of Queiras and Frassinere in France, and that of Pragelà in the province of Susa, at the foot of Mount Genève, professed their communion till within comparatively recent times. In the two former valleys there are still scattered evangelical congregations, in the villages of Dormileuse, Frassinere, and Violin, which were visited by Mr. Gilly in 1829; but in the valley of Pragelà, subject to the Piedmontese government, no dissenting church is allowed.

Concerning the persecutions which the Vaudois have sustained, and which fill up a large portion of their history, we must not trust implicitly either to Leger and the other Vaudois writers, who were themselves actors or sufferers in these occurrences, nor to the accounts of their persecutors. We prefer following a modern historian, Botta, a Piedmontese and a Roman Catholic, but a temperate, discriminating writer, far removed from those scenes of strife, and from the passions which excited them or were the consequence of them. The earlier persecutions of the Vaudois were the work of the inquisitors sent by Rome. Pope John XXII. issued a bull against them in 1332. Walter Lollard, who was burnt at Cologne in 1350, was a Vaudois clergyman. About the year 1400 a persecution is recorded against the inhabitants of Pragelà and the valley of Perosa, in which many perished. In 1487 Innocent VIII. issued a bull to Alberto de Capitaneis, papal nuncio and commissioner for the dominions of the duke of Savoy on both sides of the mountains, enjoining 'him to extirpate the pernicious sect of malignant men called the "poor people of Lyon," or the Waldenses, who have long endeavoured in Piedmont and other neighbouring parts to ensnare the sheep belonging unto God, under a flagged pretence of holiness; &c. and if expedient to preach the crusade against them.' But it was not until the following century that a general proscription took place. When Luther, Zwingli, and Calvin began preaching their reformed doctrines, the Valdenses acknowledged them to be similar to their own. Francis I. of France, who was also possessed of Piedmont, persecuted all heretics indiscriminately, whether of the new Reformed faith, or of the old Waldenses or Vaudois communion, and determined on extirpating them. The massacres of Dauphiné and Provence, especially at Mérindol and Cabrière, are recorded in history. He at the same time wrote to the parliament of Turin, enjoining it to enforce religious conformity within its jurisdiction. The Vaudois of Piedmont then drew up a list of their articles of faith and laid it before king Francis, begging to be allowed to retain their ancient form of worship; to which Francis replied, that as he was putting to death the heretics in France, he could not tolerate them on the other side of the Alps. The parliament of Turin commanded the Vaudois to drive away their barbers, or pastors, and to receive Roman Catholic priests, who would be sent to instruct them. The Vaudois refused, and persecution followed. Several Vaudois who refused to renounce their faith were burned alive. (Botta, b. iv. c. 154-1.) Still their communion was not extirpated; and, years after, Piedmont having been restored to the house of Savoy, duke Emmanuel Philibert, after being repeatedly urged by the inquisitor Giacomello, sent by pope Paul IV., ordered, in 1560, the Vaudois to attend the Roman Catholic service, and forbade them the exercise of their own form of worship under penalty of 100 golden 'saudi' for the first transgression, and of the perpetual galleys in case of relapse. The Vaudois wrote an humble supplication with an apology for their faith to the duke, who, being little conversant with theological controversy, proposed a conference between the Vaudois and Roman Catholic divines. But pope Paul IV. disapproved of this; and at last, being importuned by the inquisitor and the nuncio, and the court of Spain, the duke resorted to arms to enforce obedience. He sent into the valleys 7000 men under the Count of La Trinità, to whom the French king joined two regiments on the side of France. The French court at that time was persecuting the Huguenots, who were numerous in Dauphiné, and who were disposed to make common cause with the Vaudois. The Vaudois defended themselves bravely, and in one instance defeated the ducal troops at Pna di Torre. Many atrocities were committed

in this desultory warfare, and women and children were not spared. Some of the prisoners were burnt alive at Carignano, Susa, and Pinerolo. At last duke Emmanuel Philibert, disgusted with this war, into which he had been pressed against his wish, and urged by the intercession of his wife, Margaret of France, who joined the Vaudois, granted them, in June, 1561, peace and an amnesty, with the exercise of their religion, within certain stented limits, in the valleys of Lucerna and San Martino, on condition that the Roman Catholic service should also be performed simultaneously in churches appropriated to the purpose in the various villages. This edict was signed by Philip of Savoy, lord of Racconigi on one part, and by two of the principal pastors of the Vaudois on the other. The court of Rome and the monks in Piedmont declaimed loudly against these concessions of duke Emmanuel Philibert, and almost called him a heretic. (Botta, b. x.) There is in the appendix to Gilly's 'First Excursion among the Vaudois' a translation of a letter of Scipio Lentulus, a Neapolitan emigrant on account of religion, who had taken shelter in the valleys of Piedmont, relating the occurrences of the war of 1561.

In 1601 and 1602 Charles Emmanuel I. confirmed to the Vaudois their religious immunities, but the Inquisition was molesting them at the same time, and even imprisoned some individuals, and when remonstrances were made to the ducal ministers, they replied, 'These matters do not concern his highness.' (Botta, b. xv.) The duke however issued two rescripts, dated 1603 and 1620, guaranteeing to the Vaudois the exercise of their religion within the limits prescribed in the three valleys of Lucerna, Perosa, and S. Martino. The Vaudois had asked the same favour for their coreligionists in the Marquisate of Saluzzo, but this was refused. Charles I. of England sent twice an embassy to the duke to intercede for the Vaudois, in 1627 and 1629. (Appendix to Gilly's *First Excursion to the Mountains of Piedmont* in 1823.)

Victor Amadeus I., who succeeded Charles Emmanuel, published an edict enjoining the non-conformists of the Marquisate of Saluzzo, who were chiefly in the communes of Piosassa, Praviglioglio, Bielleto, Bretonni, and Croezzo, to embrace the Roman Catholic religion, under penalty of death and confiscation of property; and this edict was so strictly enforced, that not one non-conformist remained in those parts. But at the same time the duke issued an edict to protect the Vaudois of the valleys of Pinerolo, who have always been held distinct from the others, and to check the prevailing practice among the Roman Catholic priests and laity of kidnapping the children of the Vaudois in order to bring them up in the Roman faith. (Botta, b. xxi.) After the death of Victor Amadeus, and during the civil war which raged in Piedmont, the Vaudois remained faithful to their lawful duke, and opposed by arms the factious marquises of Lucerna and Angrogna, who sided with Prince Thomas and the other pretenders to the Regency, and they were accordingly confirmed in their privileges by the Duchess Regent, and by the young Duke Charles Emmanuel II. But the same Charles Emmanuel afterwards directed a most fierce persecution against the Vaudois. Botta attributes the origin of this fresh storm to the turbulent disposition of Jean Leger, a pastor of some name among the Valdenses, who had more zeal than prudence. In March, 1653, the inhabitants of Villaro, in the valley of Lucerna, rose in a tumult, and drove away the Capuchins from their convent, to which they set fire. The ducal troops repaired to the spot, and, after some bloodshed, peace was re-established. But this affair led to further investigations, when the ducal government found out that the Vaudois had transgressed against their engagements by purchasing property and establishing schools and places of worship beyond the limits fixed by former edicts. In January, 1655, the duke caused his auditor Andrea Gastaldo to proceed to Lucerna, when he issued a manifesto ordering all Vaudois families to evacuate within three days the communes of Lucerna, San Giovanni, La Torre, Bibbiana, Fenile, Campiglione, Briherasco, and San Secondo in the lower part of the valley of the Pelice, and retire to the higher part of the valley, to the communes of Villaro, Bobbio, Rorà, Angrogna, and Boneti. Within twenty days they were either to sell their property situated in the former districts or to embrace the Roman Catholic faith. The Vaudois resisted this command, and the duke sent the marquis of Piosazza with a

body of regulars and some militia in the following April. The Vaudois deserted their villages, carrying their provisions to the mountains. The marquis followed them there, but he could not subdue them; and his soldiers, finding nothing to eat, withdrew. The Vaudois then issuing from their recesses, under two determined leaders, Jayer and Jannet, fell upon several Roman Catholic villages, and plundered and burnt them. They then entered La Torre, but being surprised by Pianezza, they fought desperately and most of them fell, but not without killing numbers of the dual troops. In this warfare cruelties were committed by both parties, but the Vaudois, being the losing party, were, with their families, the greatest sufferers. Many atrocities were committed against the women and children by the Piedmontese soldiers, but still more by the mercenary French and Irish soldiers in the service of the duke, which horrors Jean Leger, who was an actor in the struggle, has detailed at length, and, Botta thinks, has exaggerated, in his 'Narrative.' But there is a document in the University library at Cambridge which tells strongly against the marquis of Pianezza himself. It is a declaration by Captain Du Petit Bourg, who was serving in a French corps under Pianezza, protesting against the cruelties which he saw committed, and for which he retired and quitted his corps. He says that the marquis ordered to give no quarter, saying that his highness was determined to have none of their religion in his dominions. This protest, a copy of which is given by Gilly in his first work, is dated Pinerolo, 25th November, 1655, and is attested by other officers. It appears however that Pianezza ordered the women and children to be spared, and he rescued many from the hands of the brutal soldiers, and distributed them in the neighbouring districts of Piedmont. A number of Vaudois took refuge across the mountains in the French valley of Queiras, and returned after the fury of the massacre had abated. Others perished in the snow, and others lurked for a time in the recesses of the mountains, under their chief Jannet, who carried on a partisan warfare until he was killed some years after.

The news of the massacre of the Vaudois spread far and wide throughout Europe. The Protestant cantons of Switzerland, the Protector Cromwell, and the States of Holland, sent envoys to the duke of Savoy, to remonstrate in favour of the Vaudois. Cromwell sent Sir Samuel Morland, who collected numerous documents, and published them in his 'History of the Evangelical Churches,' fol., 1658. Cromwell's Latin letters to the duke and other princes on the subject were written by Milton, who in one of his sonnets has feelingly lamented the cruelties committed against the Vaudois. Subscriptions were made in England and other countries for the survivors. At last, at Cromwell's request, Louis XIV. offered his mediation, which the duke accepted, and a convention was concluded in August of the same year, 1655, at Pinerolo, which then belonged to France, by which a general amnesty was granted, and the Vaudois were allowed to remain on the left bank of the Pelice within certain fixed boundaries, and to have the exercise of their religion, but at the same time it was agreed that the Roman Catholic worship should be performed in the same villages, and Catholic missionaries be sent to preach there, but no Vaudois should be constrained to become a Roman Catholic, and no girl under ten, and no boy under twelve years of age, should be taken from their parents. This convention was signed by Jean Leger and other Vaudois pastors. But after some years new complaints and disputes broke out, which Count Bagnolo, the governor of the province, wanted to settle in an arbitrary manner. Fresh resistance and a new persecution took place in 1653 and 1664, followed by a new edict of the duke, by which the Vaudois were forbidden performing their worship in the village of S. Giovanni. Jean Leger emigrated, and visited various countries, urging the claims of the Vaudois and collecting subscriptions for them. He was at last appointed minister of the Walloon Church at Leyden, where he died. (Botta, b. xxi.)

Victor Amadeus II. succeeded Charles Emmanuel, and took the reins of government at the end of 1694, being then eighteen years of age. Piedmont was then the humble ally of the imperious Louis XIV., who about this time resolved to abolish Protestantism in France by the revocation of the Edict de Nantes, and he ordered Victor Amadeus to do the same with regard to the Vaudois. After some demur the duke was induced to submit, and in Janu-

ary, 1686, he issued an edict ordering the Vaudois either to abjure their tenets within fifteen days or leave their country. Driven to despair, the Vaudois determined to resist. They were attacked on one side by the dual troops, and on the other by those of Louis XIV., commanded by Catinal. After a gallant struggle the Vaudois were overpowered, and the survivors were obliged to submit unconditionally. Their whole property was confiscated, and given to Roman Catholic colonists, the old inhabitants with their families taking their departure for Switzerland. Those who had been taken prisoners were distributed in various prisons, in which a number of them died. At the end of six months there were 3000 left, who, at the intercession of the Protestant ambassadors at Turin, were released, and followed the rest to Switzerland, where they met with kind hospitality. At the expiration of three years, a band of 800 of these emigrants, under the command of one of their pastors, Henry Arnaud, undertook one of the most daring and romantic expeditions ever attempted by men. In August, 1689, Arnaud and his men assembled secretly between Rolle and Nyon in the Pays de Vaud, seized some boats, crossed the Lemán lake, landed at Yvoire in Savoy, marched across Savoy by Cluse and Salenche before troops could be assembled against them, then crossing a high offset of the Alps, descended into the valley of the Isère, and from thence over Mont Cenis to the banks of the Dora above Sals, where they forced their way through a body of French troops which disputed their passage, and found themselves once more on the border of their native district. French garrisons mixed with Piedmontese troops occupied the valley of Lacerne; Arnaud crossed the Col di Giuliano, driving the enemy before him, and took Bobbio, which was plundered. But fresh troops being sent against them, the Vaudois turned into the fastnesses of the valley of San Martino, and carried on a partisan warfare during the whole winter until the following April, 1690, when, luckily for the Vaudois, an open rupture took place between Louis XIV. and Victor Amadeus, who immediately issued an edict of amnesty to the Vaudois, with full leave to all those who had emigrated to return to their homes, with the free exercise of their religion as before. He released those who were still in prison, and had them clothed and furnished with other necessities, and he told them that it was the king of France who had been the true author of their calamities. It is more than suspected that the court of Turin, foreseeing the rupture with France, did not oppose the return of Arnaud's column so strenuously as it might. In the war that followed, the Vaudois were among the best defenders of Piedmont against the French. Victor Amadeus himself at one time took refuge in their valley. And after the victory of Turin, in 1706, he acknowledged their services in a proclamation. (Botta, xxx. and xxxii.) Arnaud has written an account of his expedition, entitled 'Histoire de la glorieuse Reentrée des Vaudois dans leurs Vallées,' 1710, which he dedicated to Queen Anne of England. This book is become very scarce.

In 1713, by an agreement between Louis XIV. and Victor Amadeus, the valley of Pragela on the upper Dora was given up to the latter in exchange for the valley of Barcelonetta, and it was made a condition by Louis that the Roman Catholic religion should be exclusively enforced in that valley. Accordingly Victor Amadeus in 1721 forbade their religious meetings, and ordered them to have their children brought up in the Catholic communion. Remonstrances were made by the English minister, but to no effect, and the valley of Pragela, in which there were once six Vaudois churches, has not retained a single family of that communion.

This was the last persecution against the Vaudois; who however remained subject to various disabilities and exposed to several vexations, which are detailed by Gilly in his first excursion, p. 116, and in the second, p. 546 and fol. We have heard it stated, though we cannot say how truly, that some of those disabilities have been since removed by the present king, Carlo Alberto, especially that which excluded the Vaudois from bearing officers' commissions in the army, although they were bound to serve as private soldiers.

In the wars of the French revolution the Vaudois remained loyal to their sovereign, and bravely defended for years the mountain-passes through which the French threatened to invade the valley of the Po, which ultimately they reached, but not on this side. In June, 1794, King Victor Amadeus III. published an ordinance, in which

after acknowledging the constant and distinguished proofs of their attachment and fidelity, he promised to redress several grievances, among others, that of taking away of children of the Vaudois, with the view of obliging them to embrace the Roman Catholic religion. He forbade the practice, and ordered those who had been so taken away to be restored. 'Those who at the prescribed age, girls at ten and boys at twelve, voluntarily enter the hospital of Pinerolo, must be under the direction of ecclesiastical judges; but no difficulty will be made in permitting the parents to see their children under proper precautions.'

When Bonaparte annexed Piedmont to France, he placed the Vaudois on a footing of equality with their Roman Catholic countrymen, and assigned funds for the support of their clergy. At the restoration in 1814 the Vaudois were again placed under their former disabilities, and those who had purchased land beyond the limits of their valleys were obliged to sell it to Roman Catholics. King Charles Felix, who succeeded to the throne in 1821, showed some more indulgence towards the Vaudois: he gave them permission to purchase a house and land in the commune of La Torre for the establishment of an hospital for the sick, the disabled, and the aged of their population. The money required was raised by subscriptions in England, Prussia, Holland, Switzerland, and other countries. The emperor Alexander of Russia contributed 4000 francs. A grammar-school has also been established at Pomaretto, and another at La Torre. In short, things look a little brighter for the poor inoffensive Vaudois, whose moral character, peculiar position, and prospects have been exhibited in a very interesting aspect by several English travellers since the peace, especially by the Rev. W. S. Gilly. **VAULTS.** (TOMES.)

VAUQUELIN, NICOLAS-LOUIS, a distinguished French analytical chemist, was born about the middle of the last century, of parents in an humble station in Normandy. Fourcroy, accidentally meeting with him, was so much pleased with his quickness and integrity, that he took him to Paris and made him superintendent of his laboratory, in which he speedily became an expert experimenter, and on many occasions which were acknowledged, and probably on some which were not, he performed experiments published by Fourcroy.

He was a professor of chemistry in Paris, and eventually became chemist to the School of Mines, and a member of the Institute. He was extremely industrious, and has published many memoirs on mineral, vegetable, and animal analysis: in performing his varied researches, he not only improved the methods of analysis previously in use, but also discovered some elementary bodies, of which the chief and most remarkable were chromium, existing in the red-lead of Siberia, as an acid combined with oxide of lead, and glucina, a new earth, or rather metallic oxide, which he found in the emerald and beryl. The discovery of chromium has been of vast importance to the arts; for having been since found in enormous quantity combined with iron, and in various parts of the earth, it has been extensively used in the state of oxide for giving a green colour to porcelain, and chromic acid combined with oxide of lead, forming chromate of lead, is a fine yellow pigment.

Vauquelin died in 1829, at an advanced age: his character and conduct were most excellent and exemplary, and he passed through the bloody stages of the French revolution uncontaminated by its violence or vices.

VAUVILLIERS, JEAN FRANÇOIS, a French scholar, was born, in 1737, at Noyers in Burgundy, and received a careful education from his father Jean Vauvilliers, a scholar of considerable merit. Jean François had scarcely finished his studies when he was appointed one of the librarians of the Royal Library at Paris, and in 1766 he became professor of Greek in the Collège de France. After having distinguished himself by several works on Greek literature and history, he was elected, in 1782, a member of the Academy of Inscriptions. The storm of the Revolution carried him away from his learned pursuits. He was successively president of the quarter of St. Geneviève at Paris, first 'député suppléant' of Paris in the assembly of the *états généraux*, president of the communauté, lieutenant to the maire of Paris, and lastly, 'prévôt des marchands,' in which capacity he had the care of the provisions necessary for the supply of the capital. The people of Paris at that time believed that it was the secret inten-

tion of the court to starve them, and they opposed by armed force the export of provisions from the capital into the provinces. Vauvilliers acted in these cases with great energy, and he more than once succeeded in making the mob desist from their predatory disturbances. In his political opinions he was rather royalist; he supported the proposition of Brissot for the abolition of slavery in the colonies, but he also defended the rights of the Roman Catholic church. When he was summoned to take the oath of allegiance to the new democratic system, Vauvilliers declined taking it, laid down his professorship in the Collège de France, and afterwards justified himself in a pamphlet, 'Questions sur les Serments, en particulier sur celui de Haine à la Royauté.' He was arrested by order of the revolutionary committee, but he obtained his liberation, and then became a member of the council of the Five Hundred. He published several pamphlets on political questions, and expressed his opinions with so little reserve, that he was at last sentenced to deportation, in September, 1797. However he escaped to Switzerland, and afterwards went to Russia, whither he was invited by the emperor Paul. The Academy of Sciences of St. Petersburg elected Vauvilliers a member. He died at St. Petersburg on the 23rd of July, 1801.

Vauvilliers is the author of numerous works and treatises, partly on Greek literature, and partly on modern politics, legislation, and administration. The most important among them are, 1. 'Essai sur Pindare, contenant une Traduction de quelques Odes de ce Poète,' &c., Paris, 1772, 12mo.; 2. 'Examen Historique et Politique du Gouvernement de Sparte,' Paris, 1769, 12mo.; 3. A number of papers concerning the MSS. of Pindar, Æschylus, and Sophocles, in the 'Notices et Extraits'; 4. An edition of Sophocles, which had been prepared by Capperonnier. It contains some notes and a preface by Vauvilliers, Paris, 1781, 2 vols. 4to. His notes are severely attacked by Brunck; but Harles, in Fabricius's 'Bibliotheca Græca,' speaks highly of their merit.

(Quérard, *La France Littéraire*, where a complete list of his works is given; *Biographie Universelle*; Fabricius, *Biblioth. Græc.*, ii., p. 234.)

VAVASSOR, VALVASSOR, a term applied in the ancient records of England, Scotland, France, Lombardy, and Aragon, to persons holding fiefs not immediately under the king or other persons possessing *jura regalia* (as the duke of Normandy, the earl of Chester, or the bishop of Durham), but under some intermediate lord. It appears also, that to constitute a vavassory, it was necessary that the party should have subordinate freeholders, as vassals holding of his vavassory. (Wilkins, *Leges Angl.*, 247; Bracton, 5 b. 6, 83 b.; Ducange.) In England vavassories were generally held by knights' service; but in Normandy, besides the franchises vavassories or vavassories nobles, there were so-called vavassories held by the rent of a rose, a spur, or a glove, and also *vavassories villaines*. The possessors of these inferior vavassories were sometimes called 'vavassins.'

Vavassors are twice mentioned in Domesday, pp. 53 and 1469; and in the laws of William the Conqueror, the relief due from a vavassor to his liege lord is described. (Kelham, 40.) A charter of Henry I. directs that pleas of the division of land between the vavassors of two different lords be determined in the county court. In the great Roll of the Pipe of 31 Hen. I., lately published, mention is made of the vavassors belonging to the barony of the archbishop of York. In the laws of Henry II. the jurisdiction of vavassors is specified. Madox (*Baronia Anglicana*, note, p. 135), sets out a writ in which that prince requires the residence or constant attendance of all barons and vavassors, who owe service of castle-guard at Rockingham castle. Francis de Bohun, in the time of Richard I., was seized of two honours, one that of Bohun in Normandy, which he held of the king, as duke *per baroniam*, the other in England, consisting of the manor of Fording, &c., in Dorset, which he held *in vavassoria*. (*Abbrev. Plac.*, in *Domesday*, *Westm.* 88.) In the next reign Alice Brie-were claimed Plantree in Devon, and Dpworth in Somerset and Dorset; assigned to her by her late husband Roger de Pole, on the day he set out for Jerusalem, for the full third part of three vavassories, viz., for the vavassories of the earl of Salisbury, the earl of Vernon, and of the vavassory of Earl William de Bohun (*ib.* 61 b.). In the close rolls of 4 H. III. is a writ to the sheriff of Wiltshire, directing

him to give seisin to W. Mandevill, R. Maudut, W. Comyn, and W. de Fontibus of three vassories of the fee of the Earl of Clare, belonging to the barony of Funtell (Fonthill), which barony Andrew Giffard had, with the assent of King John, resigned to those persons as the right heirs (presumptive) of the barony, reserving the vassories, which vassories would appear to have been seized into the king's lands upon the death of Giffard under the advice of the crown lawyers, the council of the minor king being afterwards of opinion that such seizure ought not to have been made. Here, vassories held of the honour of Clare appear to have come in some way annexed to a barony held of the crown. In the record and process of the renunciation of Richard II., that prince absolves all dukes, marquesses, earls, barons, knights, vassals, and vassors, and other his liege-men, from their oaths of fidelity (3 Rot. Parl., 416); and about the same period Chaucer, after describing his Franklin, says,

* Was so where swiche a worthy vassour.

From this time we lose sight of the English vassour. Numerous subseignories however still exist, the owners of which, though not so designated, are in truth vassors. From the inalienable quality of the Duchy of Cornwall, many manors in Devonshire and Cornwall are held, though the name is no longer continued, as vassories of the duchy; of which there are many in the former county, hildren of the duchy honour of Bradninch.

The breaking up of the old feudal baronies, and the frequent forfeitures incurred by those who held immediately of the crown, brought the great and many of the lesser vassors into the position of immediate tenants to the crown. But as the extinction of vassories was gradual, no new class of crown tenants arose, as was the case in Germany where the disappearance of the dukedoms of Sumbia and Franconia (caused by the extinction of the House of Hohenstaufen in the person of Conrad, beheaded upon the failure of his attempt to recover the kingdom of Naples from Charles of Anjou), gave rise to a new order in the state, namely, the immediate chivalry (noblesse immediate) of the empire, the reichsritterschaft, a body now mediatised by the Congress of Vienna.

When James I., imitating the practice of France, introduced hereditary titles without peerages, a proposal for giving to the new order the designation of vassors was rejected, and the novel but more appropriate title of BARONET was adopted.

(Terrien, *Cout. de Normandie*; *Testa de Nevill*, 160 a; Selden's *Titles of Honour*, 513, 520; Craig *Jus Feud.*, 100, 141; Manning's *Sermons ad Legem*, 185, 291 a.)

VECCIII, GIOVANNI DE, a distinguished Italian painter, born at Borgo San Sepolero, in 1536. He was the scholar of Raffaellino del Colle, and painted in oil and in fresco. His works are very numerous in the churches of Rome and its vicinity: he made the cartoons for the two great mosaics of the evangelists Luke and John in St. Peter's on the Vatican. He died in 1614. His portrait is in the Academy of St. Luke at Rome. (Baglioni, *Vite di Pittori*, &c.)

VECCIIA, PIETRO, a distinguished painter of the Venetian school, was born at Venice in 1605. He was the scholar of Alessandro Varotari, but painted in a different style. His real name appears to have been Mattioli, and he acquired the name of Vecchia from his ability for imitating and restoring old pictures. Vecchia painted many pictures so exactly in the style of Giorgione, that it is almost impossible to decide between the works of these painters: he painted also some pictures in the styles of Pordenone and Titian. He made the designs of many of the mosaics in the church of San Marco at Venice, but his easel pictures were generally of inferior subjects, and his talent was more for the ludicrous than the serious. Some of his efforts in illustration of the Passion of Christ were signal failures, as regards a proper feeling for the subject. His touch was bold, his drawing and colouring excellent, and some of his effects of light and shade strikingly powerful and masterly. He died at Venice in 1678. (Lanzi, *Storia Pittorica*, &c.)

VECELLIO, TIZIANO, commonly called TITIAN, one of the greatest painters of modern times, was born at Capo del Udore, a small place on the river Piave in the Venetian state, in 1477, or in 1480, according to the most received account. He was of the ancient family of Vecellio, of which was San Tiziano, bishop of Uderto. At

the age of about ten young Titian was sent by his father to Venice to an uncle, to be placed with some competent painter. He was first placed with Sebastiano Zuccati, and shortly afterwards with Gentile Bellini, whom however he also soon left for Giovanni his brother, the most eminent painter of his time at Venice. Titian soon surpassed his master. His early works, in themselves extraordinary, are infinitely more so when compared with the works of the leading artists of Venice of his time. His early portraits are finished with remarkable care, drawn in excellent taste, and some of his pictures rival the works of the Dutch and old German artists in finish: there is in the gallery of Dresden a picture of the Tribute Money of this description. The great improvement in the works of Titian upon those of Giovanni Bellini and his school was in a great degree derived from the works of Giorgione di Castel Franco, who had appropriated much of the style of Leonardo da Vinci. Giorgione was two years the senior of Titian, and their works were so much alike that they could not always be distinguished; but the merit of introducing the new style into Venice belongs to Giorgione. These two painters were fellow-pupils, and for some time friends, until, upon an occasion when Titian was appointed, or Giorgione employed him, to assist him in some frescoes for the new Fondaco de' Tedeschi (German warehouse), the portion executed by Titian was preferred to that of Giorgione by some of his own friends, and a jealousy arose between them.

At the death of Giovanni Bellini in 1512, Titian was employed by the state to complete a work in the Sala del Gran Consiglio of the Home of Frederic Barbarossa to Pope Alexander III., which he had left unfinished. Titian completed the picture, but he made many alterations in it; the senate was however so well satisfied with the work, that they presented him with the office of La Seneseria, with a salary of about 300 crowns per annum, by which he was obliged to paint for eight crowns the portrait of every doge created in his time, to be placed in the palace of St. Mark. He painted by virtue of this place the portraits of Pietro Lando, Francesco Donato, Marcantonio Trevisano, and the Venetian: he was unable to paint the portraits of the last two doges of his time on account of the infirmities of age.

In 1514 Titian painted his Bacchus and Ariadne, and other Bacchanalian and similar works in the palace of Alfonso I., duke of Ferrara, which display his extraordinary power of seeing and imitating nature to a remarkable degree. It was upon a door in an apartment of this palace that he painted his celebrated picture of the Tribute Money noticed above: it represents a pharisee showing Christ a piece of money, who appears to be asking him the question, 'Whose is this image and superscription?' The figures are half-length and of the natural size. He painted also at the same time the portrait of the duke with his hand resting upon a cannon, and one of the Signora Laura, who afterwards was married to the duke. All these pictures are amongst Titian's finest works; and Michelangelo, when he first saw the duke's portrait, is said to have exclaimed, 'Titian alone is worthy of the name of a painter.' Titian became acquainted at Ferrara with Ariosto, and painted his portrait. The poet compliments the painter in his 'Orlando Furioso' (c. xxxiii. 2):—

* Battuto, Rafael, Titian, eh' mora
Non men Cudico, che quel Venetico e l'Indico.

In 1516, shortly after he returned from Ferrara to Venice, he painted in oil his very celebrated picture of the Assumption of the Virgin, for the great altar of the church of Santa Maria gloriosa de' Frari: it is now in the Academy of the Fine Arts at Venice. This picture is very large, and the figures are larger than life: in the highest part is God the Father between two angels; in the middle the Virgin ascending, accompanied by angels; and on the ground are the twelve apostles witnessing the miracle. It is certainly one of the finest pictures in the world, grand in composition and design, and in colouring wonderful. Titian never surpassed it in these respects by any of his later works, yet he was only thirty-six years of age when he painted it.

This and the works Titian painted at Ferrara so spread his reputation, that he was invited by Leo X. to Rome. Raphael also entreated him to make the journey: the deaths however of the pope and Raphael, in 1521, put an end for a time to the project. He was invited likewise

about the same time by Francis I., whose portrait he painted, to France; an invitation which he showed no disposition to accept.

In 1528 he painted his celebrated picture of St. Peter Martyr, for the chapel of that saint, in the church of SS. Giovanni e Paolo. This work has been extravagantly praised by many critics, both for its arrangement and execution; the landscape is particularly excellent. Algarotti calls it a picture without a fault: its general truth and appearance of reality are not its least remarkable properties. This picture, as well as the Assumption already mentioned, are painted in a much freer style than Titian's earlier works. Arétin wrote in 1536 a letter to Tribolo, the sculptor, in praise of the St. Peter Martyr, by which we learn that this sculptor and Benvenuto Cellini were strongly impressed with its extraordinary excellence. It is full 164 feet high, by nearly 10 wide, was painted upon wood, but was transferred to canvas by M. Haquin, at Paris, in 1790, whither it had been taken with many other fine works: it was sent back to Venice in 1815. It has been engraved by Martin Rota, V. Lefevre, and H. Laurent.

It is consequence of the St. Peter Martyr, Titian received a commission to paint the Victory of the Venetians over the Janissaries in the great council-chamber at Venice, which was considered the best picture there: it perished by fire, but there is a print of it by Fontana. Another celebrated picture which Titian painted about the same time was his St. Sebastian, for the church of San Nicolò de' Frari, at Venice, but now in the Vatican at Rome. This work also has been the subject of much eulogy, especially for its colouring: it has been engraved by Lefevre.

Notwithstanding Titian's great reputation, he lived in a very humble way until he obtained, through his friend Arétin, the notice and the patronage of the emperor Charles V. In 1530 Charles sent for him to Bologna to paint his portrait: he painted that of Ippolito de' Medici at the same time, besides portraits of many other distinguished personages; and he received also several other commissions from the emperor. Titian went from Bologna to Mantua with the Duke Federico Gonzaga, for whom he executed many works; amongst them eleven of the twelve Caesars. Domitian was painted by Bernardino Campi: they were lost in 1630 at the plundering of Mantua, but their have been often copied. In 1532 Titian went again to Bologna, and painted the emperor a second time: about this time also he appears to have accompanied Charles into Spain, and remained there three years, during which time he executed many celebrated works; but there will be occasion to mention this subject lower down. In 1530 also Titian appears to have met Charles at Adria, after his return from Africa.

In 1537 he painted for the church of Santa Maria degli Angeli, at Murano, an Annunciation, which was rejected on account of the price, 500 crowns (about 100 guineas); and he presented the picture to Charles V., who sent him 2000 crowns in return. In 1541 he painted the Descent of the Holy Ghost upon the Apostles for the altar of the Church of Santo Spirito; and three others, in oil, for the ceiling, the Sacrifice of Abraham, David and Goliath, and the Death of Abel. Copies were afterwards substituted for these works, which were removed to Santa Maria della Salute; and in 1543 he painted a picture of the Virgin and San Tiziano for his native place, in which he introduced his own portrait. In the same year he was invited by Pope Paul III. to Bologna, and painted his portrait there, a celebrated picture, with which the pope was so much pleased, that he requested Titian to go with him to Rome; but the painter was obliged to decline, on account of an engagement with the duke of Urbino, for whom he painted several pictures.

A letter from Arétin to Titian, of the year 1545, shows in what great favour Titian stood with the government of Venice: it speaks of his large pension, and the many imposts from which he was exempted. In the same year there was a false report of his death, which appears to have distressed the emperor, from a letter which Titian himself wrote to Charles to contradict it. In this year also Titian visited Rome, and painted Paul III. again, with the Cardinal Farnese and Duke Octavio Farnese in one group. Northcote terms this picture one of the finest examples of portrait in the world; and he relates that he and Fuseli saw it together at Capo di Monte, at Naples, and the latter exclaimed upon seeing it, 'That is true history.'

Arétin wrote several letters to Titian whilst he was at

Rome, one of which, dated October, 1545, he finishes by requesting him not to be so lost in contemplation of the Last Judgment, in the Sistine chapel, as to forget to make haste back, and be absent from him and Sansovino all the winter. Michael Angelo visited Titian with Vasari in the Belvedere, whilst he was painting a picture of Jupiter and Danaë, and Vasari says he praised the picture very much in the presence of Titian; and he afterwards spoke very highly of his colouring and execution; but he observed that it was a pity that the Venetian painters had not a better mode of study, and were not early initiated in sound principles of drawing; and he added, that if Titian had been as much assisted by art as he was by nature, nothing could surpass him.

Titian is said to have made only a short stay in Rome; and he visited Florence on his return to Venice: yet, according to Vasari, he must have remained in Rome until 1547; for that writer says that, after the death of Sebastian del Piombo, in 1547, Pope Paul III. offered his office of keeper of the seals of lead to Titian, which however Titian declined. Late in this year he was invited by the emperor to Augsburg, whither he went in the beginning of 1548. In 1550 he went again to Charles to Augsburg, and in 1553 is said to have accompanied him into Spain, where, according to some accounts, he remained three years, but this is certainly incorrect. It was at Barcelona that Charles created Titian count palatine of the empire and made him knight of the order of St. Iago. In the patent of nobility given at Barcelona, as Ridolfi says, in 1553, which ought probably to be 1555, Titian is styled besides count palatine, knight, and count of the sacred Lateran palace, and of the imperial court and consistory. Charles left Barcelona in 1542, and did not return until 1556; for this reason Bermudez concludes that 1553 in Ridolfi has originated from an error of the copyist for 1535. Bermudez supposes that Titian left Spain in May, 1555, when Charles went to Africa, and that he went to that country in 1532, after he painted Charles for a second time at Bologna. Titian painted several works in Spain; but of those which were in the royal galleries it is not exactly known which were painted in Spain, or which were sent there from Italy, both to Charles and to Philip, or which were purchased after the death of Titian. There are however in Spain several of Titian's masterpieces: a Sleeping Venus, 'a matchless deity,' as Cumberland terms it, which was saved from the confiscation of the Prado, in the time of Philip IV., by which several of Titian's and other valuable pictures were destroyed; also two celebrated groups from the Ludovisi palace at Rome, one of Bacchante, the other of Cupids; a Last Supper in the refectory of the Escorial, painted for Philip II.; Christ in the Garden, and St. Margaret with the Dragon. The Last Supper was sent by Titian to Philip in 1554; and in an accompanying letter he states that he had been occupied seven years over it, during which time, to use his own words, he had laboured almost continually upon it: this is another testimony that Titian was not in Spain so late as 1553 and the following years. In this letter Titian complains of the irregularity with which two grants made to him by the emperor, in 1541 and 1548, were paid, amounting to 400 crowns per annum. Philip answered it in 1558, and gave peremptory orders that the sums should be duly paid, with the following admonition, in his own handwriting, to the governor of Milan: 'You know how I am interested in this order, as it affects Titian; comply with it therefore in such a manner as to give me no occasion to repeat it.' These 400 crowns, together with the 300 granted by the state, were alone sufficient to support Titian in a comfortable manner; and the income derived from his works alone enabled him to live in great affluence: his house was a place of resort to the nobles of Venice. He painted many pictures for Philip. In a letter addressed by Titian to Philip, shortly after Philip married Queen Mary of England, Titian mentions a Venus and Adonis, which he sent him at the same time, also a Danaë, which he had previously sent, and a Peneus and Andromeda, and a Medea and Jason, which he was about to send; likewise a religious piece, which he had had ten years in hand. He does not name this religious piece; but about this time he painted his celebrated picture of the Martyrdom of San Lorenzo for Philip II.: it is a night scene, and the whole light of the picture is from the fire, two torches, and a ray of light from heaven. In this picture, though he was then

old, Titian has displayed a power of composition and design equal to his colouring, and has much surpassed every other master who has painted this subject: he repeated the picture, with some slight alterations in the background, for the church of the Jesuits at Venice. The Spanish picture has been engraved by C. Cort, and the Venetian by J. J. Oortman. Titian often repeated his pictures; but the principal part of the copies were painted by his scholars: he finished them only, but he generally introduced some alterations in the background.

In 1566 Vasari visited Titian, and, although he was then 86 years of age, he found him with his pencil in his hand, and derived great pleasure from his conversation. The pencil of Titian however was active for still ten years, although the pictures he produced at this time were not calculated to add to his reputation: they are extremely careless and slight in their execution. He died of the plague in 1576, aged 96, with the reputation of the greatest colourist and one of the greatest painters that ever lived; and having himself enjoyed a European fame for upwards of seventy years: he was hurried, by express permission of the senate (which, as he died of the plague, was necessary), without pomp in the church of Santa Maria gloriosa de' Frari, where his famous picture of the Assumption of the Virgin stood before it was removed to the Academy; but no monument has yet been raised to him, though a splendid one was projected in Casanova's time.

Much has been said by the Florentines, and some recent critics of different schools, in disparagement of the design of Titian; yet, as far as regards propriety of design, there can be no comparison between the earlier and best works of Titian and those of the anatomical school of Florence in the latter half of the sixteenth century. In the works of Titian there is no ostentation of any kind whatever; no artifice. In composition, in design, in chiaroscuro, and in colouring, he sought truth only, and that according to his own perception of it. It is generally allowed that for the pictorial imitation of nature, without any addition or selection, Titian has surpassed all the other great painters of Italy; but in invention, composition, and design he was very inferior to many of the great painters of Rome and of Florence; yet in design he has had no superior in the Venetian school. His works are purely historical, or simple pictures of recorded facts, and he is said to have always painted from nature. It is in colouring that Titian is pre-eminent: the same grandeur of colour and effect characterise everything that he painted—whether in the figure, in the landscape, in the draperies, or in other accessories. His chiaroscuro is true, because in his works it is a part of the colouring, but it never constitutes, as in some of the works of Correggio, an independent object. Titian's object appears, from his works, to have been to produce a faithful imitation of every appearance of nature in what he represented:—thus we find in all his best pictures that infinite variety of local tones which appear in nature. He was one of the first who commenced the practice of glazing. He excelled in women and in children: his numerous Venuses, as they are called, are well known: of these perhaps the most richly and transparently coloured is that at Dresden; there is a duplicate of this picture in the Fitzwilliam Museum, at Cambridge. In his natural men he was not so successful: perhaps of these the best is his John the Baptist, in the Academy at Venice, formerly in the church of Santa Maria Maggiore. There are two other remarkable pictures by Titian in the collection of the Venetian Academy which have not been mentioned—a Presentation in the Temple and a Deposition from the Cross. The former, originally belonging to the old church della Carità, is an admirable example of Titian's simple and natural style of composition; it contains many portraits: the latter is a remarkable specimen of the surprising boldness of touch, yet truth and brilliancy of colouring, which distinguish the best of his latest works.

There is an list of the works of Titian, and it would not be an easy task to make one. His portraits are extremely numerous, and in this department he is almost universally considered to have surpassed all other painters, not excepting Vasdyck, although this great painter was superior to Titian in many respects. There is at Windsor a picture said to be the portrait of Titian and Aretin, or some senator, by Titian, which cannot be too highly praised: it is certainly, for colouring, one of the first pictures in the world.

There are several other admirable pieces by Titian in England: two in the Bridgewater Gallery, of Acton and Calisto; the Princess Eboli with Philip II., at Cambridge, from the Orleans Gallery, the repitition of the Dresden Venus mentioned above; and the Cornaro Family, at Northumberland House. There is also in the Louvre at Paris a remarkably fine picture for the composition of colour, representing the Estomberg of Christ: it is a repetition of the picture of the same subject in the Mantini palace at Venice.

Titian, Aretin, and Sansovino the architect, were great friends, and were almost inseparable when at Venice. Titian painted Aretin several times; he is also said to have painted several portraits of Ariosto, who was likewise his friend: there is one in the Mantini palace at Venice. Considering Titian's great reputation, little is known concerning his private life, but he appears to have been of an amiable disposition and agreeable conversation: he seems however to have been particularly susceptible of jealousy. He is said to have been even so jealous of his own brother Francesco Vecellio, that he induced him to give up painting and to follow the occupation of a merchant; his reputed jealousy of Tintoretto as a boy has been mentioned. [TINTORETTO.]

His biographers Ridolfi and others relate several anecdotes showing his intimacy with Charles V., and the respect that the emperor had for him. Upon one occasion, when Charles was present, whilst he was painting, Titian let his brush fall, and the emperor immediately picked it up and gave it to Titian, saying, 'Titian is worthy of being served by Cesare' ('Titiano è degno essere servito da Cesare'). Northcote the painter wrote a Life of Titian, or, as some say, got Hazlitt to write it for him: 'The Life of Titian, with Anecdotes of the Distinguished Persons of his Time,' London, 1830, 2 vols. 8vo. This book of 784 pages is a mass of matter thrown together without judgment or arrangement, and it contains several inaccuracies and some contradictions. It consists of two reviews of Titian's life, which are distinct lives; the second review, 'from Ridolfi, Ticozzi, and others,' beginning with ch. xxvii. or page 73 of the second volume, is the better portion of the work, but does not appear to have been written by the same hand that wrote the other portion.

To be enabled to appreciate fully the powers of Titian it is necessary to examine his works at Venice; after Venice he is seen to most advantage in Madrid. Bernudes has given a kind of list of his public works in Spain, in his 'Dictionary of Spanish Artists'; he enumerates about 80. Titian's scholars were not very numerous: the best were Paris Bordone, Bonifazio Veneziano, Girolamo di Titiano, and his son Orazio Vecellio. His imitators were more so, for they include to a certain extent all the great painters of Venice of his time, who acquired a reputation subsequently to his own. Titian is said to have engraved on copper and on wood.

There were several other painters of the family of the Vecelli.

VECELLIO, FRANCESCO, the brother of Titian, was born at Udine, in 1483; commenced life as a painter, and imitated the style of his brother. He afterwards took to a military life, returned again to painting, and then again forsook it in 1531 for the life of a merchant, as is reported, by the advice of Titian, who is said to have been jealous of him: he was a painter of great ability. There are several excellent pictures by him in the Venetian state. He died in 1560.

VECELLIO, ORAZIO, the son of Titian, was born at Venice in 1515. He was an excellent portrait painter accompanied his father to Rome, and assisted him in most of his works. Many of Orazio's portraits are said now to be attributed to his father. He died at the same time as his father, in 1576, likewise of the plague. He is said to have wasted much money in the study of alchemy.

Titian's property was inherited by his eldest son, Pomponio Vecellio, a priest, who, according to report, soon squandered it away. Besides these two sons Titian had a daughter named Cornelia.

VECELLIO, MARCO, called Marco di Tiziano, was the nephew of Titian, and was born at Venice in 1545. He was a great favourite with Titian, painted in a similar style, and executed many good works. He died in 1611.

(Vasari, *Vite de' Pittori*, &c.; Ridolfi, *Le Maraviglie*

dell'Arte, &c.; Zanetti, *DeKā Pittura Veneziana*, &c.; Lami, *Storia Pittorica*, &c.; Boschini, *Pittura di Venezia*, &c.; Fiorillo, *Gesichte der Malerey*, vol. ii.; Northcote, *Life of Titian*, &c.; Bermudez, *Diccionario Historico*, &c.)

VĒCHIT. [RUSA.]

VECTOR (Carrier). The radius vector, in mathematics, is the radius which is carried round a fixed centre, and on which a point moves, so that a curve is described by the combined motion of the radius round the centre, and of the point on the radius. [COORDINATES.]

VEDA (from the Sanscrit root *vid*, 'to know') means the sum of all knowledge; or, according to another etymology, the knowledge which contains the evidence of its truth within itself—that is, revelation. But this term, although in some instances it really implies the whole learning (the eighteen vidyās or sciences) of the Hindus, is especially applied to the four principal books of their sacred writings. These are the Rīch, Yajush, Sāmān, and Atharvān. The Rīgveda (from the radical *rīch*, 'to laud') is intended to be read on occasions when eucletic prayers and hymns to the elemental deities are prescribed by the law; the Yajush, from *yaj*, 'to sacrifice' relates chiefly to oblations and sacrifices, and contains prayers adapted for certain rites to be performed at the full and change of the moon, and hymns and directions regarding oblations to the manes; the Sāmaveda contains songs of lyrical character to be recited with melody; and the Atharvaveda, which is considered to be of later date, and is seldom included in the term 'the Vedas,' consists of various hymns and incantations, the greater part of which are intended for the destruction and perdition of enemies. To these books of their Scripture the Hindus attach the greatest sanctity: they ascribe to them the highest antiquity, and state that Brahmas himself made them proceed from his mouth, or that he milked them out from fire, from air, and from the sun (*Manu*, i. 23), for the due performance of the universal sacrifices. According to this tradition they were coeval with creation, which had itself taken place according to the laws of a pre-existing Veda. (*Manu*, *ibid.*, 21.) They were however scattered; some legends state that they were lost (*Op. Lect.*, p. 7); and it was not till after many years that a Rishi, or sage, arranged them and gave them the form in which they now are known. This arrangement procured to the editor the name of Vyāsa, 'the arranger.' He is said to have lived about 5000 years ago; hence his surname of Dvāparāyana, that is, he who belongs to the second age, or yuga, of the world. Various sages assisted him in his labour, and when he had divided the whole of the fragments of the Vedas into four parts, he taught them severally to four different pupils. Payla learnt the Rīgveda, Vaisāmpāyana was instructed in the Yajurveda, whilst the Sāmān was taught to Jaimini, and Sumantu had to promulgate the Atharvān. However in the course of time the pupils of these four sages altered some things in the arrangement of the several Vedas which had been handed down to them, and thereby they became founders of different schools, which are termed Sākhās: these are very numerous, as may be collected by the fact that there are not less than a thousand Sākhās of the Sāmaveda. But the difference between these various schools of the Veda theology is not material: it chiefly rests upon a mere transposition of the various hymns which constitute their Sanhitas, or collection of sacred songs, and has consequently no influence on the doctrine which they contain.

Each of these four Vedas is divided into two parts, the Sanhita and the Brāhman, the latter of which is a collection of precepts and maxims (Colebrooke, i. 12, note), or, according to Jones's translation of 'Manu,' iv. 106, of chapters on the attributes of God. Under the head of the Brāhman's of a Veda the Hindus comprehend also the various Upanishads which belong to it: these are of a more dogmatic character, and exhibit in a more comprehensive form the doctrines which are obscurely expressed in the fragments, which in fact are all that can be truly said to form an original Veda. The four Upavedas or subvedas, and the six Vedāngas or supplementary parts of the vedas, with the Upanishads, or subordinate parts, constitute in great measure that kind of literature which enables one better to understand the tenor of the sacred Trayī (the name under which the three vedas are collectively understood: it means Triad). (*Amarnā*, i. i. 5, st. 4 a.)

The Rīgveda is the first in order, and its Sanhita contains mantras, or prayers from various sages or Rishis to

the elemental deities, who in the language of the vedas are called Devatās. The circumstance that the names of the Rishis of these mantras are generally preserved, and in some instances occur even in the text, would be quite sufficient to prove that these primordial sages were themselves the authors of these prayers; but the Hindus, jealous of the divine origin of their Scriptures, explain this by saying that the Rishi, whose name is attached to one of the Mantras, was merely the first to whom the sacred words were either revealed, or by whom their use and application were first discovered. This Veda, like the others, has an explanatory table of contents, which is called Anukramanī, and was composed by Kāṭyāyana; and it is in this table that the names of the authors of the hymns of the Rīgveda have been handed down with the Veda itself.

The Devatās seem to be as various and numerous as the authors of the prayers addressed to them, and their titles and functions give to the religion of the Vedas the character of an elemental worship. From the Sanhita of this Veda it appears not unlikely that it was so: the invocations which it contains are chiefly addressed to the deities of fire, of the firmament, of the winds, the seasons, the moon, the sun; who are invited to be present at the sacrifice, or appealed to for wealth, or for the granting of their several beneficial qualities. The Sanhita of this Veda contains many mantras which may truly be classed with some of the finest specimens of poetry we possess; but this praise cannot be extended to the composition of the greater part of them; the praises and petitions are too little varied and rarely show signs of vigour of thought or felicity of diction. This however is only a proof of their high antiquity; man had not yet shaken off the trammels of nature; his individuality had not yet declared itself; hence the sometimes childish addresses to a deity of some element which was only considered in its nearest relation to those who pronounced them. Bharadvāja's hymn to the morning dawn, which is extracted from the fifth book of this Sanhita, and was published by Dr. Rosen in his 'Rīgveda Specimen,' is truly sublime, although the object of the invocation is only wealth. It opens with the following line, which in the original is magnificent: 'The glowing rays of dawn rise like the golden waves of the ocean.' The request also is not pressed as it is in the second hymn of the first book. It is translated by Professor Wilson, in his 'Oxford Lectures,' p. 10, and contains the following verse: 'Indra and Vayu, this juice has been prepared; come with benefits for us; verily the libation desires you,' which is followed by a great number of lines of the same kind, and justifies the expression of the learned professor when he says that the short-sighted vanities of human desire alone constituted the sum of the Hindu's prayer.

The Rīgveda Sanhita contains in its third book the celebrated Gāyatrī, which though repeated more than once in other vedas, appears to have originally belonged to the Rīch, as it is admitted on all hands that Visvāmitra was the Rishi of the mantra where it occurs, and the other hymns of this sage all form part of this book. The following is the sacred line which it is enjoined should be repeated without intermission, and is declared to be the most divine (*Manu*, ii. 77, 78): 'Let us meditate on the adorable light of the divine ruler (Savitrī, 'the sun'); may it guide our intellects.' The true interpretation of this passage is given by Colebrooke (*Essays*, i. 139, 140); but as it is entirely based upon the authority of a Hindu lawgiver, who viewed the holy text in a very mysterious light, we own that the explanation offers more difficulties than the original text ever can when taken in its natural sense. It is however of the greatest importance, and occurs in various forms in most of the works which constitute the body of Hindu theology. It is continually brought forward as a proof of the monotheism of the Vedas, and as such it may well be taken, since all the commentators agree that it is not the visible material sun which is meant by the word Savitrī, but that divine light which illumines all, delights all, from which all proceed, to which all must return, and which alone can irradiate our intellects. (Sir W. Jones's *Manu*, p. 16; Colebrooke, i. p. 134.) Other hymns of this Sanhita give distinct indications of the belief in one God, and as such we would point out the one contained in the tenth chapter of the last book; it is translated by Colebrooke (*Rāmā*, i. 33), and begins in the following manner: 'Then there was no entity nor nonentity;

no world nor sky, nor aught above it: nothing, anywhere, in the happiness of any one, involving, or involved: nor water deep and dangerous. Death was not; nor then was immortality; nor distinction of day or night. But That breathed without affluence, single with her (the power of creation) who is sustained within It.' The hymns which contain doctrines so well marked as this are generally in a different style of composition from the usual one, and mostly belong to the latter part of the collection.

The theoretical portion of this Veda is called the *Aitareya Brāhmaṇa* (*Essays*, i. 25), from its having been recited by a sage named Aitareya (*Ibid.*, i. 46); and here we already perceive a more dogmatic character: they are no more hymns or prayers to the deities of the elements; but a sort of rhapsodies, some of which seem to be of historical import; whilst others, and the greater part of them, relate to religious ceremonies and theological matters. What was obscurely hinted at in the *Samhitā* appears in the *Brāhmaṇa* in a more advanced stage of development, and the doctrine of Monotheism is more clearly established. We need only compare the following passage, which is taken from the *Aitareya Aranyaka*, a part of this *Brāhmaṇa* (*Essays*, i. 47), with our last quotation from the *Samhitā*, to satisfy ourselves of what is here advanced:—'Originally this was indeed *śūnā* only; nothing else whatsoever existed, active or inactive.' He thought, 'I will create worlds,' &c. This observation would justify us in considering the *Brāhmaṇa* of the Vedas to be of a period subsequent to that of the composition of the *Mantras*, as it was first suggested by Colebrooke (*Essays*, i. p. 12), and more especially the *Aitareya*, which itself constitutes an *Upanishad* of the Veda now under consideration, and seems to be even later than the rest of the *Rigveda-Brāhmaṇa*; for mythological persons, which, it is ascertained, are of a comparatively modern origin, appear not unfrequently in its pages. (Windischmann, p. 1467.) But it is rather its doctrine which would detract something from its antiquity. It teaches the way to supreme intelligence; it is stated to be the way of knowledge: knowledge is light, and *Brāhma* himself is this light. After this it treats of a cosmogony, which is remarkable, since it seems to have paved the way to the Pantheistic doctrines, which subsequently engendered Polytheism, and helped to involve the religion of the Hindus in an almost impenetrable web of conflicting opinions. The Creator, it is said, first formed a man from whom every element, or rather all nature, proceeded in the following manner:—'the eyes opened: from the eyes a glance sprung; from that glance the sun was produced,' &c. But then all those separate elements, such as light, air, fire, &c., came to him and requested he should give them a form: they chose the human body, and made it up among themselves; so that man is here distinctly stated to be a microcosm. Other chapters of this book afford sufficient evidence, as Colebrooke states, that the ancient Hindu religion recognises only one God, yet does not sufficiently discriminate the creature from the creator. We shall conclude with stating that the two chapters of the *Aitareya Brāhmaṇa*, as we find them translated in Colebrooke (*Essays*, i. 37 and 44), though they certainly evince a greater antiquity than the *Aranyaka*, are nevertheless so full of the miraculous power of priests, and attach so much more importance to the priestly office than the hymns of the *Samhitā*, that we scarcely hesitate to abide by our first decision, and to call them productions of a later date. The *Upanishads* which form part of this Veda will be considered, together with all the others, towards the end of this article.

The priests who teach the *Rigveda* are called 'Hotris' from the root *hṛ*, 'to call,' or 'to invoke.'

The *Yajurveda*, or *Adhvaryu*, was, as stated before, taught by *Vaiśampāyana*; but it soon branched off into many *Sākhās*. The first schism took place even in the lifetime of *Vaiśampāyana*, and was occasioned by *Yājñavalkya*, one of his twenty-seven pupils. The myth which was subsequently employed to account for this is too absurd to be introduced here: we refer the reader to the '*Vishṇu-purāṇa*,' ch. iii., sect. 3; and to Colebrooke (*Ess.*, i., pp. 15, 16). This original division is the principal one. The *Yajush* of *Yājñavalkya* is termed *White*, while that of his master is called *Black*; nor is it a mere discrepancy in the text which constitutes the difference between these two books: they are quite separate works. The '*Viśvānaraṇyaka*' states that *Yājñavalkya* has had a revelation of his own, and the '*Kāṇḍāmkrama*' denies even his

having been a pupil of *Vaiśampāyana*. We shall therefore consider them separately.

The *Black Yajurveda*, which is also called the *Taittirīya Yajush*, from the sage *Tittiri* (Colebr., p. 16), who was the third in succession as teacher of this part of the *Scriptures*, begins its *Samhitā* with the following prayer:—'I gather thee, O branch of the Veda, for the sake of rain; I pluck thee for the sake of strength. Calves, ye are like unto air (that is, as wind supplies the world by means of rain, so do ye supply sacrifices by the milking of cows). May the luminous generator of worlds make you attain success in the best of sacraments.' This is followed by prayers to be recited at the performance of certain sacrifices, either domestic, public, occasional, or such as are appointed by law or fixed by the seasons. The prayers relative to domestic worship are contained in the fourth and fifth books of this *Samhitā*, and as consecrated fire is one of its most important requisites, the greater part of the *mantras* treat of this subject. The songs relating to the celebrated sacrifice of the horse, or *Asvamedha*, and those which accompany the usual oblations to the manes (*pitris*, or *patriarchs*), form part of the seventh book, which is the last in the collection. The Sanscrit term for the latter kind of sacrifice is *Pitṛmedha*, and there are many books which are purposely written to prove this institution to be of divine origin: it also forms the subject of a very interesting but rare tract, which seems indeed to belong to this Veda, and is preserved in Wilson's collection at the Bodleian Library of Oxford. The *Jyotiṣṭoma* is a splendid sacrifice, at which it is required that no less than sixteen priests should officiate and prepare the *Soma* juice: it means 'the sacrifice to light,' and the *mantras* relative to it are contained in the same book, and treat of the forms of preparing and drinking the juice of the acid *sacculus*, of which more will be said under the *Sāmaveda*. In them we find continual invocations to the sun, the moon, the fire, the air, and they are in full accordance with those of the *Rigveda*, with this only difference, that the names of their authors are not preserved, and that they are generally ascribed to the *Devatās* themselves. (Colebr., i., p. 74.) Another sacrifice, which it is enjoined should be performed every spring in honour of the season, is called the *Agnishtoma*, or 'sacrifice to fire.' The *mantras* which are recited on this occasion are chiefly addressed to the sun, or to its representative on earth, the sacrificial fire, and are distributed into five parts, to be read severally during five days, when a series of oblations are made to fire; and these constitute the sacrifice: prayers relating to sacrifice in general (*adhvāna*) form part of the first book of the *Yajurveda Samhitā*, and occur also in several chapters of the sixth: the *mantras* on the imposing ceremony *Rājāsūya*, which can only be performed by a universal monarch attended by his tributary princes, are also contained in the first book. As many of the topics of these hymns are common to both the *Yajurvedas*, we shall notice those which are worth consideration in speaking of the *Vaiśampāyana*, or the *White Yajush*. The following passage, which gives a good notion of the importance which this Veda attaches to sacrifices, will serve as a specimen of the *Taittirīya*.—'They (the *Rudras*, *Vasus*, and *Adityas*, three kinds of elemental deities who were the first creatures after the creation of the earth) addressed the Lord of creation, requesting him to direct them in performing a solemn act of religion. He caused the *Vasus* to sacrifice with the *Agnishtoma*; and they conquered this world, and gave it: he caused the *Rudras* to sacrifice with the *Ukthya*, and they obtained the middle region, and gave it away: he caused the *Adityas* to sacrifice with the *Atistara*, and they acquired that (i.e. the other) world, and gave it away.' The commentators supply the ellipsis in these sentences by adding: 'to the priests,' or 'for a sacrificial fee,' forgetting that man had as yet not been created: the Sanscrit verb by which 'gave it away' is rendered, may be very well translated by 'gave it up,' which would be in full accordance with the doctrine contained in the passage, and make the sacrifice the more perfect. Colebrooke (*Essays*, i. 75) has however followed the interpretation of the commentator, and his authority is of too great a weight to allow our suggestion to stand by its side. This specimen is taken from the last book of the *Yajurveda Samhitā*.

The *Taittirīya Aranyaka* contains lectures, of which the first six treat of religious observances and the benefits arising from sacrifice, which is more especially insisted

upon in this Veda, and viewed in the light of a great expiatory institution. We have not been able to procure the *Brāhmaṇa* of this Veda, or anything that could give us more information of its contents than that it contains many *Sūtras*, or directions relative to the due performance of sacrificial rites. But as the *Aranyaka* professedly forms part of the theoretical portion of the *Taittirīya*, we shall give a cursory notice of an *Upanishad* which belongs to it, and is entitled the '*Taittirīyaka*;' it forms the seventh and eighth lecture of the *Araṇya*. The subject is the nature of *Brahma* (*tad*, neuter; i. e. the universal soul), and it is carried on in a kind of dialogue between *Varuṇa* and his son *Hiranyu*, who is desirous of knowing the mighty mystery. However, the first definition of *Brahma* which *Varuṇa* gives to his son only misleads him, and induces him to search farther; for when the youthful inquirer heard from his father that *Brahma* was that from whence all beings are produced,—that by which they live,—that towards which they tend, and into which they pass,—he concluded that *Brahma* must be food: for all beings are indeed produced from food; when born they live by food, and when they die they become food. His next step in his advancement towards truth was that *Brahma* was breath; for, said he, all beings live by breath, and they pass into breath. This however did not satisfy him: his father tells him that *Brahma* is profound meditation, and this makes him think that intellect was what he sought. He then guesses that *Ananda*, or 'felicity,' is *Brahma*, and here he stops. The chapter concludes with saying that he who knows this rests on the same support on which this science is founded, that is, on the supreme ethereal Spirit, and that he is great by progeny, by cattle and by holy perfections, and great by propitious celebrity. It is curious to see the gradual steps by which *Hiranyu* rose from the most object materialism to something higher merely by the application of different ideas to the same formula as given by his father at the beginning of his philosophical inquiries. It is needless to repeat that speculations like these can by no means have pretensions to the same age as the hymns of the *Saṁhitā*.

The *White Yajush*, or the *Vājasaneyi*, is divided in a way similar to that of the *Taittirīya*; but its *Saṁhitā* is much shorter, and differs from that of the *Black Yajush* in preserving the names of the authors by whom the several mantras were addressed to the *Devas*. These *Ritās* are mostly the same with those of the *Rigveda Saṁhitā*, and it appears that many hymns belong to both collections; but as the *Yajush* itself acknowledges the plagiarism, as it were, by entitling a section of his *Saṁhitā Ritā*, we need not hesitate as to the work to which they originally belong. Those which may properly be said to have their place here are those which relate to sacrifices and religious ceremonies, and which treat of the subjects noticed in our account of the *Taittirīya Saṁhitā*. But as it would be tedious to enunciate them after so many quotations from the preceding Vedas, we shall limit ourselves to the elucidation of two points which are very material for the right understanding of the ancient religion of the Hindus, and which in this Veda receive a satisfactory solution. These are the *Asvamedha*, or 'the sacrifice of the horse;' and the *Purushamedha*, or 'the sacrifice of man.' Before we proceed however it will be necessary to state that the *Brāhmaṇa* of the *Vājasaneyi* observes the same order in the arrangement of the precepts concerning religious rites which had been followed in the arrangement of the prayers belonging to them in the *Saṁhitā*, and that this perfect parallelism enables us, and even seems to authorise us, to throw them together, and not to treat them separately, as we have done hitherto, at least with regard to this subject. The Hindu commentators themselves explain these chapters in the same manner in both portions of this Veda. The sacrifice of the horse, for which the Veda itself declares that 'whoever performs it conquers all worlds, overcomes death, expiates sin, atones for sacrilege,'—a text quoted by the philosopher *Guṇāḍhya* in his comment on the second *Sūtra*, or 'Aphorism' of *Īśvarakṛishṇa*'s *Saṅkhyā Kārika*—is an institution which has given rise to many doubts as to the purity of the original religion of the Hindus; but which, if really attended with bloodshed, would be entirely eclipsed by the abomination of a human sacrifice. The circumstance that the *Asvamedha* always ends in the slaughter of the animal whenever it is performed at the present day, and that o

sort of *Purushamedha* has really been practised for a long time by the *Thugs* (*Thugos*), has given to these doubts a great semblance of truth; and we think it but right to free the sages who framed the early traditions of India into a consistent religion from so grievous an aspersion; especially since the *Abbé Dubois*, in his '*Exposé de quelques-uns des principaux Articles de la Théogonie des Brâhmes*, contenant la Description détaillée du Grand Sacrifice du Cheval,' &c., Paris, 1825, may have contributed to confirm it. The performance of the sacrifice as described in this work agrees indeed in most parts with the description given in the *Rāmāyaṇa* (l. i. sect. 11, 12, 13, Serampore edition); but there is nothing in the ancient epics that could suggest the termination of the sacred rite to have been such as stated in the *Abbé's* book; for here we see the officiating priest place himself before the victim and address the sacrificial knife to the following effect:—'Knife, thou earnest in thy hand a dark and mysterious weapon. I shall use thee for the immolation of the horse, possess thyself of his blood and his flesh. Thou art sharp, kill it and rouse the felicity of the celestials.' He then splits the head of the animal, and various ceremonies follow with regard to the blood, the bones, and the flesh of the victim. There is not the slightest allusion to anything of this kind in the *Rāmāyaṇa*, where most of the details attending this great ceremony are given, and where the description of so dramatic a scene as this would certainly not have been omitted by the diffuse author. We may therefore conclude that at the time of the composition of the *Rāmāyaṇa* these sacrifices were not attended with bloodshed.

Manu, who alludes to the *Asvamedha* in numerous passages (as in v. 53), gives no positive directions about it; an omission of so important a rite in a body of laws which contains even the most insignificant minutiae, seems fully to justify the inference we have drawn from the poem of *Yalmiki*. And now when we come to the Veda itself, we find that, though this ceremony is called 'the sacrifice of the horse,'—six hundred and nine animals of various prescribed kinds, domestic and wild, including birds, fish, and reptiles, are made fast, the tame ones to twenty-one posts, and the wild in the intervals between the pillars; and after certain prayers have been recited, the victims are let loose without injury. (*Colebrooke*, vol. i., p. 61.) From this it would appear that the *Asvamedha* is indeed only an emblematic ceremony, where the horse is avowedly meant to represent *Viri*, or the primal and universal manifested being; or may be collected from the last section of the *Taittirīya Yajurveda*, which represents the universe, or rather the universal soul clothed in the creation, as a horse's body, when 'morning is his head, the sun his eye, the air his breath,' &c. Again, it appears from the chapter on the *Purushamedha* that this also was not the real sacrifice of a man, but that a hundred and eighty-five men, of various specified tribes, characters, and professions, are bound to eleven posts; and after the hymn concerning the allegorical immolation of *Nārāyaṇa* has been recited, these human victims are liberated unharmed, and oblations of butter are made on the sacrificial fire. This hymn, which is taken from the *Saṁhitā* of this Veda, shows at once the origin of this institution, and gives a tradition which runs throughout the *Brahmanical* religion though sometimes but obscurely mentioned, and seems to offer a key to the elucidation of many difficulties which otherwise would impede the progress of our inquiries: we shall therefore give an account of its contents, and retain the words of the text, when they are deemed of importance:—The primal being is the universe, and all that has been or will be; but the elements of the world are only one portion of him; and three portions of him are immortality in heaven. 'From that single portion, surmanned the universal sacrifice, was the holy oblation of butter and ends produced; and this did frame all cattle, wild or domestic, which are governed by instinct' (v. 6). From him were produced horses and all beasts that have two rows of teeth, &c. 'Him the gods, the demigods named *Siddhi*, and the holy sages, immolated as a victim on sacred grass; and thus performed a solemn act of religion' (v. 9). What became of his different parts? 'His mouth became a priest; his arm was made a soldier; his thigh was transformed into a husbandman; from his feet sprang the servile man' (v. 11). This very important passage is stated in nearly the same words in *Manu* (book i., v. 21 and 67). In that

solemn sacrifice which the gods performed with him as a victim, spring was the butter, summer the fuel, and sidly weather the oblation' (14). 'By that sacrifice the gods worshipped this victim: such were primeval duties; and thus did they attain heaven, where former gods and mighty demigods abide' (v. 16). Compare with this the following passage from a hymn of the Rigveda (x. 10):—'That victim who was wove, with threads, on every side, and stretched by the labours of a hundred and one gods, the fathers, who wove and framed and placed the warp and woof, do worship. The Porusha (first male) spreads and encompasses this web, and displays it in this world and in heaven. When that ancient sacrifice was completed, sages, and men, and our progenitors were by him formed. Viewing with an observant mind this oblation, which primeval saints offered, I venerate them.' Now from this passage it is evident that Purushamedha does not mean the 'sacrifice of man'; but the 'oblation to the primeval male Purusha or Virj'; in the same way that Pitṛmedha means 'sacrifice to the manes.' There is however no doubt that the belief in this self-immolation of Brahma or Nārāyaṇa for the purpose of creating the world and for its benefit, as stated by commentators, gave rise to an imposing ceremony for its commemoration. That this ancient tradition of the Creator's having formed the universe, and all that is therein contained out of the different parts of his body, which were offered by him to himself, and though severed, yet encompassed by the irradiations of his soul, must have had a very deep root in the belief of the Hindus is clearly proved by their strict adherence to the division into castes, which, had it been but a political institution, could have never lasted so long. These also are distinctly stated and universally believed to have originated from a quadripartition of the Creator when he had created himself, in full accordance with the eleventh verse of the hymn we have above quoted from the Saṁhitā of this Veda. This then may be fairly taken as the origin of the two famous sacrifices which have occupied our attention. By a false interpretation of the name, and this is but too frequently the case when old institutions fall into disuse, when the language in which they are prescribed is forgotten, and when the nations for which they were intended have suffered both physical and moral degradation, by putting a wrong construction on words which were plain enough when the good was understood and valued, the modern abominations of bloody sacrifices to Kālī, premeditated murder of men by Thugs, and the real sacrifice of a horse, may certainly have originated. We shall conclude with the following texts of the Veda:—The Purushamedha, the As'wa, and the Gomedha, are symbolical sacrifices.' 'O ye gods, we slaughter no victim, we use no sacrificial stake, we worship by the repetition of sacred verses.' (Sāmaveda Saṁhitā, p. 32, v. 2.)

Colebrooke (*Essays*, vol. i, p. 56) translates a hymn belonging to the Vājāsaneyi Saṁhitā, which relates to the creation, and is much in the same style of composition with those we have cited above. Another account of the same subject is given in the Vṛhād-Araṇyaka, an Upanishad of this Veda, which also agrees with the notions contained in our extracts, with the exception that in this part of the White Yajur, Virj appears at first as the Egocentric principle; for 'when he was, and saw nothing but himself, he said "I am I." Therefore his name was Aham I.' Afterwards however he divides himself into two parts, or, in the language of the Veda, 'he wished another; and instantly he became such as is man and woman in mutual embrace. He caused this, his own self, to fall into twain; and thus became a husband and a wife.' He then procreates the whole world. This story is alluded to in Manu (book i, v. 32 and 33), where Manu himself is stated to be the offspring; but there is a great deal of confusion in almost everything that relates to Hindu antiquities, and we must rest satisfied when we have succeeded in finding one general and fundamental notion.

The Sāmaveda (from the root *śā*, convertible into *śā*, and signifying 'to destroy': the derivative is expounded as something 'which destroys sin'; 'Cober; is second in order, though first in excellence, according to the Bhagavad-Gītā. A peculiar degree of holiness seems to be attached to it by the Hindus, although this would not appear from Manu (iv. 123 and 124). 'The Rigveda is held sacred to the gods; the Yajurveda relates to mankind; the Sāmaveda concerns the manes of ancestors,

and the sound of it raises therefore a notion of something impure.' However, it is reasonable that this Veda should have a high place in the estimation of the Hindus, since it entirely relates to the Soma-yāga, or moon-plant sacrifice, at which most of the hymns which constitute its Saṁhitā are directed to be sung. The principal subjects of these mantras are the praises of the deities, who are supposed to honour the ceremony with their presence, and payers for the prosperity of the worshippers and those connected with them. There are also some invocations, which are supposed to have the power of consecrating the fire into which the oblation is cast; and others, the soma juice of which it principally consists. As we have hitherto confined ourselves to an analysis of the principal parts of the Vedas, it seems proper that we should give an instance of the sacrifices to which they relate, and for this purpose we shall submit an abstract of the description of the moon-plant sacrifice in Dr. Stevenson's translation of the Sāmaveda Saṁhitā. To the Soma-yāga only the first three classes of Brahmins are admitted, i. e., those who know either the Rīch, Sāman, or Yajur; for the profession of the Atharva-Vedi Brahmins being to destroy enemies, their presence would be inauspicious. In a moonlight-night the moon-plant (*sarcostema viminale*) must be plucked up from the roots, not cut down, from the table-land on the top of a mountain, when the arāṇi wood (*premos spinosa*) must also be collected for kindling the sacred fire. When stripped of their leaves, the bare stems of these plants are to be laid on a cart drawn by two rams, and brought to the house of the Yajamāna, or institutor of the sacrifice, at whose expense all the ceremonies are performed for his own especial benefit. The stalks are then bruised by the Brahmins with stones, and put between two planks of wood, that the juice may be expressed. They are now placed with their expressed juice over a goat's-hair strainer, sprinkled with water, and squeezed by the fingers of the Brahmins. The juice drops into the drona kalam, the receiving-vessel placed below, when it is further mixed with clarified butter, barley, and the flour of a grain called by the Mahārattas wari, and of which the Sanscrit term is triśādhāya or śvāra. It is now allowed to ferment till a spirit is formed, when it is drawn off for oblation to the gods in a scoop called śruca, and in a ladle called dhamaśa, for consumption by the officiating Brahmins. The soma, when properly prepared, is a powerful spirit: it is said in this Veda to have intoxicated Śukra, and to have made even Indra's face all awry while he was drinking it; and, by its exhilarating principle, to have furnished him with that might without which he could not have subdued the enemies of the gods. De Candolle observes of this plant, which he refers to the genus *Apocynum*, that it contains a juice, of which it would be erroneous to say that it is narcotic, since its effect is by no means calculated to soothe the nerves, but much rather to deprive the nerves of their power of activity without a stupifying sleep. Seven classes of priests are necessary to the Soma-yāga, which, as it is sacred to Soma, or 'the moon,' or rather its regent, 'Soma-niśa,' is attended with many ceremonies connected with fire. Besides the three usual sacred fires, which are always kept alive in the house of a rigid Brahmin, fire from heaven, obtained either from lightning or from the sun—this is very remarkable, though the process is not indicated—should be added. Fire from Arāṇi wood is to be joined to these, and must be obtained by a process called churning, which consists in drilling a piece of this wood into another by pulling a string tied to it with a jerk with the one hand, while the other is slackened, and so on alternately till the wood takes fire, which is received on cotton or flax held in the hand of an assistant Brahmin. The New Hollanders obtain fire from wood in a similar manner, and it is also practised to this day by the Russian peasants. The hall where these ceremonies are performed is in the inner part of a Brahmin's house, and the three fire-places, or 'kundas,'—one might call them altars—are placed at the beginning, the centre, and the end of a serpentine wall, of between two and three feet high, which runs through the 'śālā,' or room, and is called the 'Vedi.' But in order that these ceremonies should be efficacious, and the hymns therein are sung, as noticed before, propitiate the deities therein invoked, the Sāmaveda Brahmin's is chiefly taken up in pointing out the

austerities that must be practised to that effect. These are principally fasting, which is carried to an extreme degree. But when the sacrifice is terminated there is a feast, in which rich viands, and abundant portions of the moon-plant beverage, largely indemnify the devotees for their former abstinence; moreover the presents mentioned as necessary to be given to the officiating Brahmins are cows, gold, horses, and provisions. The Soma-yaga has been three times performed within the boundaries of the Mahratta country since its occupation by the English, and doubtless accompanied with excesses of all kinds, and rites which would show how little they understood the necessity of this sacrifice, to which they cling from their innate reverence to every ancient institution, however decrepitate and unmeaning it may have become. For what else is this act of drinking the soma-juice but a kind of sacrament, by means of which union with the creator may be obtained? or rather it is the great sacrament of purification, when duly performed with the prescribed austerities, admits of reconciliation with *Thal* (Brahma Virji), whose self-immolation cannot be forgotten. Without offering to the Sāmaveda Upanishads, which, as often observed in this article, are of a later date, and have enlarged upon the topics contained in the mantras of the Samhitas—and the antiquity of these is admitted without gainsay—we shall bring forward few verses, chosen at random, from the collection of songs belonging to this Veda: 'That saving moon-plant, by its stream of pressed sacrificial viands, makes us pure.' (Part I., *Prapāthaka*, vi.; *Darśiti*, 2, v. 4, p. 94 of *Transl.*) 'O moon-plant, thou art distilled for our benefit, that thou mayest satisfy the mighty God.' (*Ibid.*, v. xiii.) 'O Soma, our purifier.' &c. (*Ibid.*, *Dax*, 4, v. ix.) 'The greatly beloved, the heavenly, the learned, the wise director of the sacrifice, placed by the rites of consecration in heaven and earth, throughout the whole period of his existence, comes to us by means of the pressed moon-plant sacrifice.' (*Transl.*, p. 90.) This verse can scarcely fail to remind the reader of the passage we have quoted from the Rīgveda (x. 10; Colebrooke, vol. i., p. 34). It would be tedious to quote more in support of our opinion, and we refer the curious reader to the translation by Dr. Stevenson, London, 1842. A great many of the verses of this Samhita are taken from the Rīgveda. We doubt however whether we ought to say, with the learned doctor, that the whole is probably extracted and compiled from the Samhita of the first Veda. The Upanishads which come under this head are peculiarly interesting, from the abstract and truly ingenious way in which theological subjects are treated; but of these hereafter, as we shall now proceed to describe the fourth and last Veda. The Brahmins who chant the verses of the verses of Sāmaveda are called *Udgātṛi* (from the root *gū*, 'O sing.')

The Atharva'n, so denominated from its having been divulged by the sage Atharva'n, is not generally admitted to be of equal authenticity with the preceding Vedas; and this may have been occasioned from its being seldom quoted, and not from any internal evidence. Indeed the circumstance of its containing mostly incantations of a most formidable nature, for the destruction of enemies, may easily account for the neglect with which it seems to have been treated; for, whilst the other Vedas are in daily use with the Brahmins, and the reading of them is never allowed to be omitted the Atharva'n, from the very nature of its contents, can be produced only on certain occasions. Chapters from this Veda have frequently been translated: such is the incantation which Sir William Jones has inserted in the 'Asiatic Researches' (vol. i., p. 348). Another was published by Professor Wilson, in the 'Calcutta Oriental Magazine' for October, 1825. We shall content ourselves with the quotation of the line which we find translated in Colebrooke (*Essays*, vol. i., p. 90): 'Destroy, O sacred grass (Poa cynosuroides), my foes, exterminate my enemies; annihilate all those who hate me, O precious grass!' Imprecations of this kind are not however the only subject of the Atharva'n; it also contains a great number of prayers for safety, and the averting of calamities. There are moreover hymns and prayers to be used at solemn rites and religious exercises not specified in the Yajush. From this short sketch, which it is needless to extend, the reader will perceive that the Atharvaveda is more a book for occasional reference than a treatise to be used by all the Brahmins. This is

also the reason assigned by Madhusūdana Saravall in his 'Prasthānabedha,' quoted by Colebrooke (*Essays*, vol. i., p. 13). But the contrary opinion may still be held with very good reason; for occasional pieces could only have been added when the rest of the body of Hindu scripture had been completed, and certain omissions remarked: besides, this doctrine of listred is in direct opposition to the general conciliatory character of Brahminism, and may fairly give room to doubts as to its age, which, if these surmises be true, would be posterior to that of the Tripi. To the Atharvaveda are tacked a long string of Upanishads, which either belong to its Brahmana, or of which the principal part is entitled the Go-pātha, or constitute a separate body of theology, based upon the original Vedas, and following immediately after the Atharva'n, in the complete collection of the Scriptures, without forming part of it. The latter seems to be the more plausible opinion, since Upanishads, which are avowedly spun out from some peculiar doctrine of either one or other of the preceding Vedas, are also found in this place. Both the style of their composition and the language differ so much from the mantras of the different Samhitas, that we may safely consider them as specimens of the second period of Sanscrit literature, and as such they will be treated of in the following sketch.

Upanishad (according to Colebrooke from the verb *and shad-iti*, to destroy, to move, or to weary, preceded by the prepositions *ap*, near, and *ni*, continually, or *nis*, certainly) is in dictionaries given as a synonyme of *rahnaga*, which signifies mystery. Sankara Acharya, the celebrated expounder of great number of these works on theology, and the author of the Vedānta-Sāra, says, at the beginning of his exposition of the Kāthaka Upanishad: 'Those who desire final emancipation, and have aspired all that is visible and perishable, and have obtained the science called Upanishad, shall be freed from ignorance and the other evils, which are the cause of the evolutions of the world (*samsāra*);—for then (the evils) will be removed and destroyed. This is the meaning of the root *shad*, and therefore is this science called Upanishad.' But Upanishad may be also rendered by 'session' in the sense of the Latin 'sebola,' being chiefly a kind of disputation between a master and his pupil. (Wundschmann, p. 1160, 1678.) Of these Upanishads, upon which the whole of the Hindu theology of the fifth century of our era is professedly founded, there are fifty-two, the first fifteen of which are stated to be but the terminating sections of the Atharvaveda. We shall however notice only those which both in the opinion of the natives and the judgment of Europeans are considered of importance.

The Rīgveda is followed by two Upanishads which are generally assigned to it; but which are nevertheless separate authorities for two different schools: these are the 'Aitareya,' from which an extract has been given above when speaking of the Brahmana of the Rīch, and the Kaushhik. From the fourth chapter of the second book of the former we shall quote a passage which is singular enough, as it is explanatory of Condillac's ingenious theory of the senses. When the primeval Being had created the worlds and its regents, and was himself the primeval man, 'He reflected: "There are worlds and regents of worlds; for them will I frame food." He viewed the waters; from waters, so contemplated, form issued; and food is form, which was so produced. Being thus formed, it sought to flee. The man endeavoured to seize it by speech, but could not attain it by his voice, &c. He attempted to catch it by his breath, but could not inhale it by breathing; had he by inhaling it (hunger) would be satisfied by smelling food. He sought to snatch it by a glance, but could not surprise it by a look: had he seized it by the sight, (hunger) would have been satisfied by seeing food. He attempted to catch it by hearing, but could not hold it by listening; had he caught it by hearkening, (hunger) would have been satisfied by food. He endeavoured to seize it by his skin, but could not restrain it by his touch: had he seized it, &c. He wished to reach it by the mind, but could not attain it by thinking: had he caught it, &c.' It is to be observed that all this time, though he had created his body, or 'purusha,' and it managed to perform these different functions, the spirit was nevertheless without or rather hovering about it; but seeing this 'He thought, "If speech discourse, breath inhale, and sight view; if hearing hear, &c., then who am I?"' He then entered the body, and the

chapter concludes: "Thus born, he discriminated the elements."

As nothing of the Kaushitaki has yet appeared in print, we shall limit ourselves by stating that it contains two dialogues on the same topics as those of preceding Upanishads, and that it is, together with the *Atureya*, one of the chief authorities for the Vedanta school of philosophy. The *Taittiriya* has already been quoted as one of the most important Upanishads ascribed to the Black Yajurveda. Another Upanishad belonging to it is the *Maitrayani*, which is the principal book of a school of Yajurvedi Brahmins, who call themselves *Maitrayaniyas*. Some passages from the *Maitrayani* have been for the first time published in a translated form in Windischmann's 'Philosophie der Weltgeschichte' (p. 1505, 1615); one of these is particularly worth noticing; it gives a definition of the soul in the following manner: "The soul is thyself; for thou knowest that which is different from soul and is perishable." "But what is the soul?" asked the king. The sage answered: "He who dwells in the body, who heeds the body, and at whose departing the body suffers whilst he does not suffer, for uncertainty (such as the body's) is not his—that is the soul. He delights in his beauty, he is immortal, fearless, and himself Creator."

The White Yajna has two Upanishads, which are both of great length and enjoy the highest authority among the Hindus. They are the *Isavasya* and the *Vishad-Aranyaka*, of which several extracts have been given in the course of this article. It would be tedious to adduce specimens from them, since they are all in the same style of composition with the rest, and are for the most part in the hands of the public.

The principal Upanishad of the *Sāmaveda* is the *Chândogya*, which is also very frequently quoted and part of which is well known. The following is a specimen from the second part of the seventh chapter, which is the most sacred in the opinion of the Vedānta school of philosophy; it is a dialogue between Uddālaka and his son Svetaketu: "Bring here that fruit from the fig-tree." "Here it is, O venerable!" "Open it." "It is opened, O venerable!" "What dost thou see?" "These small seeds." "Divide one of them." "It is divided, O venerable!" "What dost thou see?" "Nothing, O venerable!" The master said to him: "From the subtle element which thou seest now was produced this tall fig-tree. Believe, O my son! &c. Throw salt into the water and come again in the morning." So he did. To him said Uddālaka: "Bring the salt, which on yester-even thou didst throw into the water. He sought and found it not, it was dissolved. 'Taste the water on this side; how tastes it?' 'Salt.' 'Taste it in the middle; how?' 'Salt.' 'Taste it on the other side; how?' 'Salt.' 'Throw it away and come to me.' So he did. He said to him: 'Thou seest not the being (sātvā) but verily it is here.' The rest of this book is highly interesting, and it is very desirable that the text should be published. The *Kena* or *Keneshtam* Upanishad, so called from its first words ('by whom it is desired'), has a reputation almost as high as the *Chândogya*; and here we find a curious passage, stating that the true knowledge of Brahman is not to be obtained by knowledge or understanding, but by faith: "The master speaks: 'If thou thinkest that thou dost know, then knowest thou little indeed of the essence of Brahman.' The pupil considers, and observes: 'I perceive; now I presume no more to say that I know (what Brahman is); nor do I know that I know it. For to him who is unconscious it is made known," &c. The chapter concludes with the injunction, that both faith and understanding should be united, for "the mind when obtained through the mind acquires strength, and knowledge gives it immortality."

The *Nudaka* is the principal Upanishad of the *Atharvāna*, and is also one of the most important for the doctrines which it contains. These are plain enough from the following words of its first section: "The supreme science is that by which this imperishable (nature) is apprehended, which is contemplated by the wise for the source of beings. As the spider spins and gathers back (its thread); as plants sprout and germinate; as hair grows on a living person: so is this universe here produced from the imperishable nature," &c. Another Upanishad, which is generally classed with this *Veda*, is entitled the *Kāthaka*. Colebrooke has given in his Essay

(vol. i., p. 95, &c.) a complete list of the names of these Upanishads, and those of them which are either published or otherwise made known are noticed at the conclusion of this article.

The age of the Vedas has been a matter of considerable discussion and conflicting opinion; it seems however that the date now generally assigned to them is between the fifteenth and fourteenth centuries before our era; and that Dvaipāyana, the arranger, 'Vyāsa,' or the school of which he is the reputed founder, flourished about thirteen centuries before the Christian era. Sir William Jones has, in his preface to *Manu* (p. 7), attempted to fix the age of the Yajurveda by counting the lives of forty sages through whom its doctrines were transmitted from the time of Parāśara, a Hindu sage and the father of Vyāsa (p. 11), whose epoch is fixed by a celestial observation based upon the astronomical treatise which is appended to this *Veda*, for the purpose of fixing the proper periods for the performance of religious duties. The conclusion he arrives at by means of this reasoning, which is not convincing, is that the Yajurveda had been written in 1950 before Christ. With the help of a similar calendar entitled *Jyotish*, where the place given to the solstitial points at the time of its composition is that in which those points were situated in the fourteenth century before Christ, the learned Colebrooke (*Essays*, vol. i., pp. 106, 200) seems to have settled the question. But as these *Jyotish* or astronomical treatises belong to the Brahmins, or theoretical part of the Vedas, and we have had sufficient reason to doubt their being of an equal age with the Mantras, this date (xiv. cent. a.c.) would only be applicable to the second and later portion of the sacred scriptures, and would allow (with the computation of Sir William Jones, which only professes to give the date of the Yajur) of its being removed still farther. However there can be no doubt as to their authenticity and their high antiquity, since the difference between the style of the Mantras and the Upanishads, which have also been included in the date above mentioned, is as great as the style of Chaucer compared with that of Pope.

The fundamental doctrine of the Vedas seems to be this: The various elements which constitute this universe are only the various parts of the universal and primeval soul, the objective *That*, which by the very dismemberment of itself had lost its subjectivity. Throughout the Vedas there runs a strong vein of belief in the fall of man, who though he had received his own existence through the self-immolation of the Creator, and was originally part of him, had lost his primeval purity, to recover which sacrifices of various kinds were ordained in imitation of the great, original, and universal sacrifice. And this seems indeed to be the early tradition amongst all nations of the earth. The Vedic monotheism, which one would sometimes be inclined to doubt from the numerous Devas who are invoked in the Mantras, will appear plainly enough if the reader has the patience to read the following passage: "The deities are only three; whose places are the earth, the intermediate region, and heaven: (namely) fire, air, and the sun. They are pronounced to be (the deities) of the mysterious names (*Bhur, bhuvā, and svar*), called the *Vyāhritis* (see *Manu*, ii., v. 76) severally; and *Prajapati* (the lord of creatures) is (the deity) of them collectively. The syllable *Om* means every deity; it belongs to him (*Paramahat*) who dwells in the supreme abode, &c. Other deities belonging to those several regions are portions of the (three) gods; for they are variously named and described on account of their different operations: but (in fact) there is only one deity, the great Soul (*Mahim ātmā*). Numerous passages of the same kind occur in almost every page of the Vedic literature, by which we mean the *Upanishads*, for a notice of which we refer to the article on Sanscrit literature. [SANSKRIT LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE.]

Directions concerning the reading of the Vedas.—The sacred *Trayi* is a holy deposit in the hands of the Brahmins, who should learn and teach it incessantly for the benefit of mankind, and at the sacrifice of every indulgence, and even wealth, which might impede their reading it. (*Manu*, iv. 17.) By doing this the Brahmin becomes the chief of all created things; through him all mortals enjoy life, and therefore he is to be treated with more respect than a king (*Manu*, i. 96, 100, 101; ii. 139); and yet with all this power he must be humble, and his atten-

should on no account be wasted on worldly studies; and that should be unremittently directed to the Vedas, and their teaching of the scriptures should be done gratis; for religion is not to be considered as a profession (iii. 180; iv. 192, 186, 200); and consequently he is not even allowed to receive any gifts (x. 109-11; xi. 194-197) from the most unexceptionable persons (iv. 186; 91). His only support ought to be the Veda, and he ought always to be seen with his staff and a copy of the Vedas in his hands (iv. 35-39). The Institutes of Manu (c. ii., v. 70-74; iv. 92-127) give very full directions as to the manner in which the sacred books are to be read. They must not be read without the accents and letters being well pronounced; nor ought they to be read by night when the wind meets the Brahman's ear, nor by day when dust is collected; nor as long as the scent andunctness of perfumes remain on his body; he must first perform his ablutions. Even the times for the reading of the different parts of the Vedas are fixed by law; the Vedas themselves, i.e. the Mantras, must be read during the bright fortnights, and the Vedāngas heretofore to read in the dark half of the month. Many of these rules are attended to even now; but many new directions have been introduced into the ritual since the time that Sanscrit has ceased to be generally understood; for, like the Koran among the Mohammedans, the Veda is put into the hands of children in the first period of their education, and continues afterwards to be read by rote for the sake of the words, without comprehension of the sense; and accordingly it is read in various superstitious modes, word by word, either simply disjoining them, or else repeating the words alternately backwards and forwards; and copies are prepared for these and other modes of recital, which are called *Padā*, *Kṛmā*, *Jāt*, *Ghāṇā*, &c. (Colebr., vol. i., 20, 21). We may also observe here that the principal metres used in the hymns of the Vedas are the *Jagati*, *Gāyatrī*, and *Trishup*.

The existence of the Vedas has been doubted as late as 1731, when *Paulinus à S. Bartholomæo* (*Systema Brahmanicum*, Romæ, p. 291) calls them fabulous, for the Hindus were anything but communicative on the subject. They had however been partly translated into Persian as early as 1636 A.D. by the command of *Dār Shukob*, the brother of *Aurang Zeb*. The books thus translated for him were the *Upanishads*, and of these a specimen is given in White's 'Institutes of Tamerlan,' Oxford, 1783; there is also a short extract from them in Halhed's preface to his 'Code of Gentoo Law,' London, 1781. In 1801 *Anquetil du Perron* brought out his translation, under the following title: 'Oupnekhat, i.e. Secretum tegendum, opus ipsa in India minimum, continens antiquum et recensum S. theologiarum et philosophiarum doctrinam e quatuor sacris Indorum libris *Rah Beid*, *Djêdîr Beid*, *Sam Beid*, *Atharva Beid*, excerptam ad verbum e Persico idiomate, Sanscriticis vocabulis intermixta in Latinum converso,' &c., 2 vols. 4to. It might well be expected that a work translated into Persian by Mohammedans, and re-translated verbatim into Latin, would be very different from the original; moreover, *Anquetil* seems to have done everything in his power to write the most unintelligible Latin. His book is accordingly quite valueless as far as the accuracy of the contents are concerned, although it will always remain an interesting work for the great erudition which its author has displayed both in the preface and the notes with which it is enriched, and for the circumstances of its having been the first to acquaint the Europeans with anything relating to the older belief of the Hindus. Afterwards a summary of the Vedas, as good as a summary can be, was given by *Colebrooke* in the eighth volume of the 'Asiatic Researches,' p. 369-470; it was reprinted in his 'Miscellaneous Essays,' London, 1837, p. 9-114, and from this we have largely drawn.

In 1830 Dr. *Rosen* published his 'Rigveda Specimen,' London, &c., and in 1838 appeared, after his death, his edition of the first book of the 'Rigveda Sanhitā,' &c., with a Latin translation and explanatory notes, mostly philological. Professor *Wilson* has announced his intention to publish the whole of the Sanhitā of this Veda for the Oriental Text Society.

Of the *Yajurveda* there appeared a forgery under the title 'L'Egour Vedam, ou Anciens Commentaires des Vedam,' &c., publié par De Sainte-Croix, Iverdon, 1778, 2 vols. 12mo. *Deguignes* was the first to doubt its authen-

ticity; but it was not until F. Ellis had published his 'Account of a Discovery of a modern Imitation of the Vedas' in the 'Transactions of the Literary Society of Bombay,' vol. iii., pp. 1-59, that it was found to be the work of the Roman Catholic missionary *Roberto de Nobili*, who used it about 1620 for purposes of conversion.

Dr. Mill of Cambridge is preparing an edition of the text of the *Yajurveda Sanhitā*, which we hope will soon make its appearance.

We have a translation of the Sanhitā of the *Sāmaveda* by Dr. Stevenson of Bombay, published in London in 1842, for the Oriental Translation fund, and the text will in all probability issue from the press in a few weeks.

The *Kūtha*, *Kena*, *Isa*, and *Mundaka Upanishads* have been translated by *Rammohun Roy* in Calcutta at different periods, and were reprinted in London in 1832 in one volume, bearing the title 'Translation of several principal Books of the Vedas,' &c.; from which most of the French and German translations have been made.

VEDANTA. [SANSKRIT LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE.] **VEERING**, or **WEARING** (from the French, *virer*), is that movement of a ship in which, supposing her to have been previously sailing with the wind on either bow, she is brought, by her head being turned to leeward, into a contrary position, so that the wind is on the other bow, and the direction of her course is reversed.

If in the operation of tacking the ship loses so much of her forward motion as to be incapable of yielding effectually to the action of the water on the rudder, and thus of turning her opposite bow towards the point from whence the wind is blowing, the ship is said to miss stays; she then drifts to leeward, till by the action of the water on the lee side of the rudder the head is again turned from the wind, when she is brought to her previous position. In this case, should it be necessary to persevere in endeavouring to change the course, and should the ship be not too near a point of danger, the proposed end may be gained by veering; and the evolution is thus effected:—When, in drifting to leeward, the ship begins to fall off, or to turn her head from the wind, the helm is placed head-a-weather, and the after-sails are hauled up so that the wind may act upon the others only, and thus the ship may be brought before the wind; the helm is then placed exactly fore and aft, and the velocity of rotation continuing, the ship's head begins to turn towards the wind, which will then be on the opposite bow. The helm being now turned to leeward, the mizen-sail hauled out and its stay-sails set, the ship comes rapidly into the required position.

This evolution is frequently the only one which can be performed in stormy weather when little sail can be carried, and also when sailing with a light breeze; since, in either of these cases, the ship may not have sufficient velocity to allow of being put about by tacking: the disadvantage of veering is that, during the evolution, the ship is sometimes carried far to leeward, and the loss of space can only be diminished by executing the movement with as much rapidity as possible.

Box-hauling is an evolution similar to that of veering, and is put in practice when a rock or other danger is suddenly seen ahead. If it be supposed that the ship is already close hauled, the after-sails are so taken up, the helm turned head-a-lee, and the head-sails laid back; by these means the ship's head begins to turn from the wind, and her forward motion is arrested. As the ship's head continues to turn, the wind begins to act on the after-courses of the head-sails, giving a small motion forward; and then the helm is shifted so as to co-operate with the wind in causing the ship's head to fall farther off. The rest of the evolution is similar to that which is performed in the act of veering.

VEGA CARPIO, FRAY LOPE FELIX DE, was born at Madrid, November 25th, 1502. His father, as he informs us in his '*Lauri de Apolo*,' p. 45, was also a poet, to which circumstance may perhaps be ascribed his early taste for poetry. According to *Montalvan* (*Fama Poëtica*, p. 15), before Lope had attained the age of five, he could read Spanish and Latin; and before his hand was strong enough to guide the pen, he recited verses of his own composition, which he had the address and good fortune to barter for prints and toys with his playfellows. At the age of twelve he had, by his own account, not only written several short poems, but composed dramas in four acts; and during the intervals which

his studies at school afforded him, he was always rhyming. Having lost his father when he was about thirteen, he was soon after impelled by so strong a desire of seeing the world, that he resolved to escape from school. He concerted his project with a schoolfellow, and they actually left Madrid together, without the knowledge of their relations or their masters. Being however detected in their flight, Lope and his schoolfellow were brought back to their relations. Upon his return to Madrid, young Lope ingratiated himself with the bishop of Avila by several pastorals, and a comedy in three acts, called 'La Pastoral de Jacinto,' which is justly considered as a prelude to the reform which he meditated in the Spanish stage. It is moreover probable that during this interval, between school and the university, which he was enabled to enter through the liberality of his patron the bishop, he composed several poems, which he retouched in after-life.

After spending four years at the university of Alcalá, Lope became attached to the duke of Alva, at whose request he wrote his 'Arcadia,' a mixture of prose and verse, romance and poetry, pastoral and heroic, the design of which is avowedly taken from Sanzazaro, though its execution has been pronounced by Spanish critics to be far superior to the model. The 'Arcadia,' though written perhaps as early as 1580, was not published till 1598. Some time after Lope had executed the command of his illustrious patron, he left his service, and married a lady of rank, Doña Isabel de Urbino. He continued to cultivate poetry with increased enthusiasm, until being involved in a duel with a gentleman of rank, he wounded his antagonist, and was obliged to separate himself from his wife, whom he loved tenderly, and leave Madrid. Lope fixed upon Valencia as the place of his retreat; but some years after, having previously ascertained that he would not be prosecuted, he returned to the capital, and was reunited to his family. He did not however long enjoy this new-found happiness: his wife, whose health had been for some time on the decline, died shortly after his return. To fly from such painful recollections, Lope became a soldier, and joined the 'invincible Armada.' The fate of that expedition is well known; and Lope, in addition to the difficulties and dangers of the voyage, had the misfortune of seeing a beloved brother expire in his arms. During this unfortunate voyage Lope composed his 'Hermosura de Angelica,' a poem which promises to take up the story of that princess where Ariosto left it, and which Marini, one of his Italian admirers, has not hesitated to pronounce superior to the 'Orlando.' On his return from the Armada, Lope quitted the career of arms, and entered the service, first, of the marquis of Malpica, and afterwards of the count of Lenos, with whom he remained until his second marriage, to Doña Juana de Guardia, a lady of Madrid: he was then twenty-eight years old. About eight years after this event, in 1598, on the occasion of the canonization of St. Isidoro, a native of Madrid, Lope entered the lists with the best poets of the day, and surpassed them all in the number and merit of his performances. Prizes had been assigned for every style of poetry, but no more than one could be obtained by the same person. Lope succeeded in the hymns; but not contented with this, he produced besides, in an incredibly short space of time, a poem of ten cantos, in short verse, as well as several sonnets and romances, and two comedies, which he published together under the feigned name of Tomé de Burguillos.

This was perhaps the most fortunate period of Lope's life: he had, by his own statement, written already no less than nine hundred dramas for the stage, besides twelve volumes of other poetry; and although the remuneration then given to authors was very moderate, he wrote so much, and had so many presents conferred upon him by men of rank, who were anxious to become his patrons, that he was enabled to live in affluence. He had a son named Carlos, on whom he doted, and who promised to be the heir of his talents. The period of his domestic happiness did not last long: his son died; his wife soon followed her child to the tomb, and Lope was left with two daughters. The spirit of the poet seems to have sunk under such repeated losses; and he resolved to soothe it by the exercise of devotion. Accordingly, having become secretary to the Inquisition, he shortly afterwards became priest, and in 1609 a sort of honorary member of the brotherhood of St. Francis. Meanwhile the reputation of Lope as an author

was rising to that height which it afterwards reached; and he worked as assiduously as ever. He seldom passed a year without giving some poem to the press; and scarcely a month, or even a week, without producing some play upon the stage. In a very short space of time 'Los Triunfos de la Fé,' 'Las Fortunas de Diana,' three novellas in prose, 'Circe,' an heroic poem, and 'Philomena,' a singular, but tiresome allegory, were the fruit of his prolific pen.

Such was his reputation, that he himself began to distrust the sincerity of the public, and wishing to ascertain whether the extravagant applauses heaped upon him were the result of fashion or a homage paid to his merit, he published a poem without his name. But either the number of his productions had gradually formed the public taste to his own standard of excellence, or his fertile genius was so well adapted to the taste of the times, that his 'Soliloquies of God,' though printed under a feigned name, secured him as many admirers as his former productions. Emboldened probably by this success, he dedicated his 'Coron Tragic,' a poem on Mary Queen of Scots, to Pope Urban VIII., who wrote him a letter of acknowledgment in his own hand, and conferred on him the degree of doctor of theology. About the same time Cardinal Barberini, the pope's nuncio, followed him with veneration in the streets; Philip III., himself a poet, would stop to gaze at such a prodigy; the people crowded round him wherever he appeared; the learned and the studious of Europe made pilgrimages from their country for the sole purpose of conversing with Lope. So associated was the idea of excellence with his name, that it was used in common conversation to signify anything perfect in its kind; and a Lope diamond, a Lope day, or a Lope woman, became fashionable and familiar modes of expression. Lope had dangerous rivals in Gongora and Cervantes, with neither of whom he seems to have lived on good terms. Indeed, if we are to judge from the many satirical allusions contained in his writings, Gongora and Lope were sworn enemies to each other. As to Cervantes, it is probable that the immense popularity which Lope de Vega enjoyed, and the honours which he received from all parts of the country, may have awakened a sentiment of jealousy in his breast; whilst Lope was living in prosperity and splendour, the author of 'Don Quixote' was actually starving in the same street! Lope continued to publish plays and poems, and to receive every reward that adulation and generosity could bestow, till the year 1635, when his health gradually declined, and he expired on Monday, the 20th of August, in the seventy-third year of his age. He was buried at the convent of nuns in the Calle de Cantarranas, whence his remains have lately been removed to the National Pantheon of Madrid.

Notwithstanding his undisputed talent, Lope is better known for the prodigious number than the quality of his writings. According to a calculation made by one of his panegyrist, twenty-one million three hundred thousand of his lines were actually printed, and no less than eighteen hundred plays of his composition acted upon the stage. 'Were we to give credit to such accounts,' says Lord Holland, 'allowing him to begin his compositions at the age of thirteen, we must believe that upon an average he wrote more than nine hundred lines a day; a fertility of imagination, and a celerity of pen, which, when we consider the occupations of his life as a soldier, a secretary, a master of a family, and a priest; his acquirements in Latin, Italian, and Portuguese; and his reputation for erudition, become not only improbable, but absolutely, and one may almost say physically, impossible.' Yet there can be no doubt that Lope was, even in prolific Spain, the most prolific of writers. Montalvan tells us, that when Lope was at Toledo he wrote fifteen acts in fifteen days, making five plays in a fortnight. He himself informs us in the eclogue to Claudio, one of his last works, that he had written upwards of fifteen hundred dramas, one hundred of which had been composed in as many days:

'Poco mas de ciento en breves dias quanto
Pasaron de las Musas al teatro.'

In addition to the works mentioned in the course of this notice, Lope wrote several epic poems, as 'La Jerusalem Conquistada,' 'La Circe,' 'La Dragontina' (on the Death of Sir Francis Drake); 'La Andromeda'; numerous pastorals; 'Los Pastores de Belén'; 'La Dorothea,' &c. &c.;

a burlesque poem, entitled 'La Gatomachia,' several epistles, and other short poems, which were collected and printed at Madrid, 1776-79, 21 vols. 4to. But it is not on any of these productions that the reputation of Lope really rests: that was founded on his dramas, in which he showed himself master of his art. The number and merit of his plays, at a period when the Castilian language was generally studied throughout Europe, directed the attention of foreigners to the Spanish theatre, and probably induced them, more than the works of any one writer, to form their compositions upon the model which Corneille and others afterwards refined. His plays have always been popular in Spain. Even now, when the introduction of the French dramatic school has considerably lessened the taste for the old drama, 'La Mora de Cantaro,' 'La Noche Toledana,' and others of Lope's plays are still acted on the Madrid stage.

Lord Holland has given, after Huerta, a list of all the dramas attributed to Lope de Vega, which exist in print. There are 497 plays, and 21 'Autos Sacramentales,' in all 518, to which number may be added many which have been lost, and many more which, though acted on the stage, were never printed, besides those which are preserved in manuscript. There is an edition, consisting of 25 volumes in quarto, published in parts between 1609 and 1647, at Madrid, and other places in Spain, which is of excessive rarity, and of which we only know of three perfect copies, one in the library at Holland House, Kensington; another in the possession of Don Agustín Durán, of Madrid; and a third, which is now in the collection of Sir John Lubbock. The library of the British Museum possesses one, but the title-pages of the volumes are reprinted.

(Montalvan, *Fama Posthuma*, Mad., 1637, 4to.; *Parnaso Español*, vol. xiv.; Lord Holland's *Some Account of the Lives and Writings of Lope Felix de Vega Carpio and Guillen de Castro*, Lond., 1817; Lardner's *Cabinet Cyclopaedia*, *Literary and Scientific Men of Italy, Spain, and Portugal*, vol. li.)

VEGA, GEORGE, a German mathematician, and colonel in the Austrian artillery, was born at Sagoritz in Carniola, in 1754. His family name is said to have been Vela, but this he transformed into Vega. His parents, though in reduced circumstances, gave him the benefit of a good education, and sent him to prosecute his studies at Laubach, where, under the tuition of Maffei, who was afterwards bishop of Buntzlau in Bohemia, he made great progress in the mathematics: for this prelate he entertained the highest esteem and gratitude, which, but two years before his death, he testified by dedicating to him a second edition of his principal work.

Vega commenced his military career by entering into a corps of engineers, with which he served, first in Carniola, and afterwards in Hungary: here his merit and his knowledge of the military sciences soon procured for him the notice of the emperor Joseph II., who gave him the appointment of mathematical instructor in the imperial artillery, with the rank of lieutenant in its second regiment.

Though engaged in the duty of giving lessons, and in the composition of his works, he served with the Austrian army in Flanders at the commencement of the wars arising from the French Revolution, and distinguished himself on several occasions by his gallantry: he was raised in 1796 to the rank of major, and subsequently to that of lieutenant-colonel; and, with the dignity of a baron of the empire, he was made Chevalier of the order of Maria Theresa. While thus enjoying the prospect of attaining the highest military honours, he was suddenly deprived of life, in the 48th year of his age, by the hand of an assassin. In 1802, while at Rasdorf near Vienna, having made an agreement with a miller of that place for the purchase of a horse, he set out in company with the man, intending to proceed to the stable where the horse was kept. On the way, while passing a bridge, the colonel, who went first, was struck to the ground by a blow on the head from behind, and before he could recover he was dispatched by repeated strokes: his body, from which the murderer took a watch, a purse of money, and a case of drawing instruments, was then thrown into the Danube. Nine years afterwards a protractor, having on it the name of the unfortunate colonel, and which was one of the instruments in the case, being found in the possession of the miller, was the cause of detection. On being examined, the man perjured,

and having at length confessed his crime, he was condemned and executed.

Vega is known as a mathematician by several useful works: the first of these is entitled 'Logarithmisch-trigonometrische und andere zum gebrauch der mathematik taugliche formeln,' 8vo., Vienna, 1783. Of the others, the principal are 'Vorlesungen über die Mathematik,' Vienna, 1786. This work contains treatises on arithmetic and algebra, geometry, trigonometry and the infinitesimal calculus, mechanics, hydrostatics and pneumatics; and an edition was published at Vienna in 1819. 'Theaurus Logarithmorum completus ex arithmetica logarithmica et ex trigonometria artificiali Adriaeni Vlacii collectus, etc.,' Latin and German, Leipzig, 1794; 'Manuale logarithmico-trigonometricum, mathematicos studiosorum commo in minorum Vlacii, Wolffii aliarumque hujus generis tabularum logarithmico-trigonometricarum mensura passim quam plurimis scientium, locum substitutum,' Leipzig, 1800. This is a second edition with additions. It is divided into four parts: the first contains an explanation of the properties of logarithms; the second and third contain tables of the logarithms of numbers, sines, tangents, &c.; and the fourth is a treatise of plane and spherical trigonometry. Besides the above works, Vega published an introduction to chronology (Vienna, 1801); and in 1803 there was published at the same place a tract on weights, measures, and coin, which he had written. He was a member of several learned societies; among others, those of Göttingen, Erfurt, and Berlin.

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VEGETABLE BUTTERS. [BUTTERS, VEGETABLE.]

VEGETABLE IVORY. The substance known by this name consists of the seed of a genus of plants belonging to the natural order Pandanaceae of Brown, and referred by Lindley to the order Uclanthaceae. The name of the genus is *Phytolapha*, from *phuton* and *elephas*, the Greek version of its English name. Under this name it was first described by Ruiz and Pavon, in their 'Systema Vegetabilium Florae Peruvianae.' It was also described by Willdenow under the name *Elephantium*, but the former name is now generally used. It is commonly called Tagua plant; and in Peru, Calabra de Negro, Negro's Head.

This genus is characterised by possessing pinnated fronds and an erect stem. The flowers are arranged on a spadix enclosed in a universal spathe, and are of two sorts, the one containing both stamens and pistils, the others only pistils. The spadix is crowded with flowers, the stamens are very various; the style is divided into 5 or 6 deep segments; there is no visible calyx or corolla; the fruit consists of quadrilocular drupes, which are aggregated into a large mucicose coriaceous head. The seeds are about the size of a pigeon's egg, and of an oblong-ovate triangular shape. When young they contain a crysalline liquor without odour or taste, which is regarded as a refreshing drink by travellers. In the process of growth however this once opaline liquid becomes milky and opaque, acquiring some taste and odour, and at last it is converted into a substance in many instances whiter and harder than ivory. If the liquid of the seed is kept long, even when it is clear, it becomes sour, thus indicating that, although clear and tasteless, it contains some carbonaceous principle, as well as water. There are two species of *Phytolapha*, yielding seeds of the same kind: the *P. macrocarpa* has a large stem and large fruit, whilst the *P. microcarpa* has little or no stem and small fruit. These plants, which have an external character something between a palm and a Cycas, occur in South America, in the valleys of the Peruvian Andes, and especially on the borders of the river Magdalena. The natives of these districts have used the seeds from time immemorial, for the purposes of making buttons, heads to walking-sticks, and various trinkets; but it is only within a recent period that they have been used for these purposes in Europe. They are now extensively used, as far as their size will permit them, for the manufacture of almost all the articles for which ivory had been in use before, and as they can be made at a cheaper rate, their sale is at present somewhat extensive. In the use of the nuts for turning, considerable difference is found in their quality; some are comparatively oily and soft, and work up with ease, whilst others are so brittle as to be unmanageable in the lathe. They do not answer so well as ivory for the construction of delicate articles, as they are much more easily fractured; and although

at first these seeds are whiter than ivory, they are not found to retain their colour so well.

It might at first appear difficult to account for the germination of these plants, as the albumen, which is destined to nourish the young plant, is as hard as ivory. But this is provided against by the hard albumen absorbing water, and thus not only becoming soft, and capable of being used by the embryo, but it also loses its whiteness. It regains these properties when dry. The embryo is small compared with the size of the seed, of a sweet taste, and lies enclosed in a little bag at one end of the seed, the presence of which is indicated by a slight swelling on the external part of the seed. When the seeds are brought into this country they are contained in a soft external tegument of a light colour, and about the eighth of an inch in thickness, with a dark mark indicating the point of attachment. This covering is easily removed, and the seed underneath is of a dark brown colour, from a membrane which is closely attached to the albumen. In some cases this is of a reddish colour, especially on the smaller seeds, and these are probably the produce of the smaller species of the plants. When the seed is cut completely through, an irregular cavity is found in the centre. This should be attended to in working it.

The structure of the ivory albumen was examined by the late Mr. Daniel Cooper, who read a paper on this subject at the Linnean Society, in December, 1841. On submitting a piece, that was ground very thin on a lapidary's wheel, to the microscope, it was seen to be composed of a homogeneous substance, which was traversed in a particular direction by canals or tubes which were somewhat irregular in their shape, and occasionally terminated with a fibrillated extremity. These canals gave off with great regularity diminutive lateral prolongations, each of which terminate in a small blind pouch-like enlargement. These lateral canals were bounded by a distinct line, beyond which they never extended. Mr. Cooper believed these canals to be filled with oil, as they had a darker colour than the surrounding matter, and presented a perceptible difference of refractive power. This structure is similar to that which has been observed in the seeds of *Saguo*, *Cocos*, *Attalea*, &c., by Von Martins. The small canals filled with oil are probably the cause of the hardness of these seeds. It is stated by Ruiz and Pavon, that wild animals, especially bears, feed on them; but this is probably when they are young, or after they have lain on the ground for some time, and got soft, as in the state in which they are brought into this country it is difficult to suppose that any animal could either eat them or digest them.

(Ruiz and Pavon, *Syst. Veg. Fl. Per.*; Cooper, Paper 'On Vegetable Ivory,' in *Microscopical Journal*, No. 16.)

VEGETABLE WAX. Various plants yield a substance like wax, which is obtained, like the vegetable butter, by bruising and boiling them in water, when the wax melting floats to the surface and there concretes on cooling. Of these the most remarkable instance is the *Ceroxylon andicola*, the Wax Palm, *Palma de Cera* of the American Spaniards. *Myrica Gale*, *Candleberry Myrtle*, or *Sweet Gale*, a native of this country, yields a substance resembling bees'-wax when its catkins or cones are boiled in water: so *M. cerifera*, a native of North America, yields a similar substance when its berries are thus boiled: candles are made of it also, whence the plant is commonly called Tallow-shrub or Candleberry-tree. *M. quercifolia*, a native of the Cape of Good Hope, is another species which yields a vegetable wax. It grows along the coast, on dry sandy plains exposed to the sea-air, where hardly any other plants will vegetate. The wax invests the berries in the form of a rough crust, which is separated by means of boiling water. It is of a greenish colour, but may be bleached. When made into candles it gives a very fine light. A vegetable wax is also obtained in China from *Ligustrum lucidum*, which is frequently mentioned as the wax-tree in Dr. Abel's and other travels. Many other plants will no doubt be found to yield similar substances when a little of the trouble now paid to the discovering of new or the reanimating of old species is applied to the examining the products of plants.

VEGETABLES. VEGETABLE KINGDOM. Although the more common objects in nature are easily referred to the respective kingdoms to which they belong, as a block of granite to the mineral, an oak to the vegetable, and a man to the animal kingdom; yet each of these kingdoms

has referred to it objects whose characters are of a doubtful nature. It is on this account that naturalists have sought for a definition of these kingdoms that would enable them at once to refer to one or the other the various objects in nature. With this view Linnaeus laid down the following axiom—'Mineralia crescent; vegetabilia crescent et vivunt; animalia crescent, vivunt, et sentient.' But this will not assist the naturalist much. The mineral kingdom is perhaps not often confounded with the other two, although its distinction could not always depend on the definition of Linnaeus. The distinction given between the animal and vegetable kingdoms is the possession of sensation by the former. But how is sensation to be determined? If by motion from external stimuli, then ought the sensitive-plant and *Dionaea* to be called animals, and sponges and jelly-fishes plants; if, on the other hand, the possession of a nervous system is to determine the point, then, as we have failed to demonstrate this in the sponges and polyps, they must still be called plants. Cuvier defined an animal by its possession of a stomach; but this fails of being a distinctive mark in many of the lower classes of what are generally admitted as animals; and the Aristotelian indication, the possession of a mouth, cannot be always applied. There is in fact still a great difficulty in determining the limits of the vegetable and animal kingdoms; and botanists and zoologists are constantly putting in their claims for the right of exclusive study of certain beings which exist at the point where the animal and vegetable kingdoms meet. That there is such a point may be easily made apparent by tracing the groups of plants from the exogens through the endogens down to the lower forms of fungi and algae, and animals from the Mammalia, through birds, reptiles, fishes, mollusks, and polyps, down to the infusoria and sponges. The three kingdoms of nature may be each represented as starting from a common point, and the farther any group of objects is from this point the more they are unlike the others. This may be seen in the following scheme:—

ORGANIC MATTER.

Vegetable Kingdom.	Animal Kingdom.
Exogena.	Vertebrot.
Gymnospermæ.	Mollusca.
Endogena.	Articulata.
Rhizanthæ.	Radiata.
Acrogæna.	Acritæ.
Indeterminate existences.	
Organic Elements.	
Gases.	
Water.	
Metallic Oxides.	
Metals.	
Mineral Kingdom.	
INORGANIC MATTER.	

The following is the definition of a plant by an eminent botanist, and is perhaps as good as can be given in the present state of our knowledge:—'A plant is a living body deprived of sensation or power of moving from place to place, and fed by means of external roots.'

In the classification of the vegetable kingdom there have been two modes generally adopted. The one has been to take one or two characters of plants, and according as they differ in this point, to arrange all the vegetable kingdom. This mode of arrangement is called artificial, and is the one which was adopted in the celebrated sexual system of Linnaeus, in which the number, position, structure, &c. of the stamens were made the basis of the principal divisions. The other mode has been to take into consideration all the points of resemblance between the structure and functions of the species, and then to group them according to their degrees of relationship, and the systems resulting from this are called natural. The former can only be made use of as matters of convenience, and must in nowise be looked upon as the end of science, whilst the latter are the only means by which science can be advanced, and the inquiries of naturalists must ever be directed towards the perfecting such systems. Under the articles EXOGENA and ENDOGENA will be found an analysis of the orders belonging to those classes of plants, and we shall here give an analysis of the ACROGENA, as given by Lindley, in his 'Key to Systematic Botany.'

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Alliance 1. Filicales. Stem fistular, vascular. Reproductive organs borne upon the leaves.

Ring of the thecae vertical . . . *Polypodiaceae*.
 † *Cyathea*, End.

Ring of the thecae transverse . . . *Gleicheniaceae*.
 † *Parkeria*.
 † *Hymenophyllaceae*.

Ring wanting; thecm 1-celled, ribbed *Osmundaceae*.
Ring wanting; thecm as if many-celled *Danaceae*.
Ring wanting; thecm 1-celled, veinless *Ophioglossaceae*.

Alliance 2. Lycopodales. Stem solid, vascular. Reproductive organs growing on the stem.

These naked	<i>Lycopodiaceae.</i>
These enclosed in involucre of the same form	<i>Marsileaceae.</i>
These enclosed in involucre of two different forms	<i>Sagittariaceae.</i>

Alliance 3. Muscles. Without a vascular system. Germinating processes uniting into a heterogeneous body. Sporules in distinct them.

These valves, with an operculum	<i>Muscaceæ.</i>
These opening into valves, with an operculum	<i>Androsaceæ.</i>
These opening into valves, without an operculum	<i>Juncgermanniaceæ.</i>

These valveless, without an operculum *Hepataceæ*.

Alliance 4. Charales. Without a vascular system. Germinating processes uniting into a heterogeneous body. Reproductive organs axillary globules.

Character.

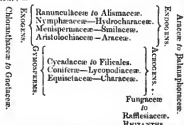
Alliance 5. Fungales. Without a vascular system. Germinating processes either wholly distinct or confluent in a homogeneous body.

Born from a matrix, which veils them
when young *Eunaxcom*

Born without a matrix. Living in air. Cellular, rarely filamentous, with a reproductive nucleus bursting through their surface. *Lichnaceae*.

Born without a matrix. Living in water. Filamentous; the filaments either solitary or several glued together, having sporidia and viviparous *Algaeae.*

The affinities of the three great classes, Exogens, Endogens, and Aerenogens, with the two smaller ones, Gymnosperms and Rhizanthia, may be expressed, says Professor Lindbergh, by a circle, in the middle of whose circumference are Exogens and Endogens, side by side; the common point of all the classes is formed by Aerenogens, which are connected on the one hand with Exogens by Gymnosperms, and on the other hand with Endogens by Rhizanthia. The following scheme will make this idea evident:—



The vegetable kingdom performs important offices in the economy of creation. It stands between the mineral and animal kingdoms, disposing and arranging the elements of the first, in order to fit them for the purposes of the last. Each of the three kingdoms of nature is composed of matter as its basis; but the animal kingdom directly appropriates no portion of the elements of the inorganic world to its uses, but derives them all from the vegetable kingdom. The late researches of chemists, more

especially those of Liebig, show that the proximate principles of animal bodies are identical with those of vegetables, and that consequently, as these principles do not exist in the inorganic kingdom, they must have been formed in plants. Thus we must regard the vegetable kingdom as our vast chemical laboratory, in which the food of animals is being prepared. Without vegetable food animals would perish, and although some animals live on the flesh of others, yet that flesh is always originally derived from the vegetable kingdom. The proximate principles of plants are not numerous, and are composed of hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen, and carbon; those containing nitrogen are directly appropriated by animals to the formation of their tissues, whilst those containing no nitrogen are either consumed in generating animal heat, or deposited in the form of fat. When animal bodies cease to exist, their tissues become resolved into their primitive elements, a process which is constantly going on in animal bodies during life. These elements, in the state of various compounds, are carried off into the atmosphere, when gaseous; or assist in forming the soil on the surface of the earth, when solid. The principal compounds which are thus generated are carbonic acid and ammonia; and if accumulation of these gases took place to any extent in the atmosphere, the consequences would be a cessation of vitality, in both the animal and vegetable kingdoms; but they again plants perform an important office, for these very compounds, combined with water are the principal sources of the elements which plants elaborate into so many secretions necessary to the existence of animals. There is thus a relation established between the animal and vegetable kingdoms, of which man has extensively availed himself in the application of manures to the artificial production of food. In this relation too are involved the laws of the production of plants for food in communities with circumscribed districts, to the investigation of which comparatively little attention has been given.

In addition to supplying food and purifying the atmosphere for animals, the vegetable kingdom is made use of extensively by man. The larger forms of plants are used for the building of houses and ships, the construction of furniture, and a thousand implements necessary in the arts of life. The various secretions of plants, their oils, resins, acids, neutral and alkaline principles, all exert a powerful agency on the human system, and are employed for the purpose of controlling, changing, and interrupting the diseased actions to which man is subject. Another large class of plants furnishes him with luxuries, as tobacco, tea, coffee, spices, perfumes, and fruits of various kinds; and to these must be added fermented liquors, which are all produced from the fermentation of the saccharine juices of plants. A great part of the clothing of man is the produce of the vegetable kingdom: cotton, flax, and hemp are of vegetable origin, and when the fabrics which are made from them are worn, they are mostly coloured with the secretions of the turmeric, indigo, orchil, catechu, and others.

Climate is also modified by the vegetable kingdom. The presence of thick forests intercepts the rays of the sun, and the earth has a lower temperature in consequence. On the other hand the heat of the surface of the earth is changed by the difference of radiating power between plants and the soil on which they grow. The constant absorption and exhalation also of a large body of plants will affect the humidity of the atmosphere according to the circumstances in which they may be placed. Another consequence of the existence of plants is the production of malaria during their decay. There is perhaps no fact better proved than that decaying vegetable matter is the source of the most dreadful pestilences that affect human beings. The direct agency by which this is effected is unknown; it is called malaria, and is alike produced by decaying plants in the swamps of Africa, the jungles of India, the savannas of America, and the ditches of Europe. In the latter, where vegetables are produced in great quantities, the soil when the vegetables are produced is free from its influence, and disease is less common; perhaps the only places susceptible of being made a refuge from its scourge, needless accumulations of decomposing vegetable matter are allowed to become the source of disease and death.

For an account of the functions of the vegetable kingdoms, see **TISSUES, VEGETABLE**; **SAP**; **SEED**; **ROOT**; **SECRECTIONS, VEGETABLE**; for the structure and classifica-

tion of vascular plants, see ENDOGENS; EXOGENS: for the characters, uses, and medicinal properties of plants, see the names of natural orders and genera: for the geographical distribution of plants, see VEGETATION.

VEGETATION, the collective phenomenon presented by plants in their distribution over the surface of the earth. It is not till within a comparatively recent period that any attempt has been made to ascertain in what manner the varied forms of plants are distributed over the surface of the earth, or what causes determine the existence of one plant in a particular locality or country, to the exclusion of others. The labours of Humboldt, Von Martius, and Schouw have done much towards elucidating the former point, and the progress of vegetable anatomy and physiology is constantly revealing the causes of the latter circumstance. It has indeed been known for a long period that the ordinary productions of one country were not to be obtained from another, and that the vegetation of cold and hot countries differed; but this knowledge, up to the time of Linnæus, was of the most general and unsatisfactory character. In this article we shall endeavour to point out some of the causes that influence the distribution of plants, and give a sketch of their distribution, according to the regions proposed by Professor Schouw.

Of the agents that determine the distribution and character of plants none have more influence than light. Wherever plants have a large supply of light, there will the vegetation be prolific, and all the secretions of plants will abound. It is by this agent that the functions of absorption, exhalation, and the decomposition of carbonic acid and other compounds are effected by plants. It is, in fact, a powerful stimulant of vegetation, and it acts as all stimulants do on organic bodies. If a plant is withdrawn from its influence, it becomes weak, its tissues soften and are filled with water, and few or no secretions are deposited; on the contrary, if plants are supplied with continued light, they become overstimulated, they decompose carbonic acid rapidly, and become stunted in their growth on account of the rapid development of solid secretions. The influence of this agent is seen remarkably in the vegetation of the surface of the earth. In the tropics the direct rays of the sun are felt by plants, and under their influence a prolific and gigantic vegetation is developed, but this arises from the alternate withdrawal and presence of this agent during every twenty-four hours, and as this is constantly the case, vegetation remains the same throughout the year. On the other hand, at the poles, only the oblique rays of light are felt, and consequently its influence is comparatively feeble. For a great proportion of the year there is no light, and then there is no vegetation; but when it is called into existence, by the influence of light and heat, the light, being never withdrawn, stimulates to excess the plants, and a small hard, scrubby, and stunted vegetation is the result. The gradations of vegetation may be seen, under the influence of this agent, in passing from the tropics to the poles. From the magnificent baobabs, banyans, and palms of the tropics, we pass through the regions of oaks, elms, and firs, of temperate climates, till in polar regions the only representatives of trees are a few brambles, and the majority of plants are mosses and lichens.

Another agent is heat. By some this has been supposed to have more influence than light on the distribution of plants, but it is difficult in nature to separate its influence from that of light, since it is derived from the same source at the same time. However experiments on a large scale are constantly going on in European hothouses, in which it is proved, that although tropical plants be supplied with their natural temperature, nothing will make up for the want of light, and many of them seldom produce their flowers and less seldom their fruit, and after a languishing existence soon die. The influence of heat on vegetation is seen in those climates where there is a great difference of temperature between summer and winter. The plants of such districts that live throughout the winter are so constructed that they are enabled to bear the cold of winter. They have frequently thick barks, in which are deposited resinous secretions, and are thus enabled to withstand the decrease of temperature. It is also found, for this reason, that those plants which thrive in hot summers are best adapted to withstand the cold of winter, on account of the greater amount of solid secretions deposited in their bark, and many plants which flourish in districts where there are hot summers and severe winters will perish in climates

where the extremes of heat and cold are not so great. Thus many plants will grow around Paris, where the extremes of heat and cold are great, which will not grow around London, where these extremes are less; and the same holds good with regard to London and Edinburgh, and the Floras of the south of England and the north of Scotland afford abundant evidence of the truth of this position. It is only by supposing that some change has taken place in the extremes of heat and cold in Scotland, that we can explain the fact of the disappearance of those forests that once covered with a dense vegetation its now barren hills.

Water, as an agent affecting vegetation, must be regarded in two points of view: first, as existing in the atmosphere as vapour, modifying temperature and controlling the function of exhalation and absorption in plants; and, secondly, as existing on the surface of the earth in the form of oceans, rivers, lakes, swamps, &c. The composition of the waters of these last also, or rather the substances which may be dissolved or suspended in the water, produce considerable effect upon vegetation. Many Orchidaceæ are only found in the humid forests of the tropics. The vegetation of seas and lakes varies with the circumstances of the ingredients they contain in solution, and with the comparatively restless or quiet condition of their waters. Swamps produced by overflowings of the sea produce different plants from those produced by accumulations of fresh waters from mountain sides.

The characters of the soil influence the vegetation of particular districts. The previous agents exert an influence on vegetation which is most evident in the characters of the great mass of plants of a district; but the soil produces effects on almost every individual plant. The influence of soil arises from its mechanical character and chemical composition. The mechanical character of most importance is its amount of disintegration. Some plants, as lichens, grow on the surface of rocks and large stones, and are not found in districts where these are not present. Some require a loose soil for the free passage of their roots, and are only found growing in sands. Others again will only exist in tenacious soils, and are found growing in clays. The mechanical character of soils also greatly influences their relation to the absorption and radiation of heat, and thus affects the temperature of the soil. This is a subject that has not received much attention, and might be made productive of important practical results; there can be no doubt of its influence on the distribution of herbs with a delicate structure. The chemical composition of the soil has perhaps more influence than its mechanical character. The researches of the chemist have shown us that whatever may be the variety of secretions in plants, they are composed of only a few elements, and that these elements are chiefly supplied by the soil. Hence it is necessary for plants that water, carbonic acid, and ammonia be found in every soil, and vegetation will flourish according to the amount of these ingredients that is supplied to it. But not only do plants require these compounds which exert a general influence, but large groups of plants require particular ingredients. Thus endogenous plants contain silica in their structure, and the presence of this ingredient in a soil will determine their growth. Other plants require chloride of sodium, and will only grow, if land-plants, on the sea-shore, or if water-plants, in the ocean. Plants frequently perish when they have exhausted a soil of an ingredient necessary to their existence, and will be frequently succeeded by other plants which would not have grown where the ingredient necessary to the existence of the other plant was present. This is taken advantage of by the farmer in the rotation of crops. Some coniferæ will only grow in thermal springs, whilst others only vegetate under the influence of sulphuretted hydrogen.

The last influence to which we shall refer is the atmosphere. Chemically it remains in its great constituents, oxygen and nitrogen, constantly the same. But the quantity of the vapour of water which it contains, and whatever salts that vapour may be capable of containing, cause it to vary much. The influence of these agents in the air however is not different from the same in the soil. The agitation of the air by constant winds has often an important influence on vegetation, and the barren hills and coasts of many countries are owing to the impossibility of plants withstanding the influence of strong winds. The density of the atmosphere is a point of importance, and seems to disturb

the relation between elevation and latitude. This subject has been examined by De Candolle, who comes to the following conclusions:—

1. The natural situation of each plant at a determined elevation above the level of the sea is so much greater in proportion as the country is nearer the equator, and less in more temperate regions; that is to say, the further we recede from the equator, the greater influence has the exposure upon the temperature.

2. In temperate climates, as France, for instance, those plants which are but little affected by temperature, and which grow in all its latitudes, are also found at all those elevations where the earth is not covered with eternal snows; from the level of the sea to the summits of the mountains.

3. If plants which, according to their nature, avoid either too high or too low a degree of temperature, yet grow at different latitudes, we may observe, that it is at heights where the effect of elevation may compensate that of latitude: thus the native plants of the northern plains will be seen to grow upon the mountains of the south.

4. Plants which are cultivated upon a large scale are guided by laws which entirely correspond with the preceding: those which are cultivated in various latitudes will grow indifferently at various heights; those which are only found at certain latitudes will extend no farther than to proportional elevations.

5. The elevation above the level of the sea, when we compare the temperature of the seasons, establishes effects very analogous to those which result from the distance from the equator; so that there is the more analogy between the results on vegetation in the two cases. In proportion as we rise in a direct line, it follows, from the lessened density of the air, that the intensity of the solar light continues to increase: this effect is represented in the line of distances from the equator, because the perpetuity of light during the continuance of vegetation is so much the greater in proportion as the latitude is more elevated.

6. In proportion to the greater height upon the mountains, so will the hygrometer be seen to indicate a less degree of humidity; the same general effects take place as we recede from the equator to the poles. (Hooker, in Murray's *Dictionary of Geography*.)

Several methods have been proposed by De Candolle and other botanists for giving an idea of the distribution of vegetation over the surface of the globe. In the following remarks we have followed that of Professor Schouw, in his 'Notes for a Course of Lectures on the Distribution of Plants.' This method has been adopted by Sir Wm. Hooker and Dr. Lindley in their works, and though not free from imperfections, is probably the best that has been devised.

1. Region of Saxifragaceæ and Mosses, or the Alpine Arctic Flora: temperature 175° to 41° Fahr. This corresponds with the hyperborean region of De Candolle and other writers, and comprehends all countries within the polar circle, namely, Lapland, the north of Russia and Siberia, Kamtschatka, Labrador, Greenland, and Iceland, and also part of the Scottish and Scandinavian mountains, as well as the mountains of the southern and central parts of Europe, which have sufficient elevation to possess an alpine vegetation. This region is characterised by the abundance of mosses and lichens, and of the families Saxifragaceæ, Gentianaceæ, Alismaceæ, Salicaceæ, and Cyperaceæ. There is an entire absence of tropical families, and only a few plants of the temperate zone. The beech and fir occur in forests, or there is a desolation of trees. Animals are also scarce, and the blossoms of the flower are larger in proportion to the root of the plant, and of a pure colour.

2. Region of the Umbelliferæ and Cruciferæ: temperature 27° to $56^{\circ} 75^{\circ}$ Fahr. This comprehends the whole of Europe, except those districts which belong to the preceding region, from the Pyrenees, the mountains of the south of France, of Switzerland, and the north of Greece, to the greater part of Siberia, and the country about Mount Caucasus. This region is particularly distinguished from that of the same parallel in North America by the presence of cruciferous and umbelliferous plants. It is not easily distinguished from the next region, but the fungi abound more, and it approaches the last region in the abundance of Cyperaceæ. Nearly all its trees are deciduous, and its meadows are exceedingly flourishing. There is a division of the Compositæ; the plants belonging to

the Cichoraceæ division of that order being found in the northern districts, whilst those belonging to the Cynarocephalæ are found in the south of it. The predominating trees are the Scotch fir, the alder, the beech, the birch, the poplar, the elm, and lime. The shrubs are the hawthorn, the sloe, &c. The principal cultivated plants are the wheat, barley, oats, maize, potatoes, &c.; apple, pear, gooseberry, currant, vine, strawberry, cucumber, melon, the cabbage, turnip, peas, beans, and other forms of Leguminosæ; carrots, hops, hemp, flax, &c.

3. The region of Labiatæ and Caryophyllæ, or the Mediterranean kingdom: temperature 54° to 72° . This includes the region of the Mediterranean Sea, limited on the north by the Pyrenees, the Alps, the Balkan, and Caucasus; on the south by the Atlas and the deserts of North Africa; on the east by Taurus. It contains more or less of the orders belonging to the last region; but Labiatæ, Caryophyllaceæ, Boraginaceæ, Cistaceæ, and Liliaceæ abound. A few tropical plants now and then appear amongst them, belonging to the orders Palmaceæ, Terebinthaceæ, and Lauraceæ. Solanaceæ and Leguminosæ are more abundant than in the last, evergreen incense, and the vegetation never entirely ceases; but verdant meadows are more rare than in the last. Madeira, Azores, and the Canary Islands belong to this region, and their Flora approaches to that of tropical Africa. The cultivated plants are similar to the last, to which are added the olive, orange, lemon, mallberry, fig, rice, &c.

4. Region of Asteraceæ and Solidaginæ, or North American kingdom: temperature 9° to 50° . It embraces North America from the southern limits of the first kingdom to 30° N. lat. There are a greater number of Conifere than in the second kingdom, and there are but few Umbelliferæ, Cruciferæ, Cichoraceæ, and Cynarocephalæ. There is but little cultivation: where there is any it resembles that of the second kingdom. Whortleberries, oaks, fir, Michaelmas daisies, and golden rods are its great characteristics.

5. Region of Magnoliaceæ, or Southern North-American kingdom, between 30° and 30° N. lat.: temperature 50° to 72° . There is here an approximation to tropical vegetation, as seen in the frequent appearance of the genera Canna, Cannaecrops, Yucca, Zinnia, Laurus, Bignonia, Passiflora, Cassia, Sapindus, &c. There are comparatively few plants that are characteristic of the two preceding kingdoms. The magnolias predominate, and are accompanied with other genera bearing broad shining leaves and large flowers. The cultivated plants are those of the third region, with the exception of the olive: rice is more abundant, and in the southern districts the sugar-cane is grown.

6. Region of Camelliæ, and Cestodiaceæ or China-Japanese kingdom. It embraces Japan and Northern China from 30° to 40° N. lat.: temperature 54° to 68° . Too little is known of this region to enable us to state positively what are its characteristics. Its vegetation is more tropical than European. With rasins, ginger, bananas, and custard-apples, are found buckthorn and honeysuckles, thus giving this region a mixed character. Its cultivated plants, in addition to those of previous regions, are the cyrus for sago, the tea-plant, the caladium, &c.

7. The region of Zingiberaceæ, or Indian kingdom: temp. $65^{\circ} 75^{\circ}$ to 81° . This includes the Indian peninsula east and west of the Ganges, together with the islands between India and New Holland. Tropical orders are numerous in this region, as Palmaceæ, Araceæ, Euphorbiaceæ, Bignoniaceæ, Butteraceæ, &c. Very few plants belonging to Cyperaceæ, Conifere, Labiatæ, Rosaceæ, Ranunculaceæ, or Cruciferæ are seen. The trees never lose their leaves, and produce large magnificent flowers, and are covered frequently with climbing and parasitical plants. Ginger, acorn, endamion, arrow-root, catechu, cassia, cinnamon, cardamom, tamarind, sago, rice, cocoa-nut, coffee, cubels, cloves, pepper, oranges, and gamboge are the cultivated and natural productions of this prolific region.

8. Region of the Himalaya: temp. 36° to $45^{\circ} 75^{\circ}$. It includes the highlands of India, or the mountain terraces lying on the south of the Himalayan range, Kameon, Nepal, Bhotan, having an elevation of from 4000 to 10,000 feet. The tropical forms of the last kingdom decrease markedly here, such as Scitamineæ, Palmæ, Cyndeneæ, &c. European forms are not unfrequent, as Cyperaceæ, Asten

taceæ, Conifere, Primulaceæ, Rosaceæ, Crucifere, &c. The Ferns and Orchidaceæ are abundant. The cultivated plants are the corn and fruit of Europe, varying with more tropical productions according to elevation.

9. The region of Polynesia includes the islands between Hindustan and New Holland, and has a temperature from $65^{\circ}75'$ to $83^{\circ}75'$. This region is similar to the Indian kingdom, and is sometimes included in it. The cultivated plants, in addition to those of the Indian kingdom, are the bread-fruit tree, the nutmeg, the camphor-tree, and the cotton-tree.

10. The region of Java is little known, and has a vegetation probably similar to the Himalayan region.

11. The Oceanic region, or South Sea Island kingdom, includes all the islands of the South Sea within the tropics, and has a temperature of $72^{\circ}5'$ to $81^{\circ}5'$. The flora of these islands is poor, and approximates more closely to that of Asia than to that of Africa, and has some relation to that of New Holland. The bread-fruit is the most characteristic production of these islands, but is not confined to them.

12. The region of Balsamodendra, or the Arabian kingdom, includes the south-westerly mountainous part of the Arabian peninsula. The temperature cannot be stated, but the character of its vegetation is generally tropical, assuming the forms of that of India. The cultivated plants are also principally those of India.

13. The Desert region includes North Africa south of the Atlas, and the Mediterranean Sea between 15° and 30° N. lat., and the northern part of Arabia. The mean temperature is $72^{\circ}5'$ to 86° . It has necessarily a very poor flora, having but few even characteristic genera. It is only cultivated in the oases, where the *Phoenix dactylifera*, the *Sorghum vulgare*, with wheat and barley, and some of the fruits of Europe and India, constitute the prominent plants.

14. The region of tropical Africa includes Africa from 15° N. lat. to the tropic of Capricorn. Temperature $72^{\circ}5'$ to 86° . This flora is neither rich nor rare; it abounds in Leguminosæ, Rubiaceæ, and Cyperaceæ. The *Adansonia* is a characteristic genus.

15. Region of Cæti and Piperaceæ includes Mexico and South America, to the Amazon river, and to a height of 5000 feet above the level of the sea. Temperature 68° to $83^{\circ}75'$. The orders which characterize this region are Bromeliaceæ, Piperaceæ, Passifloraceæ, and Cactaceæ. The orders which are mostly tropical are here less numerous, whilst extra-tropical orders are more abundant. The most abundant genera are *Phytolapha*, *Kunthia*, *Thouinia*, *Theobroma*, *Guazuma*, &c. The cultivated plants of this district are the maize, *Sorghum vulgare*, *Dioscorea alata*, *Convolvulus Batatas*; also the plantain, cocoon-nut, pine-apple, tamarind, cacao, vanilla, coffee, sugar, tobacco, cotton, &c.

16. Region of the Mexican Highlands includes the mountains of Mexico above 5000 feet elevation. Temperature from $65^{\circ}75'$ to $79^{\circ}25'$. In this district the more tropical forms of vegetation, as the tree-ferns, the palms, passion-flowers, Euphorbiæ, and pepper decrease, or altogether disappear. The extra-tropical forms are more numerous, as the willow, oak, fir, yew, sage, horehound, whortleberry, heath, and various forms of Umbellifere, Rosaceæ, Caryophyllaceæ, Crucifere, and Ranunculaceæ. The cultivated plants are the maize, the European Cerealia, and fruits. In the highest mountain-ranges the vegetation has an alpine aspect.

17. Region of Cinchonaceæ. This embraces the Andes from 5000 to 10000 feet in elevation, and between 27° S. lat. and 5° N. lat., having a temperature from 59° to 68° . The extra-tropical forms become very frequent in this region, and only a few tropical forms remain. Some of the most common genera are the *Cinchona*, *Guy-Lissieia*, *Louisa*, *Lilac*, *Cervantesia*, &c. The cultivated plants are very seldom tropical. Maize and coffee are sometimes grown, with European Cerealia, and fruits, potatoes, and *Chenopodium Quinoa*.

18. Region of Escallonia and Calceularia includes the Andes at more than 9000 feet above the level of the sea between 20° S. lat. and 5° N. lat. Temperature $34^{\circ}25'$ to 50° . Tropical plants almost entirely disappear in this region, only now and then a straggler appearing; whilst the forms which distinguish the colder and polar regions become frequent, such as the lichens, mosses, sorrels,

plantagos, gentians, currant, brambles, &c. The most prevalent orders are the grasses, heaths, and Synanthereæ. There are no large trees, and a great many shrubs.

19. The West Indian region, including the West India Islands, with a temperature of 59° to $79^{\circ}5'$. The vegetation of these islands bears the same relation to the continent which that of the Polynesian islands does to China. It is chiefly distinguished by the greater quantity of ferns and Orchidaceæ. The cultivated plants are the same as those of Mexico.

20. Region of Palms and Melastomaceæ, or Brazilian kingdom, including Brazil, or South America, on the east of the Andes, between the equator, and the tropic of Capricorn: temperature 59° to $83^{\circ}7'$. This region is remarkable for the number of its genera and species, the size of individual trees, the dense forests, and the numerous climbing and parasitical plants. Vegetation seems here to attain its greatest activity and energy. The orders which abound most are Palmaceæ, Hamamelidaceæ, Gesneriaceæ, Melastomaceæ, Sapindaceæ, and, altogether confined to this region, Vochysiaceæ. The cultivation is very similar to that of Mexico.

21. Region of Woody Compositæ. In South America, on the east of the Andes from the tropic of Capricorn to 40° S. lat.: temperature 59° to $74^{\circ}75'$. There are but few tropical plants in this region, and extra-tropical plants, especially European forms, are abundant, more than half being common to this region and Europe. The Woody Compositæ abound. This region consists chiefly of plains (pampas), which for hundreds of miles present almost the same vegetation, consisting chiefly of thistles and grasses. Wheat, the vine, and the peach are cultivated.

22. The Antarctic region includes the south-westerly part of Patagonia, Tierra del Fuego, between 50° and 55° S. lat.: temperature 41° to $47^{\circ}5'$. In this region there are no tropical plants, and its vegetation resembles in a great measure the North-European flora (region 2). In some of the genera there is an approach to the South African and New Holland flora.

23. Region of Stapelia and Mesembryanthemums. This embraces South Africa from the tropic to 35° S. lat.: temperature $54^{\circ}5'$ to $72^{\circ}5'$. The vegetation of this region is not luxuriant, but it is very rich in forms. There are no dense forests nor climbers, but many succulent plants. The orders Rosaceæ, Iridaceæ, Proteaceæ, Ericaceæ, Ficoidaceæ, Brunneæ, Diosmaceæ, Geraniaceæ, Oxalidaceæ, and Polygalaceæ, embrace its characteristic vegetation. On the sandy coasts the genera *Stapelia*, *Mesembryanthemum*, and *Diosma* are found, and on the mountains *Protea*, *Erica*, and *Crassula*. The cultivated plants are those of Europe, with the *Musa Paradisiaca*, *Convolvulus Batatas*, the tamarind, and *Sorghum Caffrorum*.

24. Region of Eucalypti and Eperideæ. It includes extra-tropical New Holland and Van Diemen's Land: temperature $52^{\circ}25'$ to $72^{\circ}5'$. Vegetation is not abundant in this region; but this deficiency is compensated by the variety and peculiarity of its forms. The most abundant of the trees are the *Eucalypti*, which form three-fourths of all the woods. Next come the genera of *Protea*, *Banksia*, *Hebe*, *Dryandra*, *Grevillea*, &c.; and next to these follow *Eperideæ*, *Diosmaceæ*, and *Casuarinæ*. Its cultivated plants are all European.

25. The region of New Zealand includes the two New Zealand isles: temperate. One-half of the species are European. The vegetation is not characterised by the prevalence of large groups. Some of the genera approximate the South African flora, and some the New Holland.

The following works should be consulted on the geography of plants:—Linnæus, 'Stationes Plantarum'; Humboldt and Bonpland, 'Essai sur la Géographie des Plantes'; Humboldt, 'De Distributione Geographicæ Plantarum'; Brown, 'General Remarks on the Botany of Terra Australis'; Schouw, 'Gründzüge einer Allgemeinen Pflanzen-geographie'; Meyen, 'Grundriss der Pflanzen-geographie'; Bischhoff, 'Lehrbuch der Botanik'; Hooker, in Murray's 'Dictionary of Geography'; De Candolle, art. 'Géographie des Plantes'; 'Dict. des Sciences Naturelles'; Lindley, 'Int. Bot.', 2nd. ed.

VEGETIUS, FLAVIUS RENATUS, a Latin writer on the military art, concerning whom nothing is known beyond what can be gathered from his work itself. In the MSS. the titles 'Vir Illustris' or 'Vir Illustris Comes,' are added to his name. He must have lived and written

about the year A.D. 385, in the reign of the emperor Valentinian II., to whom the work is dedicated: it consists of five books, and bears the title, 'Epitome Institutum Rei Militaris.' There are several expressions in the work which leave no doubt that the author was a Christian. It is written in a plain and easy style, and considering the late period to which it belongs, the language is purer than might be expected. Vegetius himself appears to have had a practical knowledge of the subject on which he wrote; but he derived most of his materials from earlier writers, among whom he mentions Cato Censorius, Cornelius Celsus, Frontinus, Paternus, and the constitutions of Augustus, Trajan, and Hadrian, concerning military affairs. Considering the loss of earlier and better works on the military regulations of the Romans, the work of Vegetius is a valuable relic of antiquity; but it is to be regretted that the author did not use sufficient discretion in keeping the different periods apart: for he sometimes mixes indiscriminately institutions and regulations of the early times with those existing in his own days. The first book treats of the formation and training of soldiers; the second, of the divisions and subdivisions of an army, and the arrangements of a camp; the third, of military discipline, the care to be taken of the welfare of the soldiers, and of the drawing up of an army in battle array; the fourth, of sieges, military engines, and of the mode of attacking and defending fortified places; and the fifth, on maritime warfare. The first edition appeared without place or date, about the year 1472. There is a good edition by P. Scriverius, with commentaries by G. Stewechius and F. Modius, Antwerp, 1607, 4to. It contains also some other ancient works on military affairs. The best edition is that of N. Schwabel (Bipont, 1803, 8vo.), with notes by the editor, and some of those of his predecessors.

VEINS. [CIRCULATION: HEART.]

VEINS, DISEASES OF. The physiology of the veins may be found in the article CIRCULATION: in the present article their principal diseases will be described. Of these the most frequent is that in which they become what is called varicose, that is, dilated, and unnaturally tortuous, a disease which occurs especially in the subcutaneous veins of the lower extremity. It is the result of the coats of the veins losing their elasticity, and thereby their power of resisting the pressure of the column of blood above them. The loss of elasticity is commonly due to disease of their coats, and is frequently accompanied by an increase of their thickness, and by destruction or impairment of their valves. The dilated veins appear like large tortuous blue canals beneath the skin, or in extreme cases, where many are coiled together, they form projecting tumours. They produce inconvenience, both by the pain which results from their distension, and occasionally by the skin over them ulcerating, and allowing them to burst and bleed profusely; but their more common effect is, that in parts of the skin below them, either spontaneously or after slight injuries, ulcers form, which, in consequence of the circulation being impeded through the dilated veins, are very tedious in healing.

For this varicose state of the large veins numerous remedies have been proposed; but the best are only palliative. A temporary remedy is afforded by the recumbent posture, in which the walls of the veins are relieved from the weight of the column of blood: constant advantage is afforded by the wearing of a well-applied bandage, or of an elastic stocking, by which a sufficient pressure is applied to prevent the further distension of the veins. The obliteration of the venous trunks may be effected by cutting or tying them in various ways, or by applying some caustic, so as to make the tissues over them slough; but these proceedings are not without danger, and at present it is very doubtful whether they are often productive of permanent advantage. Patients had better, in general, be content with the palliative remedy of the bandage or elastic stocking.

A form of varicose disease of the veins, which often accompanies that of the venous trunks, but sometimes exists alone, and with which ulcers of peculiar obstinacy occur, affects the small vessels about the ankle and lower part of the leg. The skin in this disease is almost uniformly red, through the number of small veins that are distended; the neighbourhood of the ulcer, when one exists, is livid, tense, and shining; and the ulcer itself is indolent, and very painful, and discharges a thin sanies. This state can

be treated only by the same remedies as the preceding, but, though commonly overlooked, it is by far the more mischievous disease of the two.

Varicose affection of the veins of the spermatic cord constitutes the disease named varicocele; and that of the veins of the rectum, or skin around it, forms hemorrhoids, or piles. In these, and in all the other cases, the blood is apt to stagnate in the dilated veins, and to coagulate within them. The clots thus formed may assume a definite form, becoming elliptical, or more often elliptical with pointed extremities, and the fibrine in them arranges itself in concentric layers: after this they harden, and one of their extremities becoming connected with the walls of the vessel, small blood-vessels may form in them, and communicate with those of the surrounding parts. Lastly, the colouring-matter of the blood is removed, and earthy matter is deposited in the clots, arranged in concentric layers, and giving them considerable hardness: thus *phlebo-liths*, or vein-stones are formed. They are usually spherical, measuring from one to four lines in diameter, lying loose within the veins, and producing no apparent inconvenience, except by obstructing the passage of blood. They are especially common in the dilated veins in the pelvis of old persons, and in veins of the legs which have been long varicose: they neither need nor admit of surgical treatment.

That which is particularly termed a *Furix* is either a mass of dilated and tortuous veins, or a single secular and circumscribed dilatation of a vein, analogous to the circumscribed aneurism of an artery. This circumscribed dilatation is a very rare disease, but in its consequences does not differ from ordinary dilatation. An aneurismal furix is produced when, a communication being made, either by a wound or by ulceration, between an artery and a vein, the latter is dilated by the force of the arterial blood into a circumscribed sac. [ANEURISM.]

The most serious disease to which the veins are subject is acute inflammation, or phlebitis. It sometimes occurs after the slight wound made in ordinary bleeding; it is more common after operations upon varicose veins; and yet more frequently occurs after amputations of the limbs. Slight cases of phlebitis not unfrequently come on, as if spontaneously, or after exposure to cold, in varicose veins. The dilated veins become hard, like knotted cords beneath the skin, and very painful; the skin around them inflames, and the parts below become oedematous; and sometimes a slight erysipelas spreads over the limb. Such affections are usually of little moment; leeches, rest, and external cold are sufficient to subdue the inflammation, and it often has the favourable result of obliterating the veins, and thus curing the disease by which they were previously affected.

The more severe phlebitis is a most dangerous disease. Lymph is effused into the cavity of the vein, and into the tissue of its walls, rendering them thick and hard; the vein and the tissues immediately around it become exquisitely tender, and the parts whose blood should be returned through the diseased vein are usually oedematous. In a further stage pus is effused into the cavity of the vein, and, mixing with the blood, it may pass into the general current of the circulation, though more commonly the vein is obliterated above the chiefly inflamed part by lymph deposited on its walls, and thus the passage of pus into the circulation is prevented. With the loss of inflammation of phlebitis a state of low typhoid fever, with muttering delirium and great exhaustion, is usually combined; and under these the patient dies.

In connection with suppurative phlebitis a condition often occurs to which the name of *purulent dithesis* has been given. Its chief characteristic is that collections of matter form coincidently in many different parts of the body, most frequently in the joints, lungs, and liver, accompanied by a kind of fever similar to that which attends phlebitis. It has been thought that this state depends on pus formed in an inflamed vein being carried into the circulation, and deposited again in some remote part; or that there is a kind of metastasis of supuration from the vein to the parts secondarily affected. But cases occasionally happen in which all the signs of the purulent dithesis are well marked, although no vein is diseased; so that there is no necessary connection between the disease and phlebitis, although in the tendency to supuration the veins generally take a prominent place. The most

probable explanation of the disease is, that some morbid matter, such as is formed in the decomposition of the discharge from sores or wounds, is introduced into the blood, whose chemical composition it impairs, engendering a state in which pus is apt to be formed, and in which, as in typhoid fever, every function is seriously disordered.

The treatment of these cases of septic phlebitis and purulent diathesis cannot be laid down in general terms. Very commonly the former requires the coincident employment of large local bleedings, and of medicines and regimen calculated to maintain the patient's strength. The due observance of the indications for one or both of these proceedings affords the only prospect of success; but most frequently the best directed means are ineffectual.

One of the most fatal forms of phlebitis is that which affects the veins of the uterus and the neighbouring parts after labour, and which chiefly constitutes one of the diseases included under the name of puerperal fever. *Phlegmasia dolens*, or *phlegmasia alba*, is due to phlebitis of a less severe kind affecting the iliac or femoral vein, or both, and many others adjacent to them. By obliterating the venous trunks, and preventing the circulation through them, the disease gives rise to the firm oedema, accompanied by the tightness and glossy paleness of the skin of the leg and thigh, which peculiarly indicates it. It occurs sometimes, but rarely, after exposure to cold; its usual origin is in a comparatively slight inflammation of the veins of the pelvis of women during pregnancy, or after delivery, which extends from them to the veins of the lower extremity. It is attended by the same tenderness and hardness of the diseased veins as exist in other cases of phlebitis; and in its treatment, as in theirs, the general state of the patient's health, and the degree and extent of the local affection, considered together, must determine the measures to be adopted.

VEINS, MINERAL. The principal inorganic constituents of the crust of the earth are in general capable of arrangement as the products of water or of heat; and to each of these classes belong peculiar characteristic features of composition, aggregation, and arrangement. The products of water are mostly laid in the form of strata; the products of heat are often seen to cross, pucker, and overlie or underlie these layers of rock, in dykes or in huge amorphous masses. But there is a third less distinctly limited class of aggregations in the crust of the earth, whose form is different from either of the preceding types, and whose origin, though perhaps not independent either of heat or water, is yet not to be understood without the consideration of other and peculiar conditions. Such are metallic and mineral veins, spar veins, and other crystallized and concretionary accumulations, common in both stratified and amorphous rocks, under a great variety of circumstances, the essential conditions of which appear however to be few in number. To ascertain these conditions is the first object of a philosophical inquiry into the origin of mineral veins; for the 'laws of the phenomena' may thus become correctly known, and the true 'theory,' the ultimate end of the inquiry, be satisfactorily indicated.

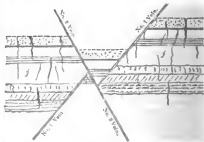
The most frequent form in which metallic and mineral veins occur is that of a vertical or slightly inclined mass, occupying what was once a fissure, or narrow open space, traversing the stratified or amorphous rocks for a variable but often considerable length horizontally, and a limited or unknown depth in a perpendicular direction. This is called a 'rake' vein. Occasionally the mineral masses are found arranged in a narrow vertical or oblique tubular form, like an irregularly expanded chimney, traversing the strata: such are sometimes called 'pipe' veins. From these two sorts of veins parts occasionally pass laterally, and are called 'flat' veins, and there are frequently ramifications from all of them, called 'strings,' and wholly or almost detached lumps, or bunches, or nests, of ore and spar, in the contiguous rocks.

Now the general 'condition' of all these occurrences is the existence, anteriorly to the accumulation of the metallic and sparry substances in the rake, pipe, flat, &c., of a cavity in the substance of the rocks, or a separation between the beds or blocks of stone. The same forms of occurrence belong to various spars and other substances, and the same general condition is predicable of them. That cavities really did exist in these situations, previous to the formation of the veins, is often evident from the fact that the sparry or metallic matters lie in the interior

of closed originally hollow shells, or fill lines of fracture and fissure across corals, shells, and fishes. (From personal observation.) It is further evident from the fact that along the line of a rake-vein the strata are commonly found to have been violently displaced, and moved upwards or downwards many inches, feet, yards, or fathoms, even to fifty or more fathoms, and reunited in this broken state by the subsequently introduced mineral crystallizations. This consideration supplies us with a definition of veins, identical, except by the omission of the words in brackets, with that given by Werner:—'Veins are rents produced in rocks, which were afterwards filled [from above] with certain substances.' (*On Veins*, p. 57.)

In such cavities, spars of several kinds, as carbonate of lime, quartz, sulphate of barytes, sulphate of strontian, are frequently found, entirely unconnected with metalliferous districts, and as an usual and ordinary occurrence. In metalliferous districts the same and other minerals occur, associated with carbonates, phosphates, arseniates, sulphurets, &c. of lead, iron, copper, silver, &c., in almost every proportion. Between the most valued 'mineral' vein, such perhaps as ores of precious metal, and the unprofitable masses of 'dead' spar which occur in almost every limestone-quarry, there is an almost uninterrupted gradation; they must all be taken into the induction of phenomena, as a basis of theory; yet there are peculiarities in the geographical and geological relations of the metalliferous or true mineral veins which require separate classification, and justify some special inferences touching the local conditions and geological times of their formation.

1. In a mining district, however rich, not all the cavities in the rocks yield metallic minerals, even though they contain spars such as often accompany these. Generally the ores of lead, copper, silver, &c., are limited in their occurrence to such great fissures of the rocks as are accompanied by displacements of the masses of rock which bound the fissure. Thus great fissures, No. 1 and 2, in



the figure, which are marked by dislocations, may be richly filled with valuable ones, and yet the detached cracks and fissures (j) may contain only unprofitable spars or thin partings of clay.

2. When, as frequently happens in mining districts, veins accompanied by dislocation cross each other, the veins commonly become either richer or poorer in metal, and exhibit other peculiarities, about the junctions.

3. Such veins which cross may be of quite different natures; No. 1, for example, may yield copper-ore, and No. 2 lead ore. This difference of contents in adjacent or meeting veins is even very frequently the case when the direction of the veins on the surface differs by a quadrant of a circle. Thus in Cornwall, veins which pass east and west may yield tin or copper, and those which run north and south produce lead. In Abbotstone Moor, veins running east-north-east and west-south-west are rich in lead, those ranging north-north-west and south-south-east are often unproductive.

4. The same veins vary in respect of the nature of their contents; some yielding lead or copper, and others copper or tin, according to depth from the surface, the nature of the enclosing rock, and other less known conditions. Below the surface, 100 or more yards, veins may yield principally sulphuret of lead, with a variable admixture of the double sulphuret of copper and iron, and near the surface these may be exchanged for carbonate, phosphate,

and arseniates of lead, carbonates of copper, and red oxide of iron. We may believe these metallic salts to be derived from the sulphures by processes of change originating from the surface. Again, veins which cross different sorts of rocks, as limestone, sandstone, and argillaceous shale, may be very rich in limestone, very poor in shale, and of variable value in sandstone. Now as the effect of dislocations in such countries is frequently to cause, on the two sides of a vein, very different beds to be on the same level, so that limestone is opposite to shale, or to sandstone, or to the same or a different bed of limestone, the complexity of the phenomena met with in practical mining, even in one vein, need not surprise a prudent reasoner. Generally speaking the miner looks for a change in the quality of the vein with every marked change of the including ground (or 'country,' as it is termed in Cornwall).

'In the older rocks we see the same vein intersecting clay-slate and granite: it is itself continuous, and there is no doubt of its identity; and yet the contents of the part enclosed by one rock shall differ very much from what is found in the other. In Cornwall, a vein that has been productive of copper-ore in the clay-slate, passing into the granite becomes richer, or, what is more remarkable, furnishes ores of the same metal differently mineralized. If we pursue it further into the granite, the produce of metal frequently is found to diminish.' (Taylor, in *Report to the British Association*, 1833.)

5. This dependence of the productiveness of veins on some quality of the rocks which they traverse, is a phenomenon of the same order as the relation of veins in general to particular classes of strata or particular masses of igneous rocks. Dislocations of the strata occur in almost every district, yet it is chiefly in certain assemblages of the strata that metallic veins are abundant. In Great Britain and Ireland, generally speaking, the only districts of mineral veins are situated among the ancient strata; perhaps no metallic veins occur in these islands above the Palæozoic strata (as defined in Palæozoic Systems); and though in other parts of the world strata of much more recent origin do yield some valuable ores, it is under peculiar and limited conditions.

6. Among these conditions appears to be the proximity of rocks of igneous origin. Thus, in the Pyrenees, rocks of the age of the chalk yield iron-ores near igneous rocks, and not elsewhere. On a general survey of mining districts, without regard to their age, some relation of this kind appears. It is near the granites of Cornwall and Brittany, near the porphyries of Caldbeck Fells in Cumberland, near the greenstone of Aldstone Moor, that metallic veins are abundant; but on the other hand there is no metallic vein known in connection with the sienites of Malvern or Charnwood, while the rich lead-mines of Flintshire and Grassington Moor in Yorkshire are not accompanied by traps visible at the surface, or known to the mines; and the leadstone of Derbyshire has been thought to actually cut off the lead-veins. Perhaps on this important point prudence will be best satisfied by admitting the real influence of certain igneous rocks on the productiveness of mineral veins, not merely as being of igneous origin, but as being of particular chemical qualities, and having certain definite properties in relation to the passage of thermal and electric currents.

7. A certain relation of veins to the physical geography of the country is traceable. It is chiefly in or near to mountainous regions that mineral veins abound; and this appears to be mainly owing to the fact that, in such countries, the strata are more broken than elsewhere, and more divided by masses and dykes of igneous rocks, circumstances already known to influence the occurrence of mineral veins; but several authors mistake the nature of this relation, and in particular Werner, whose treatise on veins is very valuable, attaches too much importance to it. He says, 'The occurrence of veins depends much upon the external form of the mountains, on the position of the whole chain of mountains in respect to its extent and declivity, on the particular position of the country where they [the mountains] occur, whether the country be composed of hills with gentle declivities and roundish or flatish summits, or whether it be a place in a principal valley.' (Werner, *On Veins*, p. 51.)

Before a satisfactory theory of veins can be possible, we must possess correct general inferences on two points—the origin of fissures and cavities in rocks, and the nature of the

forces by which those fissures have been filled. Each of these points has been thought difficult of approach; the former has certainly been reached; the way to the latter is perhaps only indistinctly perceived.

Fissures and other cavities in rocks exist as effects of several natural causes, and present diverse appearances characteristic of these.

Caverns in limestone rocks are sometimes independent of real fissures, and other evidence of movements of the rocks, and may even be thought in some cases to be original, or left such when the rock was formed in the sea. Such cavities actually occur in modern coral reefs, left by the peculiar growth of the lithophytes; in certain cases (for instance magnesian limestone) the small cavities may have been formed by gas extricated in the course of the formation of the stone. Now in such closed cavities, large or small, the crystallizations which we find (carbonate of lime, sulphate of barytes, sulphate of strontian, quartz, oxide of iron, sulphuret of iron, &c.) are of the same kinds, and may be due to the same causes, as the crystallizations in originally hollow shells, or in the cavities left by the dissolution of these from the rocks. To the above catalogue may therefore be added sulphuret of zinc, arseniuret of iron, sulphuret of lead; for these minerals occur in the situations just named, especially near faults or veins.

Cracks, in many limestone rocks, are as perfectly internal cavities as those above named, and are, in the neighbourhood of veins or metalliferous fissures, lined with similar crystallizations, adding to the list carbonates of copper. (In magnesian limestone of Yorkshire.)

Joints are open cracks traversing beds of stone, and come under the same description as other often very large open fissures unaccompanied by dislocation. These fissures are often arranged with so much symmetry as to leave no doubt of the influence of polarities among the molecules of the rocks when they were formed. Joints and fissures, especially near veins, often partake of the minerals which they contain.

Faults, or fissures accompanied by dislocations, offer, in addition to all the facts already mentioned, the very important information that the crust of the earth has been broken at different times, as well as in different directions. In the drawing of two intersecting veins, which illustrates this article, it will be seen that the vein No. 2 cuts through and displaces the strata, which had been already broken and displaced by the vein No. 1. The relative antiquity of these two veins has been generally allowed to be in the order of the numbers. Now as the metalliferous contents of the fissures No. 1 are divided by No. 2, as well as the strata which bound it, there appears reason to conclude that the vein No. 1 was filled with its mineral contents before the disturbance of the ground by the fissure No. 2.

We are thus conducted to the remaining part of the general inquiry proposed, namely, the causes concerned in filling the cavities of all kinds, already classed. The evidence of the dislocation of strata on the sides of most mineral veins leads, when generalized, to the recognition of several systems of veins, even in one district, of unequal antiquity. It is also found that these systems pass in different directions respectively, one set E.N.E., another N.N.W., others to intermediate points; and further, there are observed in these systems of veins—unlike in direction, and unequal in antiquity—some general and characteristic differences in the contents of the veins.

Werner gives eight successive systems of veins in the Freyberg mines; but the definitions are far from clear. M. Carne gives eight successive groups of veins and sides in Cornwall, more nearly characterized; the oldest are tin veins (lodes), underlying (dipping) to the north, ranging nearly E. and W. by compass. The second are tin veins, underlying to the south, ranging E. and W. nearly (by compass). The third class includes east and west copper veins. The fourth are diagonal (or contra) veins, ranging N.W. and S.E., and yield copper. The fifth class includes cross courses, ranging N.N.W. and S.S.E., and surely yielding metal, except lead. A sixth group yields copper. A seventh includes 'cross flunkans' (clay veins), ranging nearly N. and S., and an eighth, the 'slides,' which are formed of soft clay, and cut through all the others.

This classification, though too hard and precise for exact adaptation to nature, is valuable as an index to many complicated phenomena; but the relative antiquity of so

many sets of fractures is a difficult problem, requiring much mechanical science, and a knowledge of the relative hardness and resisting power of the masses broken. Sir H. De la Beche has shown (*Ordinance Report on the Geology of Cornwall, &c.*, p. 229) a simple case of this nature, in which the intersecting elvan dyke is probably not the newest of the two fractures. In the elaborate volume just quoted the reader will find a vast body of digested information regarding the phenomena of the Cornish and Devon mineral veins. As a combined result, we find in the veins of Cornwall a manifest tendency to two sets, one (the oldest) E.N.E. yielding most of the ores, the other N.N.W., *crossing* the preceding almost from sea to sea. In Devonshire also two sets appear, one (the oldest) nearly E. and W., yielding most of the ores, the other N. and S., *crossing* the other. Continuing the investigation, we find this system of *eros* courses (naming N. and S.) extended into Dorsetshire, and there dividing the *ehals*, so that a comparatively recent geological date for some of the great *eros* courses of Devon and Cornwall may be probably inferred. Adopting the views of this author, we find evidence of four systems of east and west fractures in the district of Cornwall and Devon. 1. That of the upheaval of granite, and the arrangement of the strikes of the beds of slate. 2. The elvan (porphyry) courses, which traverse alike the granite and the strata disturbed with it. 3. The east and west systems of veins. 4. The system (indistinctly traced) of east and west clay-slides; and adding to them the north and south traps, elvas, *eros* courses, and *slukans*, we see clearly how many and various have been the fractures and fissures, and how complicated the conditions under which these fissures were stored with their contents. What was the agency by which this was accomplished?

Werner (1791) believed that fissures were filled from above, by precipitations of earthy and metallic salts held in solution by water. As some of the substances common in mineral veins are not known to be soluble in water, separately or in combination, we can only adopt this view upon the supposition that the crystallizations in veins are the result of double decompositions in the liquid; nor even with this aid is the process at all clear by which the metallic masses were formed.

Lehman had previously (1783) introduced the notion of *sublimed vapours* and exhalations; and if we believe that sulphuretted hydrogen gas was abundant in these, the formation of sulphurets from salts of lead, copper, &c. might become a possible case. Necker revived this idea. (*Arch. Soc. Abstracts*, 1832.) Dr. Hutton and Playfair maintained that the vein-spars and metallic ores were injected into fissures, not in a state of solution in water, but in a state of fusion through heat. They were a sort of metalliferous dykes.

In consequence of the experiments of Mr. Fox, which show in certain cases the passage of electrical currents between different parts of the metalliferous veins of Cornwall, and an augmentation of temperature in them as we descend into the earth, a fourth general view has gradually and obscurely grown up to importance. In this view *electrical forces* are appealed to for determining the deposition of matter brought into the fissures by water opening on metallic aggregations, at great depths and under considerable heat. Such heated waters would circulate upwards and downwards in the open spaces of the rocks: in the upper parts of the fissures they would be cooled, and might deposit parts of their dissolved contents: these would be arranged by electrical affinities under the influence of the various nature, direction, and fissuring of the rocks.

Such affinities might be dependent on local electrical currents, generated by the local differences of the rocks and minerals, or on the general terrestrial currents which govern common magnetism, or on a combination or opposition of these. Under any circumstances, evidence of these general currents must be looked for in the general phenomena, and the local currents must be sought in the local phenomena. Adopting this theory as at least partially true, we may venture to refer to general currents the remarkable fact of the frequent arrangement of metals in east and west veins, or in veins pointing a little north or a little south of east and west; for within such limits in European and Mexican latitudes these general electrical currents may be conceived to pass, varying most in Europe, according as the polarities varied from time to time. We may refer to local currents the limitation (which is seldom really, though often in appearance, arbitrary) of the me-

tallie contents of a vein to particular adjacent rocks, to particular oblique parallel shoots or pipes, to particular sides or ends of a vein, to particular depths, or particular uniform masses. To a succession of such operations we may refer the successive vertical lamination of several sorts of crystals (fluor, carbonate of barytes, lead-ore, blende, &c.) in the same vein; and after a principal vein was partially filled, we may conceive without difficulty the deposition of nearly similar contents in neighbouring fissures or joints, or even closed cavities, if these should then become the lines of easiest electrical conduction.

The reader will find a comprehensive view of this hypothesis compared with characteristic phenomena in the *Ordinance Report on Dover and Cornwall*. Indeed anything approaching to the strict and severe process of deductive reasoning from known physical truths, applied to conditions like those ascertained in the districts of Cornwall and Aldstone Moor, has been hardly attempted elsewhere. Yet the occasion is favourable. Sir H. De la Beche has embodied a vast mass of available results in the Report already quoted. Mr. Fox has experimentally almost made mineral veins by imitating the natural arrangements of the rocks of Cornwall: the electrolytic process is daily revealing new and unexpected phenomena of electrical transfer under manageable conditions; and there are these great inducements for an earnest general investigation of the whole subject, that in the first place crystallography and the doctrines of molecular forces would assuredly be advanced by it; and, what is still more important, laws of judgment and practice in mining operations would be satisfactorily established and confidently applied to cases entirely beyond the range of ordinary experience. We must however caution the reader who prefers this new view of the origin of veins against any contemptuous disregard of the opinions of Werner, Lehman, and Hutton, on the ground of special difficulties in regard to solutions in water, sublimations of vapours, or igneous fusions of minerals. There is abundance of facts known to redeem their speculations from a hasty charge of absurdity; there are many insulated facts which seem to agree with them; and at all events the descriptions furnished by Pryce, Werner, Carne, Fournet, Fox, Henwood, Taylor, and De la Beche, must be carefully and respectfully considered, and combined with the general laws of the earth's structure and established principles of physics, before we can boast of a theory of mineral veins.

(See further—Pryce, *Mineralogia Cornubiensis*; Werner, *On Veins*, 1791—English edition, 1800; Hawkins, Carne, Davy, and others, in *Transactions of the Geological Society of Cornwall*; Williams's *Mineral Kingdom*; Fournet, in *D'Aussan's Geology*, vol. iii.; Fox, in *Proceedings of Polytechnic Society*; Henwood and Necker, in *Abstracts of Geological Society of London*, 1832; Taylor, in *Report to British Association*, 1833; Beeguerel, *Traité d'Électroité*, 1835; Murchison's *Silurian System*; Phillips, in *Lardner's Cyclopædia*, 1839; De la Beche, *Ordinance Report on Cornwall, Devon, and West Somerset*, 1839.)

VELANI, or VALONIA. [QUERCUS, p. 214.]

VELATES. [TURNBULL, vol. xvi., p. 383.]

VELAY, or VELLAI, LE, one of the provinces of the government of Languedoc in France. It was bounded on the north by Le Forez, a subdivision of the government of Le Lyonnais; on the east and south by Le Vivarais, or Vivarez, and on the south-west by Le Gévaudan, both provinces of Languedoc; and on the north-west by Auvergne. It is now wholly included in the department of Haute Loire, under which it is described. [LOIRE, HAUTE.] We have here only to notice that the geological features of this district and those of the adjacent tracts, comprehended in the province of Vivarais (now the department of Ardèche), are very similar, consisting of a high table-land of primitive rocks, such as granite, gneiss, mica-slate, &c., intermingled with volcanic formations which constitute huge mountain-masses, and overlaid towards the deep valley of the Rhône, in the eastern part of Le Vivarais, by a red-sandstone, probably corresponding to the old red-sandstone of England; by the carboniferous rocks, and the Jura limestone; and in some part of the valley of the Loire by tertiary formations. The volcanic formations are considered by Mr. Sirope as belonging to two distinct periods: those of the first period having been produced by volcanoes in habitual activity, which had severally a single focus of activity, and formed in consequence a few distinct and lofty mountain-

groups; those of the second period being scattered over a larger surface, and appearing to have resulted from a series of single eruptions successively occurring at different points. Mount Mezerio, one of the great centres of volcanic action in the first period, is on the south-eastern border of Le Velay, towards Le Vivarais. Le Velay derives its name from the Vellari, the Celtic nation by whom it was inhabited. Le Puy was its chief town. [Puv, Lz.] (Scorpe's *Memoir on the Geology of Central France*.)

VELÁZQUEZ, DIEGO RODRÍGUEZ DE SILVA Y. Velázquez was born at Seville, and baptized there June 6, 1599. His parents, on the father's side, were of Portuguese origin. Having manifested, while yet a child, a decided turn for drawing, he was placed under Francisco Herrera el Viejo. This master, harsh, violent, and extravagant as a man, was an artist of great native power, boldness, and originality; his paintings were true exponents of his character. He first broke down the timid and conventional style of the Sevillians, who hitherto had followed in the manner of the Italians: to obtain effects true to nature was his ambition, and for this end he despised means and materials alike, working with the coarsest colours, and using brushes of an unusual length. The principles of his method and handling are to be traced in all the works of his pupil, improved indeed by a higher quality of touch and intention. Velázquez, who was of a gentle disposition, was driven by ill usage from this studio, and entered that of Francisco Pacheco, who was the very opposite of Herrera. This feeble creature of rules was cold in colour and commonplace in conception, yet learned in the theory of art, and better known by the works of his pen than of his pencil: he exercised no influence whatever over the style of his scholar, who soon discovered that his new master could not give him that which he felt was wanting. After five years' nominal instruction, Velázquez married Juana, Pacheco's daughter; and this explains his long continuance under an otherwise unprofitable roof. Disappointed in his master, and thrown on himself, the young artist turned to Nature for his guide, and he followed her faithfully to the end. He procured a peasant lad for a model, and painted him—his commonplace forms, rags, and nakedness, under every aspect and attitude. Necessity thus did for him what choice had done for Caravaggio, the leader of the naturalist school in Italy, who, in opposition to the classicists, painted men and things as they were, rather than as they ought to be; preferring the forcible, effective, and even the low, if real, to the refined, ideal and poetical. The early impression made on Velázquez was deep and indelible; it became the blemish of his style; it biased the man throughout life, and warped him from Raffaele and Michael Angelo to Ribera and Stanzioni. The study of this plebeian model was moreover cognate to the process which Herrera first adopted for himself, and then pointed out to all his scholars. It forms a peculiarity in the system of the great school of Seville, and especially in Velázquez and Murillo, two of its brightest ornaments; they were taught to draw and to colour at the same time, beginning with subjects of still-life, and those the most ordinary, such as meat, vegetables, and kitchen utensils: hence the generic term *Bodegones*, by which they are still known. Thus Velázquez obtained an early mastery over his materials, a habit of close imitation, and a marvellous power of representing nature and texture. His first attempts at pictures, properly speaking, were either copies from Ribera, or compositions painted with his decided and hard outline, and his strongly contrasted lights and shadows. His pictures of this period are very scarce; many probably exist, but remain unknown from being ascribed to other artists. The Adoration of the Shepherds, now in the Louvre, is the earliest of his undoubted productions, and it is nothing more than a copy from Spagnoletto.

Arrived at the age of twenty-three, some paintings of Luis Tristán, whose style was a compound of Titian and El Greco, inspired Velázquez with a burning desire to see the works of these and other masters, and he left Seville for Madrid in the spring of 1622: he was welcomed by Don Juan Fonseca and other Sevillians, who were settled in the capital, who befriended their countryman with that spirit of localism and clanship which is the characteristic of all Spaniards. Velázquez, having painted the portrait of the poet Gongora, which was a commission from Pacheco, returned to Seville; meanwhile the influence of

Fonseca was not idle, and the young man was recalled to Madrid, the next year, by the Conde Duque de Olivares, the ruler of Spain, who was to Philip IV. what Buckingham was to our Charles I., prime minister of the tastes and pleasures of his master. Velázquez, having painted the great man's portrait, stepped at once into fame and fashion, which never deserted him during his long career of prosperity. He maintained by merit the start which was procured by favour; nor can there be a greater proof of the high degree of excellence to which he had already arrived than his immediate success.

Philip IV., a true judge of art, on seeing the portrait of the favourite, sat at once for his own. At this the critical moment of his fortunes the young artist put forth all his strength. The picture was exhibited in Madrid, near the steps of San Felipe; and there, in the open air, did Velázquez, like the painters of Greece, listen to the praises of a delighted public. He was forthwith appointed the court painter; and Philip, seeing Alexander, according to the story in Horace, ordained that none but this new Apelles should portray him. The necessity of frequently painting the 'foolish hanging of the nether lip' of this dull ungainly Austrian and his family was little calculated to correct a tendency to unworthy form, which was engendered by the ordinary model of his early studies. This was again fixed by the constant introduction of hideous dwarfs, those abortions of nature, and playthings of the kings and princes of Spain.

Meanwhile the more he painted, the more Velázquez was honoured by his own and foreign princes, and particularly by our Charles I., who was at Madrid in 1623. His portrait, begun by Velázquez, was never finished, and has unfortunately been lost. Another illustrious visitor soon after became his friend, Rubens, who arrived at Madrid, August 6, 1628, rather in the character of a diplomatist than a painter: indeed he associated with none of the artists except Velázquez, with whom alone he went to the Escorial. Rubens left Madrid, April 26, 1629, and although he was constantly painting during his sojourn, he wrought no change either in composition or colouring in Velázquez, who was accustomed to look at nature with his own eyes and not through those of other men; nor indeed had the gorgeous tints and flashy fleshiness of the Fleming anything in common with the sober draperies of the sallow Castilian: it was the barb of Arabia compared to a cart-mare of Flanders.

Velázquez at last obtained the royal permission to go to Italy, and he embarked at Barcelona, August 10, 1629. He visited Venice, Ferrara, and Rome, being everywhere received in an artistic triumph. Urban VIII. assigned to him an apartment in the Vatican, where he diligently copied Raphael and Michael Angelo; but neither the grandiose design and sublimity of the one, nor the sentiment and ideal beauty of the other, ever produced the slightest change in the Spaniard's style. Indeed, like our Sir Joshua Reynolds, he felt and studied their brightness without ever reflecting in his own works one single ray. Velázquez, like his friend Lope de Vega, held up the mirror to his own age alone: he called up no recollections of the past, borrowed from no other period or country, and none can claim anything back from him; all was his own, original, national, and idiosyncratic; and he shrank from any change by which loss might be risked. The Spaniard is neither a friend to the foreigner nor to his innovations. Nor was Italy then what she had been; the prestige of her example had passed away with the age of Leo X., and the vitality of her soil for new excellence was dull when compared to the fierce energy of unexhausted Spain, then starting into a life of her own. Velázquez and Murillo were destined to revive the arts, which declined in Italy, as Seneca, Martial, and Lucan had renewed the literature of Rome in her period of decay.

From the Vatican Velázquez removed to the Villa de' Medici, but falling a victim to malaria, was soon carried down an invalid to the Pinza de Spagna below, and lodged in the palace of the Conde de Monterey, the ambassador of Spain. The ambassador was a patron of art and artists, both from real taste and the diplomatic anxiety to second the ruling opinion of his king. He watched over his patient and restored him to health. Velázquez remained a year in Rome; he only sent home two original pictures, his Jacob with the Garment of Joseph, and Apollo at the Forge of Vulcan; both are now at Madrid,

and in spite of much truth, character, and powerful painting, are singularly marked with most ordinary forms. The children of Jacob are the kinsmen of the model peasant, and Vulcan is a mere farrier, and his assistants brawny Galileans. It would seem that the Spaniard, to prove his independence, had lowered his lowest transcript of nature to brave the ideal and divine under the shadow of Raphael himself.

From Rome he passed to Naples, then a Spanish possession, where he felt at home amid the works of Caravaggio, Stanzioni, and Ribera. With Ribera, his countryman, he lived in closest intimacy, preferring however to his harder style and blood-boltered subjects the flowing touch and cheerful composition of Stanzioni, between whose style and his own the resemblance cannot be mistaken. This artist, called in Spain el Caballero Maximo, was the type of the Hispano-Neapolitan school; many of his finest pictures were purchased by Velázquez for Philip IV., and hung as they are near his own in the gallery of Madrid, abound in analogies of touch and method.

Velázquez returned to Madrid early in 1631, and being necessary to the amusement of his patron found himself not forgotten: the king, with a fidelity which was no part of his nature, had never during his absence sat to any other painter. Philip, imitating Urban VIII., gave him a painting-room in the palace, and came daily to watch his progress.

It is to the credit of the Austrian dynasty that they relaxed in favour of the fine arts the rigid ceremonial of Spanish etiquette. Charles V. made a friend of Titian; and Philip II., of Herrera the architect. Velázquez now painted the magnificent equestrian portrait of Philip IV., from which the great carver Montañez made a model in wood, in order to be sent to Florence, where it was cast in bronze by Pedro Tacca, and now exists in the gardens of the Buen Retiro. The success led to new honours: Velázquez was appointed to an office about the king's person, and in that capacity followed Philip into Aragon and Catalonia in 1643 and 1644. The former of these years witnessed the disgrace of the Conde Duque, to whom, although fallen, Velázquez had the boldness to continue to show respect; nor did Philip IV. resent this uncourtier-like gratitude. In November, 1648, Velázquez made a second journey into Italy, in order to purchase modern pictures for the king, and procure moulds from the best antique statues for a projected academy. He embarked at Malaga, landed at Genoa, passed rapidly to Milan, Venice, Florence, and Parma, and thence hastened to embrace his well-beloved Ribera at Naples. Returning to Rome he was presented to Innocent X., whose portrait he painted, which is now the gem of the Doria collection, and the only real specimen of his art in Rome. He was elected a member of the Academy of St. Luke. He remained in Italy almost a year, purchasing rather than painting pictures, and busy with his casts from Greek sculpture. He fully felt the value of exquisite form, of which he had known the want; and ever in after-life strongly urged all young artists, Murillo particularly, to complete their studies in Italy. Spain always was, and is, very deficient in fine antique marbles, for which the Spaniards have little taste. Their church preferred the relic of a monk to a statue by Phidias, in which they only saw a pagan idol. Their Inquisition persecuted nudity, the essence of Greek art, and employed artists to clothe the least exposure either in painting or sculpture; hence the draped character of the Spanish school, of which the clergy have been the best patrons, not for the sake of art, but as a means of extending their own influence. Painting took the veil of the nun, Sculpture the cowl of the monk; but Philip, lax and voluptuous, protected the licence of Greece and Italy, and Velázquez felt that the chance might never recur: the casts were made, which after the king's death were neglected, injured, and finally lost.

Velázquez returned to Madrid in June, 1651. He was now in his full power, and painted his finest pictures. In 1656 he received the much-coveted cross of Santiago, which the king drew in with his own hand on a portrait of Velázquez, painted by the artist himself. The nobles resented this profanation of a decoration given hitherto only to high birth; nor were the difficulties removed without a papal dispensation and a royal grant of Hidalguia.

About this time Velázquez was raised to the lucrative and honourable post of Aposentador Mayor. His duties were to superintend the personal lodgment of the king during his frequent migrations. This much-envied office robbed Velázquez of his time, precious to art, and eventually of life itself. He was sent in 1660 to prepare the royal quarters during the journey from Madrid through the ill-provided Castiles to the Bidassoa. He erected on this Island of Pheasants the temporary saloons wherein the conferences were held which terminated in the marriage of the Infanta Maria Teresa with Louis XIV., a union fatal to the future weal and independence of Spain as to Velázquez, who here appeared almost for the last time, remarkable among the noble crowd for his tasteful costume and arrangement of diamonds. He returned to Madrid, July 31, worn with over-fatigue in preparations which any lord of the bedchamber might have superintended. He died one week afterwards, on the 7th of August, 1660, and was buried with great pomp in the church of San Juan. In seven days his wife, broken-hearted at his loss, followed her gentle and excellent husband, and was laid by his side in the same grave. No monument has ever been erected to her greatest artist by Spain, always ungrateful to those who have served her best; nor did the influence of Velázquez survive him; his pupils and imitators were few. Spain was hastening rapidly to her fall, which was consummated by the Bourbon succession, when French tastes were substituted for Spanish in art and literature.

Such is the unimportant biography of a man whose name is now immortal, of whom, like Lope de Vega, all talk familiarly, although most imperfectly acquainted with his real works. His genuine and finest works remain at Madrid: in other cities of Spain they are quite as rare as in every other part of the world; and the reasons are obvious. Velázquez commenced his career as painter to the king; he rarely condescended to work for the Church or private patrons; all his great pictures were thus monopolized, and hung in the royal palaces, and those were inaccessible to purchasers, and seldom seen even by the few travellers who visited Spain. Neither were they scattered abroad in the wreck which ensued at the French invasion. In the universal rapine, by which the works of many Spanish artists, whose names previously were almost unknown in Europe, were first ushered into notice, Velázquez formed an exception. His paintings hanging in royal residences were respected even by marshals, as passing with the crown from the legitimate dynasty to the intrusive. Two only were sent to Paris, and these were the Jacob and the Philip IV. on horseback, pictures selected more from their historical than intrinsic interest. In truth the French never have appreciated Velázquez; a taste depraved by the vain tinsel of the empirical, unnatural David, could not feel the grave repose and sober simplicity of the proud Spaniard. It is impossible to estimate Velázquez without going to Madrid; on seeing him in this, the richest gallery in the whole world, the first impression of his masculine power and universality of talent is irresistible: it is the reality more than the imitation of life and nature, and in every varied form. He is the Shakespeare of his art; a Proteus. Grievous is the error of those who suppose him only to be the portrait-painter of sallow mustachioed Spaniards in black cloaks. There is no branch of the art, except the marine, which he has not pursued, and he attained almost equal excellence in all.

His portraits baffle description and praise; they must be seen: he elevated that humble branch to the dignity of history. He drew the minds of men: they live, breathe, and seem ready to walk out of the frames. His power of painting circumambient air, his knowledge of linear and aerial perspective, the gradation of tones in light, shadow, and colour, give an absolute convexity to the flat surface of his canvas; we look into space, into a room, into the reflection of a mirror. This freshness, individuality, and identity of every person are quite startling; nor can we doubt the anecdote related of Philip IV., who, mistaking for the man the portrait of Admiral Pareja in a dark corner of Velázquez's room, exclaimed, he had been ordered to see, 'What! still here?' After a few days spent in the gallery of Madrid, we fancy that we have actually been acquainted with the royal family and court of that day, and that we have lived with them. None perhaps out a Spaniard could so truly paint the Castilian. Velázquez

was the Vandyck of Madrid. He taught the high-bred look of the Hidalgo, his grave demourner and severe costume, with an excellence equal to his Flemish rival, differing in degree: he was less fortunate in model. Vandyck, like Zeuxis, had the selection of the most beautiful forms, faces, and apparel, in the English court of Charles, which he was crossed expressly to delineate, with his clear, silvery, and transparent tones, his elegant aristocratic air, those delicate skins, and tapering fingers which are never seen in coarse, tawny Spain; nor did Velázquez ever descend to flatter even royalty:—honesty was his policy.

Courts could not make a courtier of his practical genius, which saw everything as it really was, and his hand, that obeyed his intellect, gave the exact form and pressure: he rarely refined. He did not stoop to conciliate and woo his spectators. Thus even when displeased with repulsive subjects, we submit to the power of a master-mind displayed in the representation.

His Infantes are often booby-faced, and his Infantas mealy; for the royal originals were made, not by him, but by Nature's journey-men: still they are real beings, not conventional; they are flesh and blood, our fellow-creatures, and with them therefore we sympathize. Their costume, whether of the court or the chase, is equally true; and they wear their clothes with ease and fitness, not like the fancy masquerade of an imaginative painter, stuck on a stiff lay-figure, but the every-day dresses of living flexible bodies underneath. Velázquez was inferior to Vandyck in representing female beauty; for he had not his advantages: the Oriental jealousy of the Spaniard revolted at any female portraiture, and still more at any display of beautiful form: the royal ladies, almost the only exception, were unworthy models, while the use of rouge disfigured their faces, and the enormous petticoats masked their proportions. Velázquez was emphatically a man, and the painter of men. He was aware of his strength and weakness: his greatest works—*Las Lanzas*, *Los Bebedores*—have no women in them whatever; and in the *Ilusiones*, a group of females, he has turned aside the principal head in the foreground, leaving it, like Timotheus, to be supplied by the imagination of the spectator. He was moreover a painter only of the visible tangible beings on earth, not the mystical glorified spirits of heaven: he could not conceive the inconceivable, nor define the indefinite. He required to touch before he could believe—a fulcrum for his mighty lever: he could not escape from humanity, nor soar above the clouds: he was somewhat deficient in "creative power": he was neither a poet nor an enthusiast; Nature was his guide, truth his delight, man his model. No Virgin ever descended into his studio; no cherubs hovered around his pallet: he did not work for priest or ecclesiastic anchorite, but for plumed kings and booted knights; hence the neglect and partial failure of his holy and mythological pictures—holy, like those of Caravaggio, in nothing but name: groups rather of low life, and that so truly painted, as still more to men, by a treatment not in harmony with the subject, the elevated sentiment: his Mars is a mere porter; his demigods, vulgar Galicians; his Virgin, a Mantones, without the womanly tenderness of Murillo, the unspotted loveliness of Raphael, or the serenity, untroubled by earthly passions, of the antique. He rather lowered heaven to earth, than raised earth to heaven. His pictures however of this class are very few, and therein is his marked difference from all other Spanish artists, who, painting for the church, comparatively neglected everything but the religious and legendary.

In things mortal and touching man Velázquez was more than mortal: he is perfect throughout, whether painting high or low, rich or poor, young or old, human, animal, or natural objects. His dogs are equal to Snyders; his chargers to Rubens—they know their rider. When Velázquez descended from heroes, his beggars and urchins rivalled Murillo: no Teniers or Hogarth ever came up to the waggish wassail of his drunkards. He is by far the first landscape painter of Spain: his scenes are full of local colour, freshness, and daylight, whether verdurous court-like avenues or wild rocky solitudes: his historical pictures are pearls of great price; never were knights and soldiers so painted as in his surrender of Breda.

His style was based on Herrera, Caravaggio, Ribera, and Stanzioni; a compound of all, not a servile imitation of any. His drawing was admirable, correct, and uncon-

strained; his mastery over his materials unequalled; his colouring was clear and clean; he seldom used mixed tints; he painted with long brushes, and often as coarsely as floor-cloth; but the effects when seen from the intended distance were magical, everything coming out into its proper place, form, and tone. Yet no man was ever more sparing of colour; he husbanded his whites and even his yellows, which tell up sparkling like gold on his under-toned backgrounds: these, especially in his landscapes, were cool greys, skies, and misty mornings—nature seen with the intervention of air. He painted with a rapid, flowing, and certain brush, with that ease, the test of perfection, that absence of art and effort, which made all imagine that they could do the same—until they tried, failed, and despaired. The results obtained are so true to nature, that first beholders, as with Raphael at the Vatican, are sometimes disappointed that there is nothing more. He was above all tricks: There is no making poverty of hand or mind under metreticous glitter; all is sober, real, and sterling. He conceived his idea, worked it rapidly out, taking advantage of everything as it turned up, correcting and improving as he went on, knowing what he wanted—and which few do—when he had got it; then he left off, and never filtered away his breath or emphatic effect by superfluous finish to mere accessories; these were dashed in *con quattro botte*—but true, for he never put brush to canvas without an intention and meaning. No painter was ever more objective. There is no showing off of the artist, no calling attention to the performer's dexterity: his hand was in his subject, into which he passed his whole soul; loving art for itself, without me disturbing thought of self. He was true throughout to Nature, and she was true to him, and has rewarded him with immortality, which she confers only on those who worship with undivided allegiance at her shrine.

(Cava Bernades; Pacheco; Carducho; Pont; Mengs.)
VELEIA, an ancient city at the base of the Apennines, 234 miles south from Piacenza and 45 miles from Parma by the existing roads. Veleia stands with regard to these two cities at the apex of a triangle, of which a line drawn from Parma to Piacenza would be the base.

According to Bardetti, the population of this part of Italy was brought under the Roman dominion in A.D.C. 565, by M. Fulvius Nobilior. The inhabitants of Veleia lived up to the fourth year of the reign of Tiberius in villages; but a town was formed subsequently, which became a municipium, probably between the fourth year of the reign of Tiberius and the eighth of Vespasian. The inscription showing that Veleia was a municipality reads—

DABIA.T.F. BASILLA. CALCHIDICVM. MVNICIPIVS. SVS.
DRIET.

From the rude remains of antiquity, as well as the exquisite works in marble and bronze discovered in the forum and in the foundations of the surrounding buildings, it would appear that the rude arts of the old town had been supplanted by the better taste of the period in which it was changed into a municipality. The period of the ruin of Veleia is not by any means accurately known, though it is conjectured by Pitterelli to have taken place in the fourth century of the Christian era. This conjecture, which has much probability, is founded on the fact that coins of a later period have not yet been discovered in the excavations which have been made on the site of Veleia.

History does not mention the event which appears to have brought a sudden ruin on a prosperous municipality. Tradition reports a slip of the mountains called Moria and Rovinazzo to have been the cause of the catastrophe which most probably buried the city unexpectedly. According to Antolini, this event was owing to the waters of a small lake, enclosed high up in the mountains of Moria and Rovinazzo, two miles from the city, having percolated through the schistose layers of the mountains: the consequence of which was that a large portion of earth and rock became detached and rolled over the city. This opinion appears to be well founded, as in the mountains above mentioned there is a concave valley like the basin of a lake with one side broken down, and the materials which cover the town are of the same nature as those of the mountains Moria and Rovinazzo. Some have erroneously supposed the ruin to have been caused by a volcano, because at a short distance from the forum there are two natural fires arising from the

spontaneous combustion of hydrogen gas which issues from the surface of the earth, like the actual fire of Pietra Mala between Bologna and Florence. As hitherto no skeletons have been discovered, we may presume that the inhabitants had sufficient time to escape, but the ruin was too rapid to permit them to save their property, for gold statues and so much wealth were discovered by a poor priest of that place in the early part of the eighteenth century, that his family became enabled by this acquisition of property.

Presuming the city of Veieia to have been buried shortly after the reign of Constantine, it remained unknown and forgotten for fourteen centuries and a half. The first notice of the revival of this ancient city was owing to the Trajan tablet or table of bronze, called the Alimentary table, which contains a law under the directions of which 279 children were maintained. This remarkable document was discovered in 1747 by a peasant of the commune of Macinasso (now called by its ancient name of Veieia), while either ploughing or levelling a field. The length of the sheet of bronze is 8 feet 8 inches 1-6 lines (Paris), 5 feet 9 inches 5-0 lines high; and it weighs 600 lbs. of Piacenza, of 12 ounces to the pound. The peasant, finding it was metal, broke it into pieces and carried it for sale to Cremona, where it was purchased with the intention of being cast into a bell, when by good fortune two canons of the cathedral of Piacenza saved it. Maffei, Muratori, and Gori published their comments upon it about the year 1749.

Notwithstanding this discovery, 13 years elapsed before any researches were made. Afterwards Duke Philip of Parma ordered excavations to be commenced at Macinasso, on the spot where the bronze had been discovered. This first trial was made in the year 1760, when the foundations of the forum and of some public and private buildings were discovered, as well as twelve marble statues (some of them of superior workmanship), and numerous small bronze statues, medals, money, stamps, inscriptions, and small instruments and implements of bronze, among which perhaps the most singular is a pair of snuffers so completely of the form now in use, that, were it not for the evidence of being long buried, which they bear, it would be difficult to believe in their antiquity. Philip being satisfied with the first attempts, gave orders to continue the excavations, which were prosecuted with vigour until about the middle of the year 1765. In the period which has elapsed since 1765 a few trifling excavations only have been at intervals carried on. The present government, at the instigation of Lopez, director of the museum in Parma, are however preparing to excavate on an extensive scale. When the excavations were commenced in 1760, another bronze table was found at a short distance from the spot where 13 years previously the Alimentary table of Trajan had been discovered. This table is nearly square, being 2 feet 2 inches and 7 lines (Paris) wide, by 8 feet 8 inches high, and about 2 lines thick. It is however not quite rectangular. On the sides and in the middle are holes by which it was probably attached to a wall. The writing, like the large table, is divided into pages; the first contains fifty-two lines, and the second fifty-eight. At the beginning of the division between the pages, the number IIII is marked, from which it is manifest that this table was preceded by three others, forming six pages. It was customary among the Romans to record the laws and the public acts upon tables of bronze thus divided. The text of the bronze fragment begins at the end of the 19th chapter and ends with the beginning of the 23rd. The form of the letters, the orthography and the diphthongs, are exactly similar to those of the *Senatus-consultum de Bacchanalibus* which is entire in the Imperial Museum of Vienna. From these circumstances it may be presumed to be of the same period; or at the latest about the middle of the eighth century of Rome, and consequently long previous to the Alimentary tables.

Luigi Bolla and Giambattista Comaschi consider this table to be a part of a 'lex saturna.' So far as we know its contents, its only object was to prescribe to the municipalities of Gallia Cisalpina a constant rule of procedure. (*Osservazioni sulla Tavoletta dell'Editto per la Gallia Cisalpina, scoperta in Veieia, il 24 Aprile del 1760, scritte nell'anno 1769, dal R. Professore Signor Avvocato Luigi Bolla, con alcune Note del Consigliere Giambattista Comaschi.*)

The most direct road to Veieia is from Piacenza, by S. Polo, crossing the torrents Lugano and Riglio to the village of Costa Pelata, from whence the traveller must cross the torrent Veseno, near the village of Cima Fava; about three miles and a half farther is Rezzano, where the carriage-road terminates. The journey must now be made on foot or on mules. Passing Castel Badugnino, the traveller arrives at the Chero, a mountain torrent, in the stony bed of which the road leads to Veieia. From Parma three posts on the Via Emilia conduct you to Firenzuola, where the road turns off to the left, leading to Castel Arquata and Lugignano. From Arquata to Lugignano the road lies in the bed of the torrent Arda. At Lugignano the carriage must be left, and a mule and guide procured. The road now, for the distance of nine miles, lies over rugged mountains, with few signs of habitation, and those of the most wretched appearance. The approach to Veieia is by a descent; behind are the mountains Moria and Rovanzano, and in front the foundations of the forum; beyond is the torrent Chero, bounded on the other side by a chain of hills partially cultivated. The first aspect of Veieia does not satisfy the curiosity of the ordinary traveller; but a closer inspection of the remains of antiquity, when connected with the objects he will have seen in the Museum at Parma, will amply repay him for the fatigue undergone.

In the centre of the buildings discovered is the forum, on the left the amphitheatre, and on the right the baths. Veieia having been constructed on the inclination of a hill, the buildings are found on various levels. Thus the foundations between the forum and the amphitheatre are higher than the forum, and the amphitheatre itself is on a platform still higher; again, below the forum the foundations are on a lower level. Among the most remarkable objects in the forum are the remains of the marble tables and seats, and the inscription, originally of bronze letters, inserted in the stone pavement of the centre of the forum.

The forum is proportioned according to the rules of Vitruvius, being in width two-thirds of its length. Rude Doric columns of brick, stuccoed, formed the porticoes, which were aræostyle with wooden architraves: the inclined roof must have projected considerably beyond the columns which supported it, as the gutters into which the eaves dripped are placed far beyond the line of columns. Under the eaves are the stone tables, with their seats for the money-changers, or perhaps the receivers of the revenue. The Doric portico ran round three sides of the area of the forum, interrupted only on the north by the portico of a small anaptylostyle temple, and was stopped on the south by the wall of the basilica. As the tables of bronze were found here, it is not improbable that they were appended to the wall of the basilica on this side of the forum. The fact of Veieia possessing a basilica is attested by an inscription found there, and now in the museum at Parma.

The basilica stands, as recommended by Vitruvius, on the warmest side of the forum. This building contained the twelve marble statues preserved in the museum at Parma. The city was well provided with sewers and drains. The buildings were constructed of rough materials, and stuccoed and painted. A painted fragment is preserved in the museum at Parma, showing that the taste for arabesque decoration was the same as in the south of Italy. Bricks were used to make the foundations level, and in the baths also small circular brick columns supported the floors, and formed the flues for the hot air of the *calidarium*. Some of the bricks are stamped with the maker's name. Marble appears to have been an article of luxury, as the pavement in one of the chambers round the forum is scarcely a quarter of an inch thick. The few mosaic floors discovered are not remarkable for their design or execution; they have nevertheless been removed to the floor of the museum in Parma. This museum possesses many small bronze statues, equal if not superior to anything of the kind discovered in Herculaneum or Pompeii: it is also rich in marble inscriptions, and in bronze stamps used for marking goods or pottery, &c., and from the constant use of which among the Romans it appears strange that the art of printing never should have occurred to them.

For a detailed account of Veieia we refer to a work entitled 'Le Rovine di Veieia, misurate e disegnate da Giovanni Autolui, Professore di Architettura,' &c., in two

puta, folio (Milano, Società Topografica dei Classici Italiani, success.). Some comments on the bronze tables may be found in a work entitled 'Tavola Legislativa della Gallia Cisalpina ritrovata in Veleia,' &c., da D. Pietro di Lama, colle Osservazioni ed Annotazioni di due celebri Giureconsulti Parmigiani (Parma, dalla Stamperia Carmignani, success.). These works have become very rare. This 'Tavola Legislativa,' or law, is probably the Lex Rubria: the identity of this bronze tablet with the Lex Rubria, and the objects of the Lex, are discussed by Savigny and Puchta, *Zeitschrift für Geschichtliche Rechtswissenschaft*, ix., x. The date of the Lex is fixed about B.C. 43.

This notice of Veleia is compiled from the notes of a traveller during a visit to Veleia and Parma in 1839, and from the works quoted above.

VELLEA. [CIRRHOGARA, vol. vii., p. 200.]

VELEZ-MÁLAGA, a town of Spain, in Andalusia, in the province of Malaga, the capital of the district of its name. This town, which is supposed to have been the ancient Melolae, is situated on the river Velez (Rio Velez), near its mouth. The Arabs changed its name into Bileis, or Beles, the name of another town of Africa, whence a tribe came which settled in it. To distinguish it from other towns bearing the same name in the Peninsula, it was called Beles-Malakah, whence Velez-Malaga. The town is slightly elevated above and on the left bank of the stream, and is commanded by the neighbouring hills. The streets are wide, clean, and tolerably well paved: Velez was a place of considerable strength under the Moors, and had a castle now in ruins. It was taken by Ferdinand on the 27th of April, A.D. 1487, after a siege of about a month. The town contains two parish churches, six convents, several houses of charity, a prison, public granary, &c., and some fine public promenades. Notwithstanding its situation on the seashore, its climate is said to be oppressively hot, owing to its being completely sheltered by the neighbouring hills. The environs are exceedingly fertile, producing sugar, coffee, cotton, cochineal, large quantities of wine, silk, the sweet potato, &c. In the town are some sugar-mills as well as manufactories of hats, soap, brandy, &c. According to Miñano, the population of Velez-Malaga amounted to about 14,000 inhabitants in 1828.

VELINO. [RIETO.]

VELLETRI. [CAMPAGNA DI ROMA.]

VELLORE. [VELORE.]

VELLUM. [PARCHMENT.]

VELLY, PAUL-FRANÇOIS, a French historian, was born at Craguy, near Reims, on the 9th of April, 1709. He studied in the Jesuits' college at Reims, and was received a member of their fraternity in 1726. In 1740 he quitted the society, but remained on a friendly footing with many of its members. His first publication—a translation of Swift's 'History of John Bull'—appeared in 1753. In 1755 he published two volumes of a 'History of France.' The first volume brings down the narrative to the death of Charlemagne; the second, to the death of Philippe I. (1108). The third volume, the preface of which contains a reply to the censures pronounced by critics on the two former volumes, reaches to the death of Philippe Auguste in 1223. The three following volumes contain the reigns of Louis VIII., St. Louis, Philippe III., and Philippe-le-Bel. Velly had nearly finished the eighth volume, when he died of the bursting of a blood-vessel, on the 4th of September, 1759. He was of a full habit of body, and careless of his health. It is not known whether he was in easy or straitened circumstances; the booksellers, Desnart and Saillant, are said to have paid him 1500 francs for each volume of his history. A 12mo. edition of the eight volumes of Velly's history was published by the same booksellers in 1761-62. A third edition (1770-89), in 15 vols. 4to., contains a continuation by Villaret to the year 1429; and by Garnier, to 1564. This edition also contains the 'Avant Clovis' of Laureau, and a Table by Rondonneau, and is accompanied by a collection of portraits, and a geographical atlas in two folio volumes. The 12mo. edition (in 35 volumes) wants these accompaniments. Faustin des Odoards has compiled a continuation of Garnier, in 26 vols. 12mo. Velly's style is respectable, though monotonous. His narrative betrays but a slender acquaintance with the original sources of the ancient history of France. He confuses the manners of different ages, and retains the bad custom of putting im-

aginary speeches into the mouths of historical characters. His history appears to have owed its temporary success to the style being better and more modern than that of any other history of France that existed at the time when he published, and to the general remarks interspersed, which evince considerable familiarity with the writings of Montaigne.

VELOCITY. This word, rendered into English, is simply swiftness or quickness, and would be soon disposed of, if it were not that various circumstances connected with its measure and calculation render its consideration one of the most useful exercises which the student can have, not only in mechanics, but also in pure mathematics. And since the views which must be developed in treating properly of this word are almost identical with those which arise in explaining the meanings of other words nearly as important, we have made references from all quarters to this article, which, though they will increase its length, will upon the whole save room.

The difficulty in the way of a beginner, which he meets with in acquiring a clear notion of the measure of velocity, is the tendency to confound the velocity and its measure; a tendency which is increased by any elementary work which hastens too rapidly to the mathematical treatment of the word. The consequence of this confusion is (since the measure of velocity must be a length described, or rather a length capable of being described) a want of power to distinguish between the space which a body *does* describe in a given time, and that which, judging from its velocity, it seems to be going to describe at the beginning of that time. Hence arise many notions mathematically false: these might perhaps be prevented by attributing volition to the moving particle, and distinguishing between its apparent intention at the beginning of the given time, and that which it actually accomplishes in the given time. Such an illustration would probably receive no approbation; but the errors to which it would lead would not be of the least consequence in mathematics.

A point is in motion, and during a certain second it moves over ten feet: if the same thing should happen in preceding and succeeding seconds, there is a presumption that the body is moving uniformly at the rate of ten feet a second; that is to say, there is a presumption that, in any portion of time whatsoever, during its motion, there is a length described which bears to ten feet the same proportion as that portion of time bears to one second. But this is a presumption only. It does not follow, because ten feet are described in one second, that five feet are described in each half of a second, and one foot in each tenth of a second. If the second could be divided into a million of parts, and it could be shown that the millionth part of ten feet is described in each and all of these parts, it would be no doubt a very strong presumption that the motion is really uniform, but still not amounting to certainty; for it is possible that in each of those parts of time there may be a variation of speed: for instance, the moving point may do all its work in the first half of the small interval, and rest during the remainder. Something of this kind takes place in the motion of the minute-hand of a watch, which is propelled once in each second during a portion of the second, and rests during the remainder. But so rapidly do the small propulsions follow one another, and so small are their individual effects, that, even when the hand has been watched until its motion is certain, there is no irregularity discoverable by ordinary eyes. And, speaking with reference to common purposes, there is no occasion to deny uniformity of motion as long as the lengths described in those times which are convenient to be mentioned are equal or nearly equal. It would be useless, in speaking of the pace with which a man walks four miles an hour, to remind the hearer that no person walks uniformly, and that in every step the centre of gravity of the body moves up and down, advancing most rapidly when it is at the highest, and most slowly when it is lowest. But for mathematical purposes a correct measure of speed must be obtained, and the preceding account would at first seem to lead to the inference that it is impossible to have such a measure. Nor indeed has velocity yet received its definition in this article, at least not its measure: we have spoken of velocity and of its changing, but without alluding to any mode of estimating the quantity of change. But there is that about the word which needs no definition: when we say that the railroad

carriage moves 'faster' than the old stage-coach, or that two bodies which set out together and keep together are always moving 'at the same rate,' there is no need of explanation of the words which are in marks of quotation. And we must now refer to the considerations in *UNIFORM* as a constituent part of this article, showing that we may have a perfect idea, both of velocity, that it is a magnitude, and that there is such a thing as uniform velocity, previous to any definite ideas of the most proper mode of measuring even that uniform velocity, to go no farther.

If a body move uniformly, it is customary at once to lay down as the measure of the velocity the space described in a given time, usually the unit of time, a second, a minute, an hour, as the case may be. As far as the great object of calculation is concerned, this definition is perfect: by instituting measures of velocity, we can but want to answer one or other of these questions: Where will the moving point be at the end of a given time; or, In what time will the moving point pass over a given length. The body moves at the rate of v feet per second, it moves over vt feet in t seconds, and moves over the length s feet in $s \div v$ seconds. Let us now take a point moving with a variable motion, that is, not describing equal lengths in equal times, say a particle descending by its own weight in a vacuum. In the first second it falls 16 feet; but in the first half of this second it falls only 4 feet, and the remaining 12 feet in the second half-second. The space described in one second is therefore no measure of the rate of motion during that second, and it is now to be asked, What is the way of obtaining a measure of the speed after any interval has elapsed? What is velocity itself, when it cannot, for want of uniformity, be ascertained by the space described in any given time? If the action of gravity were removed at the end of that time, so that the point would go on uniformly with its last acquired velocity, how much would it then describe in one second? All these questions are the same, and the answer cannot be given without the introduction of the notion of a limit, whether with or without the forms of the differential calculus. At the end of the time t seconds, let the moving point be at A , distant by s feet from the fixed point O .



During the ensuing fraction A of a second, let it describe the further space $AB (=A)$. The length A is then moved over in the time A , and if the velocity were uniform, that velocity would be $A \div A$ feet in one second; for as A is to 1 (second), so (on the supposition of uniform velocity) is A to the space which would be described in one second. If AB were very small, we might reason (with tolerable exactness) as follows: In a very small time the change of speed will be slight, and the motion of the point nearly uniform, though not absolutely so; whence we may say, without material error, that AB is described as with a uniform velocity of $A \div A$ feet per second. The process which the mathematician adds is the following:—The error of the preceding process, small when A is small, becomes smaller when A is still smaller, and may be diminished to any extent: that is, little as may be the departure from uniform motion in moving through a small length, it is less in moving through a smaller. If, then, instead of making A simply small, and then finding $A \div A$, we diminish A without limit, and find the limit towards which $A \div A$ approaches, we find that uniform velocity which may be said to represent the speed of the point in passing through A , so far as any uniform velocity can be said to do so. Using such language as supposes the point to have volition, we have, in the limit of $A \div A$, the length per second with which the point shows an intention of proceeding at the instant when it passes through A , though it does not preserve that intention wholly unaltered for any portion of time, however small.

Suppose for example that the point moves in such a way as to describe $t + t^2$ feet in t seconds, for all values of t , whole or fractional. We have then $s = t + t^2$, $s + \Delta s = (t + \Delta t) + (t + \Delta t)^2$, whence we obtain

$$\Delta s = A + 2tA + A^2 \quad \frac{A}{\Delta t} = 1 + 2t + A.$$

At the end of 3 seconds, what is the velocity? Judging from the length described during the succeeding fraction A (and making $t=3$), we should say that, $A \div A$ being

$7 + A$, the limit of this, or 7, obtained by diminishing A without limit, is the velocity required; that is, the point is then moving 7 feet per second. If we suppose 7 feet per second, the length described in the fraction A of a second is the fraction $7A$ of a foot; take any other uniform velocity p feet per second, and pA is the length described in the same time. Now what is really described is $7A + A^2$; so that the errors are A^2 and $(7-p)A + A^2$, which are in the ratio of A to $7-p+A$. Now if p differ (as we have supposed) from 7, the first error diminishes without limit as compared with the second, when A diminishes without limit: so that, of all uniform velocities, 7 feet per second is the one which best represents the motion of the point in any small time following the end of the third second; and the better the smaller the time.

It appears then that we do not, properly speaking, undertake to say at what rate the point is moving at the end of three seconds, but what fictitious uniform rate best represents, at the instant, the variable rate at which it is moving. This will, for a moment, seem rather unsatisfactory to the student who imagines that he has got an absolute idea of velocity, and here he should compare his notion on this subject with that of the direction of a point moving in a curve. [DIRECTION; TANGENT.] What do we mean by saying that a point which moves in a curve has, at every instant, the direction of motion which is represented by the tangent of that curve? Answer, in nearly the same word as before. We do not, properly speaking, undertake to say in what direction the point is moving at any period of its motion, but what fictitious line of uniform direction (straight line) best represents, at that instant, the line of variable direction (curve) on which it is moving. The study of these two things together, velocity and direction, is useful, as each throws illustration upon the difficulties of the other. In both cases the laws of matter agree in preferring that which is indicated as most simple by the laws of mind; for if a point moving along a curve be suddenly relieved of the forces which keep it in a perpetual change of speed and direction, it will proceed with that very velocity which we have said it shows its intention to proceed with, uniformly; and will quit the curve for that straight line which we might equally well have said it showed a disposition to prefer to any other while moving on the curve, namely, the tangent of the curve.

If it should be said that we are reduced, in treating of variable velocities, to a necessity which does not occur in describing those which are uniform, namely, the use of limits, we altogether deny the fact: that is, we say that we are as much compelled to the use of limits in defining a uniform velocity, as a variable one. For what does uniform velocity mean? A point has uniform velocity when equal spaces, any equal spaces whatsoever, are described in equal times; or when, A being described in the time A , $A \div A$ is always the same. That is, $A \div A$ must retain its value, however small A may be; or the limit of $A \div A$ must also have that value. And we have seen that it would be impossible to declare, experimentally, the existence of uniform velocity, even if our senses had no imperfections, upon the experience of comparisons of any finite equal spaces, however small: nothing but assurance of the limit of $A \div A$ being the same thing wherever the point A might be placed, would give mathematical evidence of the velocity being uniform.

In all cases, then, by the velocity of a point in motion, at any particular period of its motion, is to be understood the limit of the ratio which the increment of the length described bears to the increment of the time expended in the description of that increment of length. That is, if the length be measured in feet, and the time in seconds, and if A be the fraction of a foot described in the fraction of a second A , the limit towards which the fraction A divided by the fraction A continually tends while A is diminished without limit, is the number of feet per second which, we may say, expresses the rate of motion at the period in question. The student of the differential calculus will now have no difficulty in altering the preceding into the following form: if the length s be described in the time t , the velocity (v) at the end of the time t is thus expressed:

$$v = \frac{ds}{dt}$$

If y be any function of x , and if x represent the number of units of length described by a moving point in

the time t , and y the same for another moving point, and if $y = \phi x$, we have by the rules of the differential calculus:

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{dy}{dx} \frac{dx}{dt}$$

Here $dy : dt$ and $dx : dt$ represent \dot{y} and \dot{x} , Newton's Fluxions of y and x ; and $dy : dx$ is obviously the same thing as $y : x$. The term fluxion merely means velocity, and, after all, there can be formed no clearer notion of a differential coefficient than one which is formed from a consideration closely resembling the fluxional one. If y be a function of x , $dy : dx$ is the rate at which y is increasing, as compared with that at which x increases. Thus if $y = x^2$, $dy : dx = 2x$, which when $x = 10$ is 4000. What does this mean? We say that nothing can answer more clearly than the following:—If a number be imagined to be gradually increased (VARIABLE), by the time it becomes 10 its fourth power will be, at that instant, increasing 4000 times as fast as itself.

ACCELERATION is the increase of velocity; and in the article cited uniform acceleration has been considered, and its laws deduced, if not with the forms, yet on the principles, of the differential calculus. Precisely the same difficulties come before us in the development of the measure of acceleration as in that of velocity, and they are to be met in the same manner. In fact, by the acceleration is meant the rate of increase of the velocity, the velocity of the velocity. Suppose the velocity, first, to increase uniformly: that is to say, let δv feet be added to it in every δt second, and in that proportion for all times elapsed; if then a be the initial velocity, that at the end of the time t is $a + \delta v t$, and we have

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = a + \delta v \quad s = at + \frac{1}{2} \delta v t^2$$

if s be measured from the point of starting. Here is at the length due to the initial velocity a , and $\frac{1}{2} \delta v t^2$ the effect of the continual acceleration. Now suppose, returning to the diagram, that the velocity at B is greater by l than that at A, the fraction A of a second having elapsed between the two positions: that is, suppose that at A the point begins to move as if it meant (continuing our illustration) to describe v feet in the next second; but that by the time of coming to B it begins (from B), as if it would describe $v + l$ feet in the next second. If this increase of velocity were uniformly given, that is, if in the time $\frac{1}{2} A$ its velocity had become $v + \frac{1}{2} l$, in $\frac{1}{4} A$, $v + \frac{1}{4} l$, and so on for every fraction of A , we might then infer that the acceleration at A, that is, the rate at which velocity is then increasing, measured by the quantity which would be gained in a second at the same rate, is $l \div \frac{1}{2} A$: for as A is to one second, so is l gained in the time A to what would be gained in a second at that rate. But if this supposition be not true, that is, if the speed receive *unequal* additions in equal times, we must then begin to reason as before, and to find what (pursuing the same illustration) we may call the intention of the velocity. If l be added to the velocity in the small time A , it will be added nearly uniformly; if A be still smaller, still more nearly, and so on: in such manner that while, practically speaking, $l \div \frac{1}{2} A$ is a sufficiently good representative of the current rate of acceleration, when A is small, the (uniform) rate of acceleration which best represents the state of things at A is the limit which is deduced by making A diminish without limit. And here again, copying our own preceding words, we do not undertake to say at what rate the velocity is increasing when the moving point is at A, but what fictitious *uniform* rate of increase best represents, at the instant, the *variable* rate of increase which would be detected if the changes of velocity between A and B could be noted. And hence, if a be called the acceleration, the student of the differential calculus will easily deduce,

$$v = \frac{dv}{dt} t \quad \text{since } v = \frac{ds}{dt}$$

and also $s = v t$.

Thus if the motion of the point be such that in t seconds there are described $t^2 + t^2$ feet, we have as follows:—

$$s = t^2 + t^2, v = 2t + 2t, a = 2 + 2 = 4$$

At the end of 2 seconds, then, the state of things is this:—the point has advanced $8 + 16$ or 24 feet, and if al-

lowed to move on without further change of velocity, would describe $12 + 32$ or 44 feet in the next second, and has the velocity 44 (feet) in one second: while at the same time there is an acceleration taking place which would, if allowed to remain uniform for one second, add $12 + 48$ or 60 to the velocity, making it $44 + 60$ or 104 at the end of the third second. But this rate of acceleration is itself increasing, since at the end of the third second the velocity is $27 + 324$ or 351.

So far the subject, and all notions connected with it, fall within the province of pure mathematics: if there were no such thing as either matter or force, but only motion and a mind to conceive it, all that has been said might be intelligible. It is very much to be regretted that the connection between the mathematical doctrine of motion and the laws of matter is unduly made, and at too early a stage, by the application of the term *accelerating force*, instead of simple *acceleration*, to the result $dv : dt$. Acceleration would be what we have described it to be, if matter were not inert, if it moved by its own volition, or on any supposition whatever, provided only that it moved. Why then should a theory be made to supply the name of a result antecedent to that theory, and which would be perfectly true even if that theory were false? The consequence of this is, that when the laws of matter come to be applied to the mathematical expressions of motion, things are taken for granted which ought to be learnt.

The connexion between these two subjects is made in the manner described in the article FOSCA, according to which it appears that if the weight of a particle be W , and if (this weight being taken away, as by laying the particle on a table without friction) a pressure be constantly exerted upon it such as would be produced by a weight P , in any direction in which it can move freely, the amount added to the velocity will be uniform, at the rate of $32 \cdot 19 P \div W$ feet in every second. Hence the following equation:—

$$\frac{32 \cdot 19 P}{W} = \frac{dv}{dt}, \text{ or } P = \frac{W}{32 \cdot 19} \frac{dv}{dt}$$

For example, what pressure must act uniformly for one second on a particle of 7 ounces weight, to add 13 feet per second to its velocity, or that the rate of motion at the end of that second may be 13 feet per second greater than at the commencement. Here $dv : dt = 13$, $W = 7$, and the answer is

$$P = \frac{7 \times 13}{32 \cdot 19} = 2 \cdot 83 \text{ ounces.}$$

The numerical divisor $32 \cdot 19$, the uniform acceleration of bodies falling freely in *vacuo* at the earth's surface, is usually denoted by g , and the factor $W \div g$ usually stands for the MASS of the body, or the measure of its quantity of matter. Hence the following equation:—

$$P = M \frac{dv}{dt};$$

and this remains true, whatever unit of mass be employed, provided only that the pressure, which is called unity, shall be that which, exerted for one second upon the unit of mass, shall add a unit to the velocity. And now comes another consequence of the application of the term force to the simple consequence of force, acceleration. The word is wanted again to signify this pressure which produces acceleration, and for distinction the pressure is called *moving force*. (MOMENTUM; MOVING FORCE.) So, then, the name of the pressure which acts and produces continual accessions to the speed is moving force; while the name of the rate of acceleration is accelerating force. To mend this confused use of terms, some writers endeavour to create a notion of moving force independent of the pressure; but as they always end in saying that the moving force varies as the pressure, and never tell us more of its definition than that it is the product of the mass and acceleration, they might save themselves trouble, and their readers also, if they would simply establish the above equation, where P means the pressure which produces acceleration, and that pressure is the unit of its kind when it is of that magnitude which creates in the unit of mass a unit of velocity per second.

As we are now differing from men of deserved good authority, both at home and abroad, and intending to make our assertion in a more positive manner than is usual with us, we may be excused for dwelling a little more upon the

subject. If we consider the natural meaning of moving force and accelerating force, it is obviously as follows:—moving force is force which makes motion; accelerating force is force which makes acceleration, or increased motion. Were the distinction ever so necessary, these words would be very bad ones, and would always obstruct the learner. Nor does this origin of the word moving force, namely, that which produces MOMENTUM, give any help: for the synonyme for momentum, namely, *quantity of motion*, meaning really quantity of matter moved multiplied by the velocity, is a perversion of words of the same kind. To *momentum* we have no objection: it is a Latin word to which an English ear may easily be familiarised in any sense. If geometers had chosen to call an equilateral triangle a *momentum*, the etymological student might have been startled, but the shock would soon have been got over: but if they had called the same figure a *quantity of motion*, every beginner would have been puzzled, and the impression would have been lasting. But, returning to the two species of forces, so called, we find a double inconsistency: the idea of motion is introduced into the word which only means pressure (for *moving force* is but pressure), while the idea of pressure is introduced into a word which has only reference to motion (for *accelerating force* is but acceleration). There are two distinct and leading ideas in mechanics, pressure and motion: on keeping them perfectly distinct till the time comes for joining them experimentally it must depend whether a student sees mechanics to be a science or not. If any one should say that pressure producing motion might be distinguished from pressure which is in a state of equilibrium with other pressures, we could not of course raise any objection: let then *moving force* and *resting force* be used in these two senses, with a clearly expressed distinction. Here force would be synonymous with PRESSURE, in the derived or secondary sense of the article cited. But let acceleration be then acceleration, not accelerating force.

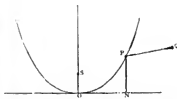
The COMPOSITION of velocities and accelerations is so easily proved, that we do not think it necessary to lengthen this article by dwelling upon it. Two of a sort, whether velocities or accelerations, acting upon one particle, at any one instant, are equivalent to a third represented in magnitude and direction by the diagonal of a parallelogram, the two sides of which represent in magnitude and direction the two components. And by the law of motion which is commonly called the second (MOTUS, LAWS II, p. 452), the several accelerations which act on any particle in any given directions may have their effects computed separately, without any error being introduced. If then, supposing a particle to move in a plane, the pressures P and Q be applied to it in the directions of the rectangular coordinates x and y , the mass of the particle being M, we have

$$M \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = P, \quad M \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = Q$$

equations which are only true on the supposition that there is this connection between the unit of mass and that of pressure, namely, that the latter acting on the former during one unit of time shall add to the line which represents its velocity one unit of length. These equations are enough to determine the equation of the curve in which the particle must move, P and Q being given functions of both x and y ; and the time of motion through any arc of the curve s is then found from the following equation:—

$$\left(\frac{ds}{dt}\right)^2 = 2 \int (P dx + Q dy) \text{ or } dt = \int \frac{ds}{\sqrt{2(P dx + Q dy)}}$$

It is not here our business to proceed further with the consequences of the definitions of velocity and acceleration: but we must explain a point which will arise in our subsequent article on Virtual Velocities. When we have the means of actually ascertaining the motion of a particle of given mass, that is to say, of finding at every instant its actual place, its velocities in the directions of its coordinates, and its accelerations in those directions, we are prepared to assign the pressures which must act upon it in those directions, at the instant we are speaking of, either in mathematical units of pressure, as before described, or, if the reader please, in pounds or ounces avoirdupois. To show this, let us propose an instance, as follows:—A particle whose weight (if weight were allowed to act) is



10 ounces, moves uniformly along the arc of a parabola OP (whose focus is S, OS being half a foot) at the rate of 2 feet per second: What pressures in the directions of ON and NP (or of x and y) are necessary to keep up the motion; and in particular what are the pressures and the velocities at the point P at which NP = 3 feet? The equation of the curve is $2y = x^2$, whence we get

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x \frac{dx}{dt}$$

Or the velocity in the direction of y is to that in the direction of x always as x to 1.

But, s being the arc OP, we have

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = 2, \quad \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{dx}{ds} \cdot \frac{ds}{dt} = 2$$

$$\text{whence } \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{4}{1+x^2}, \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{4x}{1+x^2}.$$

At the point in question $y = 3$, $x^2 = 6$, from which the velocities in the directions of x and y are found to be $\pm \sqrt{4/7}$ and $\pm \sqrt{6/7}$, or $\cdot 756$ and $1\cdot 852$. We take the positive signs, since both motions obviously tend to increase their coordinates. Differentiate the last equations again, and we have,—

$$2 \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = - \frac{8x}{(1+x^2)^2} \frac{ds}{dt}, \quad 2 \frac{dy}{dt} \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = - \frac{8x}{(1+x^2)^2} \frac{ds}{dt}$$

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = - \frac{4x}{(1+x^2)^2}, \quad \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = \frac{4}{(1+x^2)^2}.$$

or the velocity in the direction of x is always retarded, while that in the direction of y is always accelerated. And at the point in question we have $-4\sqrt{6/7} \div 40$ and $4 \div 40$ for the accelerations, say $\cdot 200$ and $\cdot 082$; by which we mean that if the pressures then acting in the directions of x and y were allowed to continue uniform for one second, they would alter the velocities in the directions of x and y from $\cdot 756$ and $1\cdot 852$ to $\cdot 756 - \cdot 200$ and $1\cdot 852 + \cdot 082$. The weight of the particle, if weight were allowed to act, being 10 ounces, the pressures which would produce the preceding accelerations are, in ounces—

$$- \frac{10}{32 \cdot 19} \frac{4x}{(1+x^2)^2} \text{ and } \frac{10}{32 \cdot 19} \frac{4}{(1+x^2)^2},$$

the pressure in the direction of x being in the direction from N towards O. At the point in question these pressures are $\cdot 062$ and $\cdot 0255$ ounces.

The pressures thus derived from the motion which actually takes place, by means of the accelerations d^2x/dt^2 and d^2y/dt^2 , are usually called the *effective forces*; and the name is very appropriate, because it is true that these must be the forces which do really act. Different pressures produce different accelerations upon the same mass; or in one acceleration there is but one producing pressure, the mass being given. But it may happen that the forces actually impressed, or the pressures actually applied, at the point P, may be very different from those which just produce the motion that is produced. Suppose for example that the mass P were attached to the mass Q by the rigid rod PQ without weight; and suppose such forces to be applied at P and Q as, whatever may become of Q, cause P to move uniformly along the parabola in the manner above described. We may assign an infinite number of different motions to Q, and for each motion of Q we may assign an infinite number of pressures which, being applied to P and Q, will give the two their sup-

* We have not entered into the distinction of naming between positive and negative velocities and accelerations, since the species is a purely algebraical one, unnecessary to be treated here if the student really understands algebra, and impossible to be explained within our limits to read who do not.

† The weight has been throughout supposed to be neglected, as it would be if the parabola were in the plane of a table, on which the particle is laid.

posed motions. But in no one of these cases can the total amounts of pressure really applied to P, in the directions of x and y , be any other than those which are calculated above; whatever may be the pressures actually applied at P, the thrust or pull, as the case may be, of the rod PQ, will supply what is necessary to make all the forces that act on P (those directly applied and that arising from the said thrust or pull) together equivalent to the pressures above calculated. This is the foundation of *D'Alembert's principle*. [FOURCES, IMPRESSED AND EFFECTIVE; VIRTUAL VELOCITIES.]

The connection between velocity and pressure is not only obscured by phrases as clumsy as 'moving force,' but also by the use of the unit of mass instead of the unit of weight. This measurement by masses instead of weights is so convenient and so desirable on rational grounds, that it cannot ultimately be dispensed with; but at the first outset the student should be taught to reduce the new mode of proceeding into terms of that with which he is then better acquainted. A beginner in the theory of gravitation is not allowed to have the least idea of the amount of the attractions of the several bodies upon each other in pounds or tons, or any other unit which he can at once understand. And we should not be surprised if many who can easily compare the sun's attraction upon the earth with the earth's attraction upon the moon, so as to find either of them when the other is given, would be awkward at, if not actually puzzled by, the question of comparing either of them with the weights in a grocer's shop. Undoubtedly there would not be much of astronomical utility in the question; but for clear conception of the meaning and mode of derivation of mechanical results, nothing can be of more importance than the actual comparison of all results with those which are best known, because actually felt and perceived.

VELOCITIES, VIRTUAL. [VIRTUAL VELOCITIES.]

VELOIRE (*Felore*), a fortified town in Hindustan, is situated in a small district of the same name, in the presidency of Madras and province of the Central Carnatic, on the south bank of the river Palmar: $12^{\circ} 55' N. lat., 79^{\circ} 12' E. long.$

Velore was formerly a place of importance, as it commanded the main road from the coast of the Carnatic to the province of Mysore; but since the conquest of Mysore it has become of little consequence, except as a military station. The fortress is surrounded by a strong stone wall, with bastions and round-towers at short distances, and by a wide and deep ditch, over which there is a causeway, forming the only entrance. In the ditch there are, or at least were, a number of large alligators.

In 1646 Velore fell into the hands of the Mohammedan states of Golkonda and Bejjoor. In 1677 it was captured by Scynjee. In the war of 1781 it was invested by Hyder Ali with a large army, and reduced to extreme distress for want of provisions; but as the fate of the Carnatic was then considered to depend upon it, it was not only relieved by Sir Eyre Coote, but Hyder was compelled to retreat. After the conquest of Seringapatam in 1799, the whole of Tippoo Saib's family, twelve sons and eight daughters, were removed to Velore, which was fitted up for their commodious residence, with an allowance for their support more liberal than they had received from Tippoo himself. On the 10th of July, 1806, an atrocious revolt and massacre took place in the town, in which some of the family of Tippoo were active participants. The insurgents were subdued and many of them slain by a party of the 19th dragoons under Colonel Gillespie. The instigators of the revolt were then removed to Bengal.

Velore is 20 miles W. from Arcot, and 88 miles W. by S. from Madras, travelling distances. [Hamilton's *East India Gazetteer*; Mill's *History of British India*, by Wilson.]

VELUM, an architectural term, not in general use, but deserving to be established on account of its convenience and expressiveness, since it distinctly describes at once what must else either be left doubtful or be particularly explained. Woods employs the term in speaking of the gallery called the Braccio Nuovo in the museum of the Vatican, saying, 'The central division is covered by a *velum*, that is, by a cupola, the diameter of which is equal to the diagonal of the square, on which it rises, and of which, consequently, the sides are cut away.' His explanation is however rather an awkward one, since it would

be more correct to say that the dome, or concave circular ceiling, is cut away at its base by the sides of the square, or polygon—for it may be either, inscribed within its circumference. Such ceiling or vault therefore assumes somewhat the appearance of an awning or *velum* stretched immediately upon arches.

VELUTINA, Lamarck's name for a genus of his family *Macrostrumata*, from the rest of which however *Velutina* remarkably differs.

Description.—Shell subglobose; spire short, composed of two rapidly enlarged ventricose whorls; aperture large, subovate; peristome thin, entire, separated from the last whorl; columella twisted and thin; epidermis velvety.

Mr. J. E. Gray places the *Velutina*, with the single genus *Velutina*, between the *Truncatellidae* and the *Paludinidae*.

Example, *Velutina laevigata*.



Velutina laevigata.

VELVET, a variety of the silk manufacture, remarkable for the softness of its surface. The manufacture of velvet was unknown at least several centuries after the introduction of plain woven silks, and it is not mentioned in any documents earlier than the thirteenth century. For a long time the manufacture of this fabric was confined to Italy, where, particularly in Genoa, Florence, Milan, Lucca, and Venice, it was carried on to a great extent. It was subsequently introduced into France, and brought to great perfection. On the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, in 1685, this branch of weaving was begun in England by the refugees. The peculiar softness of velvet is owing to a loose 'pile' or surface of threads, occasioned by the insertion of short pieces of silk thread doubled under the shoot, weft, or cross threads. These stand upright so thickly as entirely to conceal the interlacing of the warp and shoot. The richness of the velvet depends upon the closeness of the pile-threads. The insertion of these short threads is effected in the following manner:—Instead of having only one row of warp-threads, which will be crossed alternately over and under by the shoot, there are two sets, one of which is to form the regular warp, while the other is to constitute the pile; and these two sets are so arranged in the loom as to be kept separate. The quantity of the pile-thread necessary is very much more than that of the warp-thread; and therefore must be supplied to the loom by a different agency.

If the pile-threads were worked in among the shoot in the same way as the warp-threads, the fabric would be simply a kind of double silk, but without any kind of pile; the pile-threads are therefore formed into a series of loops, standing up from the surface of the silk; and by subsequently cutting these loops with a sharp instrument, the pile is produced. The loops are formed in a very singular way. After the weaver has thrown the shuttle three times across, making the shoot interlace three times among the threads of the warp, he inserts a thin straight brass wire at right angles to the length of the piece, or parallel with the shoot. The wire is so placed as to occupy a position through the whole breadth of the fabric, above the warp-threads and below the pile-threads. The treadle is then put to work, the alternate threads of the warp raised, and the shuttle again thrown; by which a shoot-thread is thrown over the pile-threads, and also over one-half of the warp-threads; the wire becomes thus, as it were, woven into the substance of the fabric. Two more traverses of the shoot are then made, passing alternately under and over the warp-threads in the usual way, but not interfering with the pile-threads. Another wire is then laid in, below all the pile-threads and above all the warp-threads, and this is secured by subsequent shoot-threads, as in the first case.

By a most delicate and difficult operation, these wires are removed by the same operation which produces the raised pile. Each wire is nearly a semicylinder in form, and has along its upper surface a carefully constructed groove, and along this groove the weaver passes the sharp edge of a cutting instrument called a *tricot*, severing the

pile-threads in his progress. It necessarily follows from this operation that two ends of each thread are thus loosened, and these ends, being afterwards brushed up and dressed, constitute a portion of the pile, sufficiently long to hide completely the woven fabric beneath. Two wires are employed, because if one only were used, the pile-threads would become disarranged when it was removed. When the liberated wire has been again inserted, and three shoots thrown to secure it, the second line of loops is cut and the second wire removed; and so on during the weaving of the whole length. Striped velvets are produced by some of the pile-threads being uncut. The slowness and delicacy of this branch of manufacture may be judged from the fact that forty or fifty insertions of the grooved wire are made in the space of one inch. In addition to the other complications, the weaver has to use two shoot-threads, and consequently two shuttles; for the shoot thrown immediately after the insertion of the wire is stouter than the two following. Mr. Porter thus speaks of the unintermitting carefulness required in the succession of operations on the part of the weaver:—"The use of the tread in cutting the pile calls for a certain amount of skillfulness or sleight-of-hand, only to be fully acquired through care and after long practice, while the minutest deviation from the proper line in performing this part of the process would infallibly injure, if even it did not destroy the goods; and the movements to be made throughout the entire operation are so numerous, and require such constant changing of the hand from one action to another, that the weaver is greatly and unavoidably retarded in his progress. It is considered to amount to a very good day's work when as much as one yard of plain velvet has been woven. For this the workman is usually paid five times the price charged for weaving gros-de-Naples." [SILK.]

Cotton is now employed, as well as silk, in the manufacture of velvet. The different varieties of fustian are a kind of cotton-velvet. [WEAVING.]

[Porter's History of the Silk Manufacture; Penny Magazine, vol. xi., No. 670.]

VENA CONTRACTA. [HYDRODYNAMICS, vol. xii. pp. 390, 391.]

VENAPRO. [LAYRA, TERRA DI.]

VENAÏSSIN, LE COMTAT. [COMTAT D'AVIGNON

(I.E.), and LE COMTAT VENAÏSSIN.]

VENANT (ST.). [PAS DE CALAIS.]

VENCE. [VAR.]

VENDEAN WAR. [VENDE'E.]

VENDE'E, a department in the western part of France, bounded on the north by the department of Loire Inférieure, on the north-east by that of Maine et Loire, on the east and south-east by that of Deux Sèvres, on the south by that of Charente Inférieure, and on the south-west and west by the Atlantic Ocean. Its form approximates to that of an oval, having its greatest length from north-west to south-east, from the coast near Beauvoir, opposite the island of Noirmoutier, to the border of the department of Deux Sèvres, on the road between Fontenay and Niort, 82 miles; and its greatest breadth, at right angles to the length, from the coast near Les Sables d'Olonne to the junction of the three departments of Vendée, Maine et Loire, and Deux Sèvres, near Mortagne, 56 miles. These are the dimensions of the mainland; but the department comprehends the islands of Boin, Noirmoutier, and Dieu. The whole is comprehended between 46° 18' and 47° 4' N. lat., and between 6° 35' and 2° 30' W. long. The area of the department is estimated at 2539 square miles, which is above the average area of the French departments, and just a little above the area of the English county of Lincolnshire, with which, from its maritime position, low, flat, and marshy character, and the agricultural pursuits of its inhabitants, it may be not unsuitably compared. The population in 1820 was 322,826; in 1831, 330,350; and in 1836, 341,362, showing an increase in the last five years of 11,012, or between 3.0 and 3.5 per cent., and giving 129 inhabitants to a square mile. In amount and density of population it is decidedly below the average of the French departments, and in both respects is about equal to Lincolnshire, taking the medium between the English enumerations of 1831 and 1841. Bourbon Vendée, the chief town, is 227 miles in a direct line south-west of Paris; or 253 by the road through Orléans, Blois, Tours, Saumur, and Chollet: in 46° 42' N. lat., and 2° 27' W. long.

The coast of this department is generally low. The north-western coast forms, with the islands of Boin and Noirmoutier, the bay of Bourgneuf, so called from the town of Bourgneuf, in the adjacent department of Loire Inférieure. The south-western coast forms, with the Isle of Ré (belonging to the department of Charente Inférieure), the gulf of Pertuis Breton. The shore is low, and lined with marshes or fens, which rest on the north-west on a bed of sand, and on the south-west on a very thick stratum of stiff clay. These marshes are unhealthy, and destitute of good water; but industry has rendered them remarkable for their fertility, especially in the north-western part: they are intersected in every direction by ditches for the purpose of drainage. The island of Boin may be compared to our own Thanet, being insulated only by a small river, Le Dain, not navigable. It is united to the mainland by a causeway across the Dain. The island appears to be formed by alluvial deposits on a limestone rock; and is about 7 miles long from north-east to south-west, and about 4 or 4½ miles across at the widest part. Noirmoutier protects the bay of Bourgneuf to seaward: it is about 12 miles long from north-north-west to south-south-east, and in one part nearly 5 miles broad. It is separated from the mainland at the south-eastern extremity by a narrow channel, called 'Le Goulet de Fromentine,' or 'L'Entrée Fromentine,' not much more than half a mile across at any time, but at low-water scarcely a quarter of a mile. The coast of the island is lined in some parts by sand-hills or low flat rocks, in others by sands and shoals extending far out to sea: these shoals nearly fill the bay of Bourgneuf. There are some little coves in the island, accessible to boats; and on the east side, in the bay of Bourgneuf, is a small road or anchorage. The soil of the island is very fertile; and, by the use of wrack or sea-weed as manure, the inhabitants are enabled to produce a succession of crops without fallows: some of the most productive parts are considerably below the level of the sea, from which they are protected by embankments. The produce of the island includes grain, pulse, fruit, salt (made in the salt-marshes), and good cheese. The oyster fishery is actively carried on; and the inhabitants, who amount to 7000 or 8000, are excellent seamen. The island Dieu, or D'Yeu, lies farther out from the mainland, from the nearest part of which it is distant more than 10 miles: its chief town, St. Aubin, which is in a central position, is in 46° 42' N. lat., and about 2° 22' W. long. The length of the island is about 6 miles from north-west to south-east; its breadth about 2½ or 3 miles. Its western coast, towards the open sea, is high and inaccessible; the eastern coast is low and flat, affording ready and safe access to small boats. The whole island is little else than a vast granitic rock, covered with a vegetable soil three feet in thickness in the lower part, but in the higher ground so thin as to leave the rock almost bare. About half the land is cultivated, the rest is a mere waste, affording scanty pasturage to a few head of cattle. The inhabitants amount to about 2500, all engaged in fishing. There is a small port on the east side of the island. On the coast of the mainland, opposite the island Dieu, is the bay or road of St. Gilles; and on the south-west coast, in the Pertuis Breton, is the road of Aiguillon, east of which is the point of Aiguillon, a low sandy tongue of land, jutting out some distance into the sea.

The department is crossed on the north-eastern side by the heights, which extend from the mountain-district of central France north-westward to the mouth of the Loire. These heights cross just within the border of the department, here formed by the little river Sèvre Nantaise, the valley of which they overlook. The hills are none of them lofty, having their greatest elevation under 500 feet; but they overpend a considerable tract. These higher grounds consist for the most part of granite or other primitive or lower secondary rocks: the flat country, which extends southward and westward towards the coast, is occupied chiefly by the limestones, and other formations intervening between the eretaceous and new red sandstone groups. The department is not rich in minerals. There are three coal-mines, of which only one was worked in 1834, when it gave employment to 11 workmen, and produced 140 tons of coal, valued at 14s. 7d. per ton: the produce in 1835 was 504 tons. There were no iron-works in the department in 1834: in 1835 there were some, but we know not how many. There are a number of mineral springs, but none of any celebrity. The manufacture of

salt is actively carried on in the marshes which line the coast.

The greater part of the department is drained by several small rivers, which flow into the Atlantic; but the northern and north-eastern parts belong to the basin of the Loire, and are drained by its two tributaries, the Sèvre Nantaise, with its affluent the Maine (formed by the juncture of the Grande Maine and Petite Maine) and the Bologne, which flows into the lake of Grand Lieu, and then, under the name of Acheneau, reaches the Loire. The rivers which flow directly into the Atlantic are the Sèvre Nantaise, which just passes along or within the southern border of the department, and with its feeders the Autize and the Vendée drains the south-eastern part; the Lay, formed by the junction of Le Grand Lay and Le Petit Lay, which with its affluent, the Yeu, the Saigne, and the Loing, drains the central and south-western parts; and the Gai-Chatenay, the Assuance, the Jourmay, the Vic with its feeder the Lignerou, the Canal du Perier, and the Canal du Etier, all small, which drain the western and north-western sides of the department. The Dain is a narrow channel, separating the Isle of Boin from the mainland. Of these the Sèvre Nantaise is navigable in all the part which is in this department or on the boundary; the Autize is navigable for about six miles above its junction with the Sèvre Nantaise, and the Vendée from Fontenay about sixteen miles above its junction with the same river; the Lay has by labour been made navigable for about twenty miles above its outfall; and the Vic is navigable for about five miles.

The only navigable canal is that of Luçon, which has a course due south, nine miles from the town of Luçon, into the read of Aiguillon.

There were, 1st January, 1837, five 'routes royales,' or government roads, in the department, having an aggregate length of 230 miles, namely, 100 miles in good repair and 16 miles out of repair. The roads are all of the third class. That from Paris by Tours and Saumur to Bourbon-Vendée enters the department between Chellat and Mortagne, having been joined, before reaching Chellat, by a road from Angers. It runs south-west from Mortagne to Bourbon-Vendée, and from thence, still in the same direction, to Les Sables d'Olonne. A road from Nantes to Les Sables enters the department between Legé and Palluan, and runs south into the road from Bourbon-Vendée. A road from Nantes to La Rochelle runs through the centre of the department, from north to south, by Montaigu, St. Fulgent, Chantenay, and Ste. Hermine; and a road from Niort to Les Sables crosses the southern part of the department, from east to west, by Fontenay, Luçon, and Talmont. The departmental roads have an aggregate length of 353 miles, namely, 135 in repair, 20 out of repair, and 178 unfinished. The 'chemins vicinaux,' which may be compared with our parish-roads and lanes, have an aggregate length of about 4000 miles.

The climate varies with the elevation of the soil. The district of 'Le Bocage' (i.e. 'the woodland') in the north and north-east side of the department, is the most elevated and the healthiest. This district, which extends into the adjacent departments, derives its name from the abundance of wood found in it, rather however in the form of copse or thicket, than of forest, though intermingled with the underwood are forest-trees, as oak, ash, chestnut, and elm. The soil of this part is chiefly a stiff loam, sometimes sandy, and at other times clayey. The valleys which intersect this hilly country are watered by numerous brooks, and afford good meadow-land; the hills are cultivated, except on the north side of the higher hills, where little grows except heath and furze. The extent of Le Bocage may be estimated at above 1000 square miles, or two-fifths of the whole department. The temperature is colder than in the rest of the department; but the air is purer; the summer is usually very dry, the winter wet. The inhabitants are the most robust in the department, and are remarkable for the simplicity of their manners, and their attachment to old opinions and habits.

The district, which extends between the higher ground of Le Bocage and the southern boundary of the department is called 'La Plaine' ('the plain'), and has an extent of nearly 300 square miles; it is the most fertile district in the department, and has a clayey soil resting upon limestone.

The rest of the department belongs to the district of 'Le Marais' ('the marsh'), the most extensive district,

but the most unhealthy, the air being loaded with fogs rising from the ditches and drains. The changes of temperature on the coast are great and sudden.

The area of the department may be estimated in round numbers at 1,690,000 acres, of which above 1,000,000 acres, or three-fifths, are under the plough; but agriculture is in a very backward state. Wheat, barley, oats, rye, millet, and buckwheat are grown: hemp and flax are grown in La Plaine and Le Marais, especially in the latter. The grass-lands are estimated at about 270,000 acres, an unusually large proportion for France, and the heaths and open pastures amount to above 100,000 acres; they are chiefly in Le Bocage and Le Marais. The breed of horses is vigorous, but neither large nor well made; a great number of mules and capital asses are bred. The cattle are hardy, but not handsome; and the improvement of the breed of sheep is neglected. The vineyards occupy above 40,000 acres, chiefly in Le Bocage and La Plaine. The wines are of ordinary quality. The woodland occupies from 70,000 to 80,000 acres, chiefly in Le Bocage; and the orchards amount to 20,000 acres: the apple, the cherry, and the chestnut are the principal fruits.

The department is divided into three arrondissements, as follows:—

Arrondissement.	Situation.	Area in Square Miles.	Cantons.	Communes.	Population, 1831.	1836.
Bourbon-Vendée	N.	685	8	164	115,264	129,177
Fontenay	E.	577	9	111	115,664	121,577
Les Sables d'Olonne	W.	428	11	79	94,626	99,244
		1690	28	354	325,554	349,998

A later return increases the number of cantons, or districts, each under a Justice of the peace, to 30.

In the arrondissement of Bourbon-Vendée are—Bourbon-Vendée, population in 1831, 3494 for the town, or 3044 for the whole commune; in 1836, 5257 for the commune (BOURBON-VEVÉE), on the Yeu; La Chaise, a few miles E. of Bourbon-Vendée; Aizenay, population 1831, on the road from Nantes to Les Sables d'Olonne; Montaigu and St. Fulgent, on the road from Nantes to La Rochelle; Mortagne, Les Herbiers, and Les Essarts, on the road from Paris to Bourbon-Vendée and Les Sables; St. Laurent and Tiffanges on the Sèvre Nantaise; and La Fougerai, on the Lay. Montaigu suffered considerably in the religious wars of the sixteenth century, and again in the Vendean war which followed the French revolution. Mortagne was also the scene of conflict in the Vendean war. The townsmen manufacture paper, and trade in linens, leather, horses, and sheep. Les Herbiers has a paper-mill, and a monthly cattle-fair: the neighbourhood yields tolerable wine.

In the arrondissement of Fontenay are—Fontenay, population in 1831, 6388 for the town, or 7504 for the whole commune; in 1836, 7650 for the commune (FONTENAY), on the Vendée; Maillezais, on the Autize; Luçon, population 3601 for the town, or 3796 for the whole commune, on the road between Fontenay and Les Sables d'Olonne; Chantenay and Sainte Hermine, on the road from Nantes to La Rochelle; Puybellard, near Chantenay; Marcul, on the Lay; Vouvan, on the Mère, a feeder of the Vendée; La Châtaigneraye, on the Loing, a feeder of the Grand Lay; Pousaube-la-Ville, near the Grand Lay; La Floclière, near the head of the Petit Lay; Monlieux, between La Châtaigneraye and Chantenay; La Caillière, between La Châtaigneraye and Sainte Hermine; and Crêvil de Bournezeau, between Sainte Hermine and Bourbon-Vendée. Maillezais is in an unhealthy situation: it had in the middle ages a castle, the residence of the counts of Poitou, and a Benedictine abbey, founded by the Count Guillaume, or William IV. Some linens are manufactured. Luçon is an episcopal city, in an unhealthy situation in the marsh district, at the head of the canal of Luçon, by which vessels of 80 or 100 tons get up to the town. It has narrow, ill-paved streets; but the houses are large and commodious. The cathedral is a striking building of Gothic architecture. Linens are manufactured; corn, pulse, timber, slaves, hoops, and coarse earthenware are exported; and wines are imported. Luçon suffered in the religious wars of the sixteenth century. Some weaving is carried on at Sainte Hermine; and there are several yearly fairs for cattle. Marcul carries on some trade with Nantes by means of the Lay, which is navigable. Linens are manufactured at Vouvan; linens, woollen stuffs, and paper at La Châtaigneraye; and checked linsey-woolseys at Pousaube-la-Ville.

In the *arrondissement* of Les Sables d'Olonne are—Les Sables d'Olonne; population in 1831, 4809 for the town, or 4006 for the whole commune; in 1836, 4778 for the commune; St. Gilles-sur-Vie and Beauvoir, all on or near the coast; Talmont, between Les Sables and Pontenay; Les Moutiers, a few miles east of Talmont; Noirmoutier, population 2573 for the town, or 7011 for the whole commune (including, we believe, the island), in the island of Noirmoutier; Clallans, population 3288, and La Gar-nacho, on the road between Nantes and St. Gilles-sur-Vie; and Palluau, on the road from Nantes to Les Sables d'Olonne. Les Sables d'Olonne, or simply Les Sables, is on a small inlet of the Atlantic, open to the south, which forms its port, and is capable of receiving vessels of 150 or 200 tons; the town itself is on one side of this inlet, the suburb of La Chaume on the other. The town is protected in one part by the salt-marshes, in another by a feeble wall, and towards the port and the sea by a fort and batteries. The principal streets are parallel to the shore, and are well paved, clean, and lined with tolerably good, but irregularly built houses. There are two churches, a nunnery, a free-school of navigation, two almshouses, or hospitals, and a prison. The townsmen are engaged in ship-building, rope-making, and in the fishery, particularly of the pilchard. Corn, salt, and wine are exported. Les Sables was taken by the Huguenots in the religious wars of the sixteenth century; it was attacked by a combined English and Dutch fleet in 1606, when the fortifications were partly ruined; and twice attacked, but in vain, by the insurgents in the Vendean war. St. Gilles has a considerable export trade in corn and salt, and an active pilchard fishery. Talmont is small and ill built, on a rising ground, in the midst of the salt-marshes. Noirmoutier is well built and well paved; the road affords good anchorage for vessels of 200 tons, and there is a tide harbour with twelve feet of water when the tide is up.

The population, when not otherwise described, is that of the commune, and from the census of 1831.

The department constitutes the diocese of Luçon, the bishop of which is a suffragan of the archbishop of Bordeaux: it is included in the jurisdiction of the *Cour Royale* of Poitiers, and the superintendence of the *Académie Universitaire* of the same city. It is comprehended in the twelfth military division, the head-quarters of which are at Nantes; and sends five members to the chamber of deputies. In respect of education this department is considerably below the average of the departments; of every 100 young men enrolled in the military census of 1828-9, 28 could read and write, the average being between 39 and 40.

In the most ancient historic period this part of France was part of the country of the *Pictones* (*Pictoræ*, Strabo and Ptolemy) or *Pictavi*: the latter form does not appear to have come into use until near the downfall of the Western empire. The *Agensines*, or perhaps *Cambolæti Agensines*, are mentioned by Pliny as contemporaries with the *Pictones*; and *D'Anville*, led by the name *Aiscnay*, fixes their seat on the coast of the department near that town. The department came from the Romans into the hands of the *Visigoths*, then of the *Franks*; and in the middle ages was included in the province of Poitou, of which it shared the changes. [Porrœ.]

The department of Vendée has been chiefly known in modern history for the civil war which broke out in it in the course of the French revolution. The district of Le Bocage, which extends into the four departments of Loire Inférieure, Deux Sèvres, Maine et Loire, and Vendée, was at the outbreak of the revolution a secluded district, the property of a number of comparatively small landholders, living on their estates with great simplicity, and mingling freely with their tenantry and others around them. 'Crimes,' says the marchioness of Larochejaquelein, 'were never heard of, and lawsuits were rare. The causes which had elsewhere exasperated the middle and humbler classes, and prepared the way for the Revolution, had little operation here. The religious feelings of the people also had remained undiminished, and indisposed them to join in the great movement that agitated France, or rather disposed them to resist it. The inhabitants of the towns, all of which were, and still are, small, and the people of the district of La Plaine, were favorers of the Revolution, but were not participators in the cruelties which stained it. The expulsion of the parish priests, men born

and bred in the districts, and characterized by patriarchal simplicity, because they refused the constitutional oath, exasperated the discontent of the peasantry with the new order of things, and subsequent severities against the refractory priests increased the exasperation.

Some partial disturbances were suppressed, but the attempt to enforce in the district a decree of the Convention for the levy of 300,000 men for the army, in March, 1793, occasioned a general rising both in Le Bocage and in Le Marais. Cathelineau, a carrier and hawker of woollens, of the village of Le Pin-en-Mauges, or en Mango, near Beaupréau, in the department of Maine et Loire, was the leader of the insurgents in their first efforts, which were successful. Other leaders soon appeared, as D'Elbée, Bonchamp, Charette, Stofflet, Marigny, Talmont, Lescure, and Henri Larochejaquelein; and the war became general through the two districts. The hedges and thickets of Le Bocage assisted the operations of the peasantry, and the gallantry of their leaders animated their courage. Bressuire, Thouars, Parthenay, La Châtaigneraye, and Fontenay were taken (May, 1793), the last after a victory over a republican army of 10,000 men and a numerous artillery, which with a considerable sum of money was taken by the insurgents. The republicans now assembled 40,000 men, half of them troops of the line, to repress the rising; but the insurgents advanced towards the Loire, took Saumur, with 80 cannon and a number of prisoners (10th June), and gained a passage over the river. Angers was evacuated by the Republicans, and Nantes was attacked by the insurgents (29th June), but without success. This defeat disorganized the Vendéens: they had in the attack lost Cathelineau (who after the capture of Saumur had been appointed commander-in-chief), and were obliged to abandon all they had gained on the right bank of the Loire. Westermann, the republican general, now advanced from the neighbourhood of Niort with from 5000 to 10,000 men to crush them, but he was surprised (July, 1793), and totally defeated at Châtillon. Another army, which advanced from Saumur and Les Ponts de Cé near Angers, after gaining one battle, was defeated at Vihiers (18th July), and compelled to return to Saumur, and the insurgents remained masters of the whole of the districts of Le Bocage and Le Marais except Les Sables d'Olonne, Luçon, and perhaps one or two other places. Luçon was attacked (14th August) by an army of 40,000 men; the republicans had only about 6000, but their position was good, and their light artillery enabled them to inflict on the insurgents the severest defeat they had yet experienced.

The republican garrison of Mayenne, which was prevented by the terms on which that town had capitulated from serving against the allies for a year, was sent into La Vendée; and a simultaneous advance of the republican armies from Nantes, Saumur, Les Sables, and Niort was agreed upon: they were to unite in the centre of the insurgent districts and crush all opposition. The insurgents anticipated their movements by attacking the republicans at Chantenay and Les Naudères (5th September): they were victorious in the first of these attacks, but suffered a repulse in the second. The war was acquiring a character of exasperation on both sides; and the advancing columns of the republicans committed dreadful ravages. The insurgents, no way dismayed, attacked and defeated at Coran (18th September) one part of the column from Saumur, and on the following day the other part at Eigné and Les Ponts de Cé, where they once more gained a passage across the Loire. On the 19th and 20th they repelled the column from Nantes, with which the garrison from Mayenne was united, and defeated that from Les Sables at St. Fulgent; but the troops from Niort under Westermann did not experience any check, and the other columns rallied and re-advanced. The republicans had superseded General Canclaux, a man of courage and skill, who had formerly defended Nantes against Cathelineau, and had appointed Lechelle, an officer destitute alike of courage and talent to succeed him; but the actual direction of operations was left to Kleber, an officer of great capacity, and the republicans, though stoutly resisted, advanced into the very centre of the revolted districts. Lescure, Bonchamp, and D'Elbée, who was nominal commander-in-chief, were mortally wounded, the last two (October 17th) in a great defeat of the insurgents near Chollet. Lescure lingered for some time before his death.

The Vendean fugitives, to the number of 80,000 men, women, and children, now crowded to the banks of the Loire in order to cross to the right bank: they had 5000 republican prisoners whom it was proposed to put to death, but the intervention of their leaders prevailed on them rather to give them their liberty; and the Vendéans then effected their own passage (October 18) across the river without molestation, much against the wish of their surviving chiefs. Charette had some time before separated from the rest, and with his division of the insurgent force had occupied the island of Noirmoutier.

The seat of insurrection was now transferred into Anjou and Maine. Laval was occupied by the insurgents, and many of the Breton peasantry joined them. Henri de Larochejaquelein was chosen commander-in-chief. Their force was estimated at from 30,000 to 40,000 men, who were accompanied by a crowd of women, children, and aged persons. The republicans, who had been uncertain as to the movements of the insurgents, and had too readily supposed that the insurrection had been put down by the occupation of the country in which it arose, now marched in pursuit. They were however beaten by the insurgents (end of October, 1793) at Laval, and the victory enabled the Vendéans to continue their march by Mayenne, Fougères, Dol, and Avranches to Granville, a seaport in Normandie, which they attacked (14th and 15th November), but without success: this failure determined them to return towards the Loire. At Dol they were attacked (November 21st) by Westermann, who was defeated; and by Marcen, who was also obliged to retreat. They repelled a second attack (November 23rd), and marched by Fougères and Laval to Angers, which they tried to take, but without success. They then marched by La Flèche to Le Mans, of which, after a slight skirmish, they took possession. Here they were attacked (12th December) by Westermann, who was repelled; but a fresh attack the same day by Westermann, Marcen, and Kleber was more successful, and the unhappy Vendéans, worn down by fatigue, suffering, and privation, were defeated with fearful loss. More than 15,000 were killed; some of them fell in the battle, but more were crushed in the streets or were massacred after the defeat. The greater part of the remainder retreated to Laval, and from thence to Ancenis, hoping to pass the Loire, but there were no means of transport. Larochejaquelein and Stofflet, and some others, crossed in two small boats in order to seize and bring over some boats which were on the opposite bank; but after landing they were attacked by a detachment of republicans and compelled to flee; and the Vendéans, now reduced to 10,000, and separated from their general, retreated to Savenay in a very disorganized condition. At Savenay the republicans came up with them, and in the battle which ensued nearly the whole were killed or made prisoners. The few who escaped were concealed by the Breton peasantry. Larochejaquelein was shot in a skirmish (4th March, 1794) soon after his escape across the Loire; but Stofflet and Marigny renewed the war in Le Boeage, and Charette, who had separated from the main army before the passage of the Loire, maintained a partisan warfare in Le Marais, while some of the peasantry of Bretagne, under the name of Chouans, under the direction of M. de Puisaye, carried on a similar warfare in their own province. Those who had surrendered on the promise of an amnesty were put to death by Carrier, a member of the Convention, who was sent to Nantes to punish both the royalists and the Girondins, who had also attempted a revolt. His sickening atrocities, his guillotining, shooting, and drowning of men, women, and children, to the number of 5000 at least (some accounts say 15,000), are among the most dreadful parts of the revolutionary horrors.

Though on the downfall of Robespierre a milder system was pursued towards the Vendéans, the war was not closed. The jealousies of the royalists were however fatal to them. Marigny, who had managed in a wondrous manner to escape across the Loire, was shot by order of Stofflet. The good generalship and moderation of Caneaux and Hoche, who commanded in the insurgent provinces, brought about a pacification which Charette and the other Vendéans agreed to (17th February, 1795), with the exception of Stofflet; but he also two or three months afterwards signed a peace on the same conditions. The Chouans of Bretagne submitted just before Stofflet, and peace appeared to be restored in the west of France. It was how-

ever insincere; the royalists were secretly organized in Bretagne; some partial but unsuccessful outbreaks took place, and an expedition composed of 3000 French emigrants was prepared in England. This expedition landed in Quiberon Bay, in Bretagne (27th June, 1795), and their numbers were so far augmented by Chouans who joined them as to amount to 10,000 men or more: but the jealousies of their own officers and consequent mismanagement, and the energy and talent of Hoche, ruined the attempt, and nearly the whole of the royalist force perished in battle or in flight, or were shot after their capture. The troubles however did not cease. Charette resumed his arms and collected 9000 or 10,000 men in Le Marais of La Vendée; and a small English force, naval and military, accompanied by the Count of Artois (afterwards Charles X.), appeared off the coast and occupied the Ile d'Yeu. But Charette's force was dispersed; the English and the Count d'Artois withdrew from the coast; and though Stofflet and some other chiefs joined the rising, it was put down by the admirable management and humanity of Hoche. Stofflet by treachery and Charette by force, after defending himself like a lion, were both taken and shot; the former at Angers, 20th February, the latter at Nantes, 29th March, 1796. The insurgent districts were disarmed, and quiet was at length restored.

The insurrection of the West forms a remarkable episode in the history of the French revolutionary struggle. The simple honesty of the Vendean peasants, the generous devotedness of their early leaders, the striking alternation of defeat and victory, invest the movement with peculiar and romantic interest. But with the expedition across the Loire, and the calamities attending it, that interest in a great degree ceases. The war assumed a more savage character, the most high-minded and devoted loyalists, Cathelineau, Bonchamp, d'Elbée, Lescure, and Larochejaquelein had perished; and all the energy and perseverance of Charette, to whose talents Napoleon himself bore testimony, fail, in the absence of higher moral qualities, to excite interest.

During the consulate there were some troubles, but of little moment, and during the second reign of Napoleon, 'the hundred days' of 1815, the Vendéans again took up arms in support of the Bourbons. The insurrection was however unimportant, and in an encounter in Le Marais with the imperial troops (4th June) a few days before the battle of Waterloo, Louis Larochejaquelein, brother of Henri, who headed the insurgents, was killed, and the insurrection put down. An insurrection in favour of the exiled Bourbons took place in 1832, in Le Boeage and some other parts of the West; but it was easily put down, though the country was for some time infested by predatory bands. At length the Duchess of Berri, who was lurking at Nantes, was discovered and taken, and the troubles ceased. The 'Mémoires' of the Marchioness of Larochejaquelein contain an interesting account of the first Vendean insurrection of 1793.

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VENDÔME. [LOUIS ET CHIEF.]

VENDÔME, DUCS DE. The county of Vendôme was erected into a dukedom by Francis I. in favour of Charles de Bourbon, grandfather of Henri IV. In the person of the latter the dukedom of Vendôme, along with the other titles and territories of that branch of the Bourbon family, was united to the crown. The history of the first three dukes of Vendôme is part of the history of the families of Bourbon and Navarre. The dukedom of Navarre was alienated from the crown by Henri IV. in favour of his illegitimate sons by Gabrielle d'Estrees, Cesar and Alexander. This second family of Vendôme became extinct in 1712, and the peerage again lapsed to the crown.

The dukes of Vendôme of the second family are—CESAR, eldest son of Gabrielle d'Estrees, by Henri IV.; born in 1594, legitimated in 1595, created duke of Vendôme in 1598. In 1610 Henri gave the duke of Vendôme precedence over all the peers of France, except the princes of the blood. After the death of Henri the duke placed himself at the head of the discontented nobles, who maintained that the marriage of Louis XIII. with a Spanish

infanta was incompatible with the good of the state. He was arrested in 1614, by orders of the queen-mother, but escaped to his government of Bretagne, and took up arms against the court. He was obliged, by the desertion of his retainers, to submit. In 1622 he sided with the court against the Huguenots, from whom he took Clerac. He defended Montauban and assisted at the taking of Montpellier. In 1626 he was involved by his brother in a conspiracy against Richelieu; for this he was imprisoned, and only purchased his liberty at the end of four years by revealing everything and giving up his government of Bretagne. In 1631 he commanded at the siege of Lillo the volunteers in the Dutch service. In 1641 he was accused of having conspired to poison Richelieu, and fled to England, from which he did not return till after the death of the cardinal. In 1650 he was appointed governor of Burgundy. He contributed to the pacification of Guienne, and took Bordeaux from the malcontents in 1653; he dispersed and put to flight the Spanish fleet before Barcelona in 1655; he was soon after forced by his growing infirmities to retire from active service; but survived till October, 1665, when he died at Paris, in his seventy-first year. Some letters of Cesar duke of Vendôme, relating to the disturbances in Brittany, were published in 1614. By his marriage with Françoise de Lorraine (to whom he was affianced in 1599), he had three children:—1, Louis, who succeeded him; 2, François, created duke of Beaufort; and Elizabeth, married to Charles Amadeus of Savoy, duke of Nemours.

ALEXANDRE, brother of Cesar, was born in 1598; and legitimated in 1599, on which occasion he received, like his brother, the rank and title of duke of Vendôme. He was admitted a knight of Malta; and in 1612, fearing the enmity of the Maréchal d'Ancre, he took refuge in the island. In 1618 he was created grand-prior of the order in France. In the quarrel between Louis XIII. and his mother, the grand-prior embraced the party of the queen; but in 1622 he served the king against the Huguenots. He was arrested along with his brother, for conspiring against Richelieu, on the 13th of June, 1626; and died in prison on the 8th of February, 1629, not without suspicion of poison.

LOUIS, son of Cesar, was called duke of Mercœur during the lifetime of his father. He was born in 1612; made his first essay of arms in the campaign in Picardy, in which Louis XIII. commanded in person; served under his father at the siege of Lillo; distinguished himself at the sieges of Hesdin and Arras, and was wounded in the attack upon the French lines on the 2nd of August, 1640. He returned to France after the death of Richelieu; raised in 1649 the cavalry regiment of Mercœur; was appointed viceroy and commander-in-chief of the French troops in Catalonia; but not being properly supported by the minister, resigned in disgust. He made his peace with the court in 1651, when he married Laura Mancini, the elder of Mazarin's nieces. On his restoration to favour, he was appointed governor of Provence; in 1656 he was appointed, in conjunction with the duke of Modena, to command the army of Lombardy. His wife dying in the course of that year, he took priest's orders, and in 1667 was created a cardinal. Clement IX. nominated him *legatus à latere* in France. Cardinal Louis, duke of Vendôme, died at Aix-en-Provence in 1669. By his wife Laura Mancini he had two children:—1, Louis Joseph, who succeeded him; 2, Philippe, also called duke of Vendôme, grand-prior of the order of Malta in France.

LOUIS JOSEPH, born in 1654, was known previous to his father's death by the title of duke of Penthièvre. His education was neglected. He made his first campaign in Holland in the suite of Louis XIV. in 1672. He served in the last campaigns of Turenne, and was wounded in the combat of Altenheim during the retreat of the French army, which followed the death of that commander. He was created brigadier in 1677, and served in that capacity in Flanders under the Maréchal de Crequi. After the peace of Nimuegen the duke of Vendôme retired to his castle of Anet, and gave himself up entirely to pleasure. In 1681 he was nominated to the government of Provence, and refused to accept the money which the states were in the habit of presenting to every new governor. He was created lieutenant-general in 1698, and distinguished himself in the four succeeding campaigns, in particular at the sieges of Mons and Namur, and the combats of Leuze and Steinkerke. In 1693 he was sent to Italy, where Catinal

commanded in chief. In 1695 he was appointed to succeed Noailles in the command of the army of Catalonia. He raised the siege of Palamos; invested Barcelona; defeated by a prompt and brilliant attack the army under Velasco which was marching to release the city; and received its capitulation on the 10th of August, 1695. These victories paved the way to the peace of Ryswick, after which Vendôme hastened back to Anet and its licentious and not very refined pleasures. He was roused from his inactivity by the Spanish War of Succession. He was sent to Italy to repair the mistakes of Villeroi. In Italy he was joined by Philip V. with a strong force from Naples. The United troops far outnumbered the Imperialists; but the inferior force was commanded by Prince Eugene. Vendôme opened the campaign with spirit: he discomfited the rear-guard of the Austrian army at Udine, and again at Vittoria, and raised the blockade of Mantua. But his habitual indolence soon resumed its empire, and his army was surprised at Luzara on the 15th of August, 1702, in the act of encamping, by the forces of Prince Eugene. Vendôme's presence of mind and the impetuous courage of his army so far redeemed his fault, that the victory remained undecided. Philip V. returned to Spain after this action, and Vendôme with the united army penetrated into Tyrol, where he defeated Stahremberg on several occasions. From Tyrol he was recalled to Piedmont by the defection of the duke of Savoy. He obtained several advantages over that prince; but on the 16th of August, 1706, he again found himself—again by surprise—in the presence of Prince Eugene on the banks of the Adige near Cassano. Here, as at Luzara, Vendôme's presence of mind and the bravery of his army retrieved his negligence. In 1708, Vendôme was sent to supersede Villeroi in Holland, who had been as unsuccessful in that country as in Italy.

The reputation of Vendôme was obscured by the disastrous defeat of Oudenarde. In his defence it may be said that he had been recently placed at the head of the army broken up and dispirited by the defeat of Ramillies; that the country was new to him; and that his opponents were Marlborough and Eugene. But after every allowance has been made for these disadvantages, it seems now to be generally admitted that the want of a proper understanding between the duke of Burgundy and Vendôme was a main cause of the loss of the battle of Oudenarde, and that the fault was Vendôme's. His previous reputation, and the partisan spirit in which the question was canvassed in France, enabled Vendôme to escape with less disgrace than could have been anticipated. In 1710 Philip V., driven from his capital, and mindful of the battle of Luzzara, implored the assistance of his old general. Louis XIV. lost no time in despatching the duke to Spain. The defeated and disbanded soldiers of Spain rallied round him from all parts of the kingdom; the imperial army was obliged to evacuate Madrid; and on the 3rd of December, 1710, Vendôme restored Philip in triumph to his capital. The king and his general quitted Madrid again in three days, overtook the rear-guard of the enemy, and obliged Stanhope, with four thousand soldiers, to surrender at Briwelen. This advantage was followed by the well-disputed battle of Villa-Viciosa, in which Stahremberg was, after an obstinate contest, entirely defeated. On their return to Madrid, Philip raised Vendôme to an equality with the princes of the blood, and would have heaped wealth as well as honours upon him, had not Vendôme steadily refused to accept it. Some corps of insurgents who still held out for Austria having occasioned disgust in Catalonia in the early part of 1712, Vendôme repaired to that province to treat, but these last sparks of internal war. While thus engaged, he died suddenly at Tignaroz, on the 11th of June. Vendôme possessed no small share of the genius, bravery, and good-humour of his grandfather; but these virtues were shaded by more than that prince's voluptuousness, and a besetting indolence which was no part of the character of Henri IV. He married, in 1710, Marie-Anne of Bourbon Condé, who survived him six years. There was no issue by this marriage. The younger brother of Louis-Joseph having entered the order of Malta, the duke's estates at his death reverted to the crown.

PHILIPPE, younger brother of the preceding, the last of his family who bore the title of duke of Vendôme, was born on the 23rd of August, 1655. He was received, while yet a child, into the order of Malta, in which he eventually rose to the rank of grand-prior, and made his first

campaign under his uncle, the duke of Beaufort, in the ranks of the Venetian army, in Candia, in 1669. He accompanied his brother in all his campaigns, and was looked upon as a distinguished soldier till the battle of Cassano, in 1706. His inactivity was the cause of the French troops being obliged to give way before the Austrians. For this misconduct he was deprived of all his benefices, and retired to Rome, where he subsisted on a pension allowed him by Louis XIV. After an exile of five years, he was allowed to return to France, and reinstated in his benefices. He took up his abode in the Temple, and abandoned himself to pleasure. In 1715 he went to Malta to take the command of the troops assembled to repel an attack apprehended from the Turks. The attack was not made, and the grand-prior returned to the Temple, where he died, on the 24th January, 1727. His mind was more cultivated than that of his brother: he had a taste for literature and the arts, and patronised their professors. In other respects there was a great resemblance between the characters of the brothers: both were brave and both were dissipated. The grand-prior was distinguished for his licentiousness in the licentious times of the regency.

VENDOR AND PURCHASER. The law of Vendors and Purchasers of real estates in England is a subject of great extent, which may be said to comprise nearly the whole practical application of the law of real property. The object of this article is to state shortly the most important principles and rules of law upon the subject.

Contracts for the sale and purchase of land or other real estate may be entered into either privately between the parties, or upon a sale by auction. At common law, agreements for the purchase of real estates might be made by parol; but by the Statute of Frauds (29 Car. II., c. 3, ss. 1, 2, 3, and 4), 'All leases, estates, interests in freeholds, or terms of years, or any uncertain interest of, in, or out of any messuages, manors, lands, tenements, or hereditaments, made and created by livery and seisin only, or by parol only, and not put in writing by the parties so making or creating the same, or their agents thereunto lawfully authorised by writing, shall have the effect of leases or estates at will, any consideration for making any such parol leases or estates notwithstanding.' But leases not exceeding three years, whereupon the rent reserved should amount to two-thirds of the full improved value, were excepted. The act requires the assignment, grant, and surrender of existing interests to be in writing, and enacts that 'no action shall be brought whereby to charge any person upon any agreement made upon any contract or sale of lands, tenements or hereditaments, or any interest in or concerning them, unless the agreement upon which such action shall be brought, or some memorandum or note thereof shall be in writing, and signed by the party to be charged therewith, or some other person thereunto by him lawfully authorised.' The note or memorandum of agreement required by the statute need not be a formal document, and any writing, such as a letter, or receipt for purchase money, may constitute an agreement within the statute, provided it contain the terms of the agreement within itself, or by reference to another writing; and if the document be written by the party, the occurrence of his name anywhere in the document is a sufficient signing.

Upon sales of estates by public auction, the highest bidder, upon being declared the purchaser, is considered to have entered into a contract for purchase according to the particulars and subject to the conditions of sale; and the auctioneer, who is for this purpose considered as the agent of both vendor and purchaser, is thereupon authorised to sign an agreement of purchase. The writing down the purchaser's name upon any memorandum of sale at the time of the bidding is a sufficient signing. Sales by auction of lands are within the above-mentioned enactments of the statute of frauds; but sales before a master under a decree of a court of equity will be carried into execution although the purchaser did not subscribe any agreement, for the judgment of the court in confirming the purchase takes it out of the statute. An auction duty of 7d. in the pound is payable upon all sales by auction of any interest in freehold, copyhold, or leasehold lands, tenements, houses, or hereditaments (27 Geo. III., c. 36; 37 Geo. III., c. 14; and 45 Geo. III., c. 30). It was a rule of the civil law, that if a vendor employed a puffer or person to make fictitious biddings in order to raise the

price, it was to be considered as a fraud, and he should be compelled to sell the estate to the highest *bonâ fide* bidder (Huber, *Prælect.* xviii. 2, 7); but it seems to be settled in our law that, unless the estate is advertised to be sold without reserve, a bidder may be privately appointed by the owner in order to prevent it being sold at an under value, though the appointment of more than one such person, or of any one for the purpose of taking advantage of the eagerness of bidders, will be deemed a fraud.

A court of equity looks upon things agreed to be done as actually performed; and therefore when a contract is made for the sale of an estate, it considers the vendor as a trustee for the purchaser of the estate sold, and the purchaser as a trustee of the purchase money for the vendor. If either the vendor or vendee refuse to perform the contract, the other may bring an action at law for breach of contract, or file a bill in equity for a specific performance of it.

If a bill in equity be brought for the execution of an agreement not in writing, and the defendant confess it by his answer, without insisting on the benefit of the statute of frauds, he will be decreed to perform it. The statute may be used as a bar to the relief, though the agreement be admitted, but it cannot be pleaded in bar to a discovery of the fact of an agreement. If an agreement, though not in writing, has been partly executed, that is, if acts have been done by the parties in performance of the agreement, the court will, upon the principle of preventing fraud, decree a specific performance of it. What amounts to part performance is of course a question to be determined in each case; but it may be stated generally that the acts must be such as could be done with no other view than the performance of the agreement, and that they must be substantial, such as the payment of a considerable part of the purchase money. It is necessary also that the terms of the agreement be distinctly ascertainable. Parol evidence cannot be admitted for the purpose of varying the terms of a written agreement, but it may for the purpose of showing that the writing does not contain the real terms of the agreement, or that from other circumstances, such as waiver or the like, the plaintiff is not entitled to have it specifically performed. Again, parol evidence is admissible for the purpose of explaining a latent ambiguity in the written contract, that is, an ambiguity which does not appear upon the instrument of contract, but arises upon the application of the terms of the contract to the subject-matter of it. But parol evidence cannot be admitted in aid of a patent ambiguity, because that would be in effect to establish a parol argument. Still in some cases parol evidence is admitted to correct mistakes or fraudulent omissions in agreements and deeds; but this is not done without great caution, and only where the different intention of the parties clearly appears. Where a person pretends to sell an interest different from that which he possesses, the general rule is that the purchaser, on discovering the fact, may at once abandon the contract; but there are some few exceptions, such as where the estate was charged with trifling incumbrances for which a satisfactory indemnity can be given, or where the estate was sold by auction, or before a master in chancery, in lots, in some of which only the vendor has a title, when a court of equity will compel the purchaser to take the lots to which a title can be made upon receiving compensation for the value of the others. On the other hand, the general rule is that the purchaser may insist upon having what the vendor can give him, with compensation for what he cannot have. Defects in the quantity of the estate are of course more easily made the subject of compensation than defects in the quality of it. The vendor is not, as a general rule, obliged to disclose such defects in the subject of the contract as are *patent*, and may be discovered by a vigilant purchaser; and it seems that even wilful misrepresentations by the vendor upon points not especially within his knowledge, or with respect to which the purchaser ought to have made particular inquiry, will not affect the contract. But the vendor is bound to disclose latent defects in the estate within his knowledge, and the purchaser will be entitled to relief for wilful concealment of them. Mere inadequacy of price, unless it be very gross or accompanied with circumstances of fraud or misrepresentation, is not in general a ground for a court of equity refusing its assistance to a vendor;

and a conveyance executed will seldom be set aside on the ground of inadequacy of consideration merely, even though the case be one in which the court might originally have refused a specific performance. But sales of reversionary interests are treated, with reference to adequacy or inadequacy of consideration, upon principles peculiar to themselves and not easily definable. In sales of such interests, inadequacy of consideration, especially where the vendor is an heir dealing with a family expectancy, is considered in itself a proof of fraud, and a ground for setting aside the transaction: also the adequacy of the consideration is considered with reference to the time of the contract and not to the event, and the burden lies upon the purchaser to show that a full and adequate consideration was paid. The practical effect of this doctrine has been to depreciate the value of reversions upon sales much below their calculated value, and consequently often to injure the very persons in whose favour it was introduced. In sales by private agreement it is usual to fix a time for completing the contract, and the time so fixed is considered at law as of the essence of the contract; so that if the one party be not then ready to complete, the other may treat the contract as abandoned: but a court of equity, upon a bill brought for specific performance, exercises a discretion in examining into the cause of a delay in completing a purchase, and will in certain cases, as where it was caused by the act or negligence of the party resisting the performance, or was occasioned by the state of the title, decree a specific performance notwithstanding, if the time fixed for completing the contract is not material. But on the other hand, though no time has been limited by the parties, the court will not assist a party who has allowed his contract to lie dormant for a length of time. Each case however must depend in a great measure upon its own particular circumstances.

It is the duty of the vendor, upon the contract being entered into, or within a reasonable time after, to furnish the purchaser, at the vendor's own expense, with an abstract of his title to the estate, containing a statement of the contents of his muniments of title, and an account of the incumbrances (if any) affecting the estate. Before the late act of 3 & 4 Wm. IV., c. 27, a purchaser had a right to require a title commencing at least 60 years previous to the time of his purchase, because the old statute of limitations could not in a shorter time confer a title; but since that act it may be considered generally that an abstract going back 40 years is sufficient. Nevertheless as formerly a period of 60 years was not always sufficient; as for instance in cases when it might be presumed from the abstract that prior estates tail were subsisting, so cases must still frequently arise in which it will be necessary to go back beyond a 40-years period. Every purchaser has a right to insist upon having a good title, and equity will not compel a purchaser to accept one in any respect doubtful, unless he has entered into a special contract to take the estate with such a title as the vendor can give. It is impossible to enter here into any examination of the numerous circumstances upon which the completeness of a title may depend; but it may be observed that important alterations have been made by the 3 & 4 Wm. IV., c. 106, regulating the law of descent, by the Statute of Limitations of the 3 & 4 Wm. IV., c. 27, and by the Wills Act of 1 Vict., c. 26, tending to shorten and simplify in many respects the examination of abstracts of title. The seller is bound to produce the deeds required to verify the abstract, if in his possession, or to pay the expense of examining them, if in the possession of another. In short, the general rule is that the vendor should bear the expense of making out the title, while the purchaser should bear the expense of the conveyance.

The meaning and objects of attendant terms have been explained under *TERMS OF YEARS*.

A purchaser has a right to require that all outstanding terms of which he could avail himself in ejectment should be assigned to attend his inheritance; and as a general rule he should never omit to do so, whether the term has been previously assigned to attend the inheritance or not. It is seldom safe to rely upon a proviso for cesser of the terms contained in the deed creating it, as any inadvertency in the framing of the instrument, or any departure from the conditions on which the cesser was to take place, may prevent it, and leave the term a subsisting interest. Neither is it safe for a purchaser to rely on a former assign-

ment to attend; for though the vendor's trustee, upon notice given to him of the conveyance, becomes trustee for the purchaser, which might be supposed to answer all purposes, still it is advisable for the purchaser to have an actual assignment to prevent the possibility of a surrender of the term being afterwards presumed on the ground of its not having been dealt with as a subsisting estate at the time of the conveyance.

Before the execution of the conveyance, the purchaser should cause search to be made for incumbrances affecting the estate, though none such should appear upon the abstract. If the lands lie in a register county, the register should be searched for prior conveyances, mortgages, charges of annuities, &c. Judgments, which by the 1 & 2 Vict., c. 110, are now made an actual charge upon the debtor's present and future interest in lands, of whatever kind, ought also to be carefully searched for. By the above-mentioned act, the 2 & 3 Vict., c. 11, and 3 & 4 Vict., c. 82, all judgments, in order to affect purchasers, must be registered in the Court of Common Pleas every five years: it follows therefore that a purchaser should search the records of that court for five years preceding his purchase, except in the case of lands lying in Middlesex, where, as the Registry Act for that county provides that judgments shall not bind lands until registered, it is sufficient if search be made in the County Register for the above-mentioned period. By the 18th section of the 1 & 2 Vict., c. 110, decrees of courts of equity are to have the effect of judgments at law, and are to be registered in the Court of Common Pleas in the same manner. They must therefore now be searched for in the same way and for the same periods as judgments. Since the establishment by the 2 Vict., c. 11, ss. 7 & 8, of a registry for *lites pendentes*, and crown debts, and accountants to the crown, a purchaser should also search those registers.

A purchaser has also a right to require that the vendor should enter into the usual covenants, which are—1, That he is seized in fee (if the fact be so); 2, that he has power to convey; 3, for quiet enjoyment by the purchaser, his heirs, and assigns; 4, that the estate is free from incumbrances; and lastly, for further assurance. When a vendor sells under a power of appointment, the first covenant ought to be that the power was well created and is subsisting. A purchaser should never accept a defective title, relying on the vendor's covenants, without an express stipulation that the covenants are to be an indemnity against the defect; for otherwise, if the defect was known to him at the time of the purchase, the presumption will be that he took the estate subject to it. A vendor who actually purchased the estate himself for money or other valuable consideration, and obtained proper covenants for title, is not bound to enter into covenants extending beyond his own acts; but a vendor who claims through some other person, as by descent or devise, is bound to enter into covenants extending to the acts of the last purchaser. When an estate is sold by trustees, the only covenant which the purchaser can require from them is that they have done no act to incumber the estate, but he will be entitled to the usual covenants from the *cestui que trust*, except where the estate is sold under a direction in a will or decree of a court of equity for payment of debts, &c., when covenants for title are dispensed with on account of the trouble and expense which would be occasioned in obtaining them from every creditor. In general, the vendor, upon the execution of the conveyance, delivers over the title-deeds to the purchaser; but if, as sometimes is the case, it is agreed that he should retain them on account of their referring to other lands than those sold, he ought to covenant with the purchaser to produce them to him as occasion shall require. The usual covenants for title entered into by a vendor with a purchaser pass to the heirs and assignees at common law of the vendor, or, as it is technically termed, run with the land. If the purchaser, his heirs or assigns, be evicted upon a defect in the title within the covenant for title, he or they may bring an action at law upon it for damages; and if without eviction a defect be discovered, an action for damages may be resorted to, or, if the defect can be supplied, a bill in equity may be filed for the performance of the covenant for further assurance.

Upon the principle that equity considers that which is agreed to be done as performed, the purchaser is entitled to the profits of the estate, and the vendor to interest, which the court always gives at four per cent., on

the purchase-money from the time of completing the contract; and if the vendor gives up possession of the estate without receiving the purchase-money, a court of equity, whether a legal conveyance has been executed or not, will consider him to have a lien on the land for the money; and this lien extends to the purchaser's heir and to all persons claiming under him with notice of the lien, though for valuable consideration. [LXX.] Where a purchaser buys land from trustees with notice of the trust, if the instrument creating the trust contain, as it generally does, a clause declaring the receipts of the trustees discharges to purchasers, he has no occasion, after paying his money to the trustees and getting a receipt from them, to concern himself about the application of it. But if there be no such receipt-clause, and the property is real estate, the purchaser must for his own security see that the money is actually applied for the purposes of the trust, unless in cases where the trust is in whole or in part for the payment of debts generally, an exception admitted on account of the indefinite nature of such a trust. If the estate be leasehold, which goes to the executor and must be applied with the other personal estate in payment of debts generally, the purchaser is, on the ground above stated, not considered bound to see to the application of the purchase-money, unless he had notice at the time of his purchase that there were no debts.

It is necessary here to make some observations upon the doctrine of notice as applied to purchasers. Notice may be defined to be knowledge which the purchaser either actually has, or is presumed in law to have, at the time of his purchase, of the existence of incumbrances or other circumstances tending to defeat his estate. Besides actual notice, which needs no definition, a purchaser may have what is called constructive notice. Constructive notice is in fact no more than evidence of notice which is legally conclusive. Thus notice to the counsel, agent, or attorney of the purchaser is notice to him. A public act of parliament is binding upon, and therefore is notice to all mankind, but not a private act, nor even, it seems, acts of a private nature declared to be public for the purpose of being judicially noticed. A *lis pendens*, if registered under the 2 Viet., c. 11, is itself notice to a purchaser, so that he is affected with the costs of and bound to abide by all prior proceedings in the suit. But neither decrees of courts of equity nor judgments of courts of law are of themselves notice. The manner in which judgments and decrees become notice to purchasers has been explained above. It is not easy to say what degree of evidence will amount to constructive notice, but it may be laid down that whatever is sufficient to put a vigilant purchaser upon an inquiry is good notice; or, in other words, that wherever a man has sufficient information to lead him to a fact, he should be deemed cognizant of it. [NOTICE.]

As to the protection of purchasers from fraudulent and voluntary settlements, see SETTLEMENT. The Statute of Charitable Uses (43 Eliz., c. 4) contains a proviso that purchasers for an adequate valuable consideration without notice of lands given to charitable uses shall not have their purchases impeached. By the 2 & 3 Viet., c. 11, ss. 12, 13, conveyances by bankrupts *bond fide* made before the date and issuing of the fiat are declared to be valid notwithstanding a prior act of bankruptcy, provided that the purchaser had at the time no notice of the act of bankruptcy; and purchasers with notice are not to be affected unless the fiat issue within twelve months after such act of bankruptcy. Also by the 2 & 3 Viet., c. 29, s. 1, all contracts, dealings, and transactions with a bankrupt *bond fide* made and entered into, and all executions and attachments against his lands or goods *bond fide* executed or levied before the date and issuing of a fiat against him, are valid as to persons dealing with him or proceeding against his property without notice of an act of bankruptcy. It would seem that the rule as to payments made to a bankrupt still depends upon the 82nd section of the 6 Geo. IV., c. 16; and that therefore an announcement of adjudication in the 'Gazette,' under the 83rd section, is notice to a person making a payment to a bankrupt. The 97th section of the last-mentioned Act limits the right of the bankrupt to impeach the title of purchasers under a commission on account of defects in the proceedings; and the 4th section protects under certain conditions a conveyance by a trader of all his estate and effects for the benefit of his creditors. Deeds relating to

lands lying in the counties of York and Middlesex, or in the town of Kingston-upon-Hull, are by several acts of parliament directed to be registered; and all deeds not so registered are declared fraudulent and void against subsequent purchasers. Provision has now been made, as before stated, for the registration of judgments, *lis pendens*, and crown debts; and a purchaser without notice will be protected against them if not duly registered. But as it was formerly held that a judgment, though not docketed as required by the then existing law, was nevertheless good against a purchaser who had notice of it; and the 3 & 4 Viet., c. 82, declaring that notice of an unregistered judgment shall not affect purchasers is not general, but confined to remedies by virtue of the 1 & 2 Viet., c. 110, it seems to follow that a judgment creditor who has not registered his judgment may still, as against a purchaser with notice, avail himself of his remedies under the old law. By the 2 & 3 Viet., c. 11, s. 7, it appears that a purchaser will still be affected by express notice of a *lis pendens* though unregistered; but from s. 8 it seems that notice of an unregistered crown debt is immaterial.

The 54 Geo. III., c. 173, and the 57 Geo. III., c. 100, contain certain provisions for the protection of purchasers from defects in the mode in which sales have been effected for the redemption of the land-tax. Besides these statutory provisions, the courts of equity will in many cases interfere for the protection of a purchaser who bought without notice of incumbrances on the estate. Thus if a purchaser without notice buy or get in the legal estate of a mortgage or any other prior incumbrance by which he can defend himself at law, a court of equity will not interfere to aid an adversary, of whose claim he had no notice, in setting aside the incumbrance; and the court will give the same protection to a purchaser who, though he has not got in the prior legal estate, has a better right to call for it than any other person. Equity also will aid a purchaser for valuable consideration against the consequences of any fraud or undue concealment by the vendor of the defective execution of a power, a defective surrender of copyholds, or a defective conveyance.

Certain persons are, by the general rules of law, under either an absolute or partial incapacity to purchase real estate for their own benefit. Coke lays it down (Co. Litt. 3a) generally that the parishioners or inhabitants of any place, or the churchwardens, are incapable of purchasing lands by those names; but that in London the parson and churchwardens are a corporation for that purpose. Aliens are capable of purchasing lands, but incapable of holding; and, upon office found, the lands go to the king. Also persons guilty of felony or treason, or of the offence of *præsumptio*, may purchase, but cannot hold. If they purchase before attainder, the land goes to the lord; if after, to the king (Co. Litt. 2b.). Also corporations, whether sole or aggregate, though they may purchase, cannot hold lands without licence. [MORTGAIN.] Infants under 21 may purchase, but cannot bind themselves by the contract. They may waive the purchase on attaining 21; and if they have not then agreed to the purchase, the right of waiver remains to their heirs (Co. Litt. 2b.). *Femes covert* may purchase; but their husbands, if they disavow to the purchase, may divest the estate, and maintain trover for the purchase-money; and after the husband's death, the wife or her heirs, whether the husband had agreed or not, may waive the purchase (Co. Litt. 3a.). Idiots or lunatics, it seems, are capable of purchasing; but a purchase by an idiot may be avoided by the king on office found, and a purchase by a lunatic may be annulled by his committee after inquisition. The heirs of idiots or lunatics dying during idiosity or lunacy may also void purchases by them (Co. Litt. 2b., 22a.; 2 Vern. 412). Sales by infants, *femes covert*, idiots, and lunatics are subject to be defeated in the same manner as purchases by them. As to the incapacity of trustees to purchase, see TRUST AND TRUSTEE.

(Sugden, *On Vendors and Purchasers of Estates*, 10th edit.)

VENDS, or WENDS. The general appellation of Vends was given to the Slavonian populations which had settled in the northern part of Germany from the banks of the Elbe to the shores of the Baltic: they were divided into Obotrites, in the present duchies of Mecklenburg, and Viltzes, in Pomerania, between the Vistula and the

Oder; Havellans, in Brandenburg; Sorbes or Sorabes, between the rivers Saale and Elbe; and Latitzes, in Lusatia.

The name of Vends is now given to the Slavonians of Lusatia, who in the midst of a German population preserve till this day their national language, and in some villages, particularly among the women, a peculiar dress. Their number is supposed to be about 200,000, of whom, since the divisions adopted by the treaty of Vienna, about 80,000 are under the dominion of Saxony, and the remainder belong to Prussia. Three-fourths of them are Protestants and one-fourth Roman Catholics. A great number of distinguished families in Northern Germany are of Slavonian origin, and they may be easily distinguished by the termination of their names, which end in *itz*, *ik*, *nik*, *sch*, *ow*, *cz*, &c. Such, for instance, are the Bulow, Nostitz, Rauschnik, &c. Leibnitz as well as Lessing were of Slavonian origin.

The language of the Vends, which is divided into three dialects, dates its first literature from the Reformation, but the great difficulty of providing ministers who could preach in that language induced the Saxon government to make efforts to supplant the Vend language by the German. These efforts were so successful, that, out of seventy-two Vendish parishes in Upper Lusatia, sixteen became entirely Germanized. But in the beginning of the eighteenth century more liberal views respecting that question began to prevail, and institutions for the education of Vendish clergy were established at Leipzig in 1716, and at Wittenberg in 1720. The orthography of the Vendish language was fixed in 1680, by Zachariae Birling, a Lutheran clergyman. This language has been much cultivated, particularly in recent times. Many works, chiefly of a religious character, were translated into it from the German, and there is even a successful metrical translation into the same language of several cantos of Klopstock's 'Messiah.'

There are still some remnants of a Slavonian population in the kingdom of Hanover, in the duchy of Lüneburg, in the district of Drömmen, which is called on that account the land of the Vends, or Wendland. This population exhibits a marked difference in language and customs from the surrounding Germans. As late as the year 1757 divine service was performed in the Vendish language at a place called Wastrow, but it is now superseded by the German, and the inhabitants speak a mixture of both tongues. There are no other written documents in that language extant except a small vocabulary and the Lord's Prayer. From these documents it appears that this language was nearer to the Polish than to any other Slavonian dialect.

VENEERING, called also *l'ancering* and *finering*, in cabinet-work, is the art of laying thin leaves, called *veneers*, of a valuable kind of wood upon a ground or foundation of inferior material, so as to produce articles of elegant appearance at smaller cost than if they were made solid, or composed entirely of the ornamental wood which appears on the surface. Webster, after referring to the German form of the word, *furnieren*, observes, that it seems to come from the root of *furnish*, the primary sense of which is to *put on*. *Marquetry*, which is a more complicated kind of veneering or inlaid work, in which pieces of various kinds of wood, and sometimes of horn, ivory, and metal, are arranged so as to produce an ornamental effect, comes from the French *marquer*, *mark*, or *spot*. Small veneers are cut by hand with a thin saw, the block being held firmly in a vice; but large ones are usually cut by machinery, for a notice of which see SAW-MILL, vol. xx., pp. 479, 480. They are carefully brought to the right thickness by fine planes; cut precisely to the required shape; and then glued down to the ground, which should be of dry wood, with strong glue. If the form of the article will permit it, it is then put in a press until the glue is dry; but if not, the newly-laid veneers are covered with a board, which is pressed down either by weights or by poles rubbing against the benms in the roof of the work-shop. In veneering on curved surfaces a somewhat different course is pursued, but with the same object, that of keeping the veneer in its place until the glue is sufficiently set to hold it securely. The work is afterwards finished with very fine planes and scrapers, and polished with fish-skin, wax, and a brush or polisher of shagreen. In cutting out patterns for marquetry, exceedingly fine saws, sometimes made of watch-spring, are used, and several thick-

nesses of veneer are cut together, or if not, the veneer is placed between two other pieces of wood to hold it stiff, and to prevent it from breaking.

VENERICARDIA. (SUMMITLACEA, vol. xxiii., p. 103.) VENERIDÆ, a family of CONCHIFERA.

The genus *Venus* of Linnæus was arranged by him in the second section (*Bivalvia: Cœchæ*) of his *Tristacea Molliora simplicia, oblecta Peda culcaria*, between Donax and SPONDYLUS.

He divided the genus into the following sections:—

*** *Pabentes*.

Species:—*Dione*, *Paphia*, *marica*, *dyaca*.

*** *Impuberæ subcordatæ*.

Species:—*verruca*, *casina*, *cancellata*, *gollina*, *protula*, *flexuosa*, *erycina*, *serrenaria*, *islandica*, *chione*, *maculata*, *meretrix*, *lotis*, *cardensis*, *Phryne*, *Merue*, *defforata*, *ambusta*, *reticulata*, *apomosa*.

*** *Impuberæ orbiculatæ*.

Species:—*tigerina*, *prostrata*, *penylenica*, *incrustata*, *punctata*, *excolta*, *borcolis*, *perinata*, *scripta*, *edentula*.

*** *Impuberæ ovales, supra rimam subangulatæ*.

Species:—*literata*, *rotundata*, *decussata*, and *virginica*. Such is the arrangement of Linnæus in his last edition of the 'Systema Naturæ,' and he characterizes the hinge of the genus as consisting of three teeth, all approximate, the lateral teeth diverging at the apex. He adds other characters, the offspring of a prudent imagination.

The *Conques* of Lamarck are characterized as having at least three cardinal teeth in one valve, the other having as many or less: lateral teeth sometimes.

Lamarck divides this group into two sections:—

1. *Conques fluviales*.

These have lateral teeth, and are covered with what Lamarck terms a false epidermis.

Genera:—*Cyclus*, *Cyrena*, *Golothæa*.

2. *Conques marines*.

These have no lateral teeth for the most part, and, rarely, an epidermis covering the whole shell with the exception of the umbones.

Genera:—*Cyprina*, *Cytheræa*, *Venus*, *Venericardia*.

M. Deshayes, in the last edition of the 'Annaux sans Vertèbres,' expresses his opinion that this family or group is very natural, and adds that the two divisions established by Lamarck ought to be adopted; he even thinks that it would be advantageous to give a more equal value to the component parts, and to elevate each of the divisions to the title of families. In the first he would place the greater part of the river-shells which do not belong to the NAIADÆ. Upon a study of the animal, he considers it necessary to introduce *Iridina* into the group of *Conques fluviales*. The shells, he observes, do not present, as is well known, characters of more than a secondary value in comparison with those of the animals. All the animals of the family of *Conques* have the mantle prolonged posteriorly into two siphons. In the animals of the *Naiades*, on the contrary, the two lobes of the mantle are separated throughout their contour. The *Iridina* have the lobes of the mantle united, terminated by two siphons, but have no retractor muscle proper to those parts, as the *Conques* have.

M. (Dr.) Pfeiffer, in his work on the mollusks of Germany, perceiving, observes M. Deshayes, when studying the animals of the genus *Cyclus*, that there was one whose posterior siphons were much shorter than in the other species, hardly projecting beyond the borders of the shell; and he thought this character sufficient to justify the establishment of a genus under the name of *Pisidium*, a genus however which M. Deshayes does not think it useful to adopt, the characters on which it is founded having but little value.

If, says M. Deshayes in continuation, we examine the *Conques marines*, the following observations may be made. The genus *Cyrena* is really intermediate between the *Cyrena* and the *Cytheræa*, and Lamarck has justly appreciated their relations. We shall see, he remarks, hereafter that the genera *Venus* and *Cytheræa* may be united, not after the manner of Linnæus, who placed among his *Veneres* shells really foreign to the genus, but by establishing in the genus *Venus* two sections representing the two genera of Lamarck. *Venericardia*, M. Deshayes thinks, ought to be suppressed and transferred to *Cardata*, of which it possesses all the characters. He has, as we think, successfully shown, in notes appended to the

genera *Cordula* and *Pterocardia*, why they ought to be united; and moreover why they can neither be suffered to remain in the group *Conchus*, nor in the *Cordioceae*. This being allowed, the *Murina*, *Conchus* will be reduced to two genera, *Cyprina* and *Venus*, the *Cytherea* being united to the last-named genus. To these two genera M. Deshayes would add *Astarte*, a genus which he thinks might find a more fitting place here than among the *Tellinidae* of Lamarck.

The *Cordioceae* of Cuvier consist of the genera *Cardium* (with the subgenus *Hemecardium*), *Donax*, *Cyclas* (with the subgenera *Cyrena*, *Cyprina*, and *Gulathia*), *Corbis*, *Tellina*, *Loripes*, *Lucina*, *Ungulina*, *Venus*, *Corbula*, and *Macra* (including the true *Macra* and the *Larignone*).

The genus *Venus* he divides into the true *Veneres*, *Astarte* or *Crassina*, *Cytherea*, *Cupa*, and *Petricula*; and he defines this great genus *Venus* as comprising a multitude of shells whose common character is to have the teeth and laminae of the hinge approximated under the umbo in a single group. They are, he remarks, in general more flattened and more elongated parallel to the hinge than the *Cardia*. Their ribs, when they have any, are nearly always parallel to the borders, which is the opposite of the *Cordia*. The ligament often leaves behind the umbones an elliptical impression named by modern zoologists the corselet; and there is nearly always in front of the umbones an oval impression designated as the lunule.

The animal has always two tubes susceptible of more or less projection, but sometimes united at each other, and a compressed foot which serves for creeping.

The *Conchaceae* of M. de Blainville are divided into the following sections:—

1. *Regular Conchaceae with the lateral teeth distant.*

Genera.—*Cardium* (with its subdivisions); *Donax* [*CONCHACEAE*]; *Lucina*, with its subdivisions; *Cyclas*, with its subdivisions; *Cyprina*; *Macra*, with its subdivisions; *Erycin*.

2. *Regular Conchaceae without distant lateral teeth.*

Genera.—*Crassatella*; *Venus*.

3. *Irregular Conchaceae.*

Genera.—*Venerupis*, with its subdivisions; *Corallio-phaga*; *Clotho*; *Corbula*, with its subdivisions; *Sphaer*; *Ungulina*.

M. de Blainville thus defines the genus *Venus*:—

Animal oval or rounded, ordinarily more or less compressed; the borders of the mantle undulated and furnished with tentacular cirri in a single row; foot considerable, compressed, trenchant, for the most diversified; the tubes moderately elongated and nearly constantly united; mouth small, semilunar; the labial appendages rather small; the branchiae wide, short, free or not united, neither between themselves nor with those of the opposite side.

Shell solid, thick, regular, perfectly equivalve, and elose, more or less inequilateral; the umbones well marked, inclining forwards; the hinge subsimilar, two, three, or even four cardinal teeth, more or less approximated, and converging towards the umbo; ligament thick, often arched, convex, and external; two muscular impressions, which are distant, united by a narrow ligule, excavated more or less deeply backwards, or more or less wide, and rounded posteriorly; a third small one in front of the anterior for the anterior retractor muscle of the foot.

The following are M. de Blainville's subdivisions:—

Median tooth deeply divided into two, the anterior portion most advanced. (Genus *Cytherea*, Lam.)

A. Denticate, triangular, convex species, with the umbones very strongly marked; the borders trenchant; without any distinct lunule. Example, *Venus lara*.

B. Thick, subtriangular species; the borders of the corselet enarinated; without a distinct lunule. (The *Macroid* *Franses*.) Example, *Venus petreolus*.

C. Lenticular species, with concentric striae, without an anterior tooth under the lunule, which is very much sunk; the pallial ligule deeply and angularly excavated backwards; foot of the animal semilunar. (Genus *Artemis*, Poli.) Example, *Venus erodula*.

D. Lenticular species, radiated or subpectinate, without any lateral posterior tooth; the lunule and ligament very much sunk; the anterior muscular impression narrow and descending; the marginal ligule but faintly marked and

not re-entering posteriorly. (The *Lucioid* *Franses*.) Example, *Venus tigrina*.

E. Thick, solid species, more or less compressed, oval, ribbed, pectinated on the borders; muscular impressions united by a wide but not sinuous ligule. Example, *Venus pectinata*.

F. Thick, solid, subtriangular species, striated longitudinally; the impressions united by a narrow sinuous-ligule. Example, *Venus crassa*.

G. Thick, solid species, nearly smooth or oval-elongated, radiated or blotched with colour; abdominal impression forming a rather deep excavation backwards. (The *Mercetricae*.) Example, *Venus chione*.

Median tooth bifid, or three cardinal teeth only. (Genus *Venus*, Lam.)

H. Species of elongated, subrhomboidal form, striated, with a non-denticulate border; the three teeth of the hinge very much approximated and very weak. Example, *Venus decussata*.

I. Subrhomboidal species, deeply trifurcated; the teeth very thick, the ligament entirely concealed; the umbones strongly developed; the border denticulate. Example, *Venus corbis*.

K. Thick, solid species, orbicular or suborbicular, with striae or rather concentric laminae; teeth very thick; border denticulate. Example, *Venus puerpera*.

L. Cardiod species, or such as are radiated from the umbo to the base, and thick and solid. Example, *Venus granulata*.

M. Triangular species, wedge-shaped, thick, solid, striated longitudinally, and denticulate; the edges of the corselet enarinated; two great oblique teeth at the hinge; the tubes of the animal very short and distinct. (Genus *Triquetra*, Bl.) Example, *Venus flexuosa*.

N. Solid species, cordiform, compressed, furrowed longitudinally; borders denticulate, the teeth thick, projecting very little; the corselet long and narrow. Example, *Venus cusina*.

O. Solid, thick, suborbicular, subequilateral species; two very large divergent teeth in one valve, and two very unequal ones in the other; muscular impressions united by a ligule without posterior sinuosity. (Genus *Crassina*, Lam.; *Astarte*, Sow.) Example, *Venus damonensis*.

P. Species with an epidermis, striated, compressed, oval; umbones slightly prominent; two bifid teeth in the right valve; and a single entire one in the left. (Genus *Mucosa*, Leach.) Example, *Venus tenuis*.

Q. Orbiculo-triangular species, with projecting umbones; a strong bifid tooth in the right valve, entering between the entire divergent ones in the left. (Genus *Nirania*, Leach.) Example, *Venus Bankii*.

M. de Blainville observes that this genus, as circumscribed by Linnaeus, is so numerous in species, that the greater part of conchologists are compelled to establish secondary groups in it; but it must be allowed that, from having regard to the hinge only, they are still very far from having succeeded in facilitating a knowledge of it. M. de Blainville says, that he does not pretend to have done better than his predecessors; but nevertheless he has endeavoured to indicate the different typical forms met with among the *Veneres*, and has characterized them from a consideration of many parts of the shell and of the animals. He regrets that, with regard to the last, he has not, unfortunately, seen each distinct form; but he thinks it very probable that the differences between them are not strongly marked. We know, he observes, that the tubes, which are often united, are also sometimes separated, as in *Venus Merie* and *Venus flexuosa*; and we know, also, that the foot, ordinarily triangular, trenchant, and furrowed inferiorly, is sometimes semilunar and without a furrow. As to the shells, one may perceive that in the division of the *Veneres* properly so called, the pallial impression has always a posterior excavation, moderately deep, whilst in the shell of the *Cytherea* it is sometimes extremely deep, as in the genus *Artemis* of Poli, and sometimes there are no traces of it, as in the sections E. and F., or even in the section of *Lucioid* *Franses*; and yet these last have entirely the hinge of the *Cytherea*. M. de Blainville concludes by observing, that he does not know the shells which have served for the establishment of the two last-named genera of Leach. (*Malacologie*.)

M. Rang makes the genus *Cyprina* follow *Anaphidema*:

and *Cyprina* is followed by *Maera*, *Erginea*, *Cyclas*, *Cyrena* (and *Corbicula*, Megerle), *Galathea* (*Egeria*, De Roissy; *Potamophila*, Sow.), *Crassatella*, *Astarte*, Sow. (*Crassina*, Lam.; *Nucania*, Leach), *Venus*, and *Venerupis*.

The genus *Cyrena* is thus characterised:—
Animal unknown.

Shell with an epidermis, thick, solid, subtrigonal or suborbicular, ventricose, equivaive, inequilateral; umbones eroded; hinge composed of three teeth in each valve, of which the two posterior are bifid, and the lateral teeth nearly always two in number, one of which last is often approximated to the umbo; ligament externat and posterior; muscular impressions oval, united by a pallial impression over excavation.

Of these exotic shells, inhabitants of the rivers of warm countries, particularly those of Asia, M. Rang, following Lamarck, makes two groups:—

1.

Shell having the lateral teeth denticulated (*Corbicula*).

Example, *Cyrena trigonella*.

2.

Shell having the lateral teeth entire.

Example, *Cyrena compressa*.

Venus is thus characterised and divided by M. Rang.

Venus, Linn. (*Venus* and *Cytherea*, Lam.)

Animal oval, rather thick, having the borders of the mantle undulated, and furnished with a row of tentacular cirrhi; tubes more or less elongated, and rarely separated; mouth small; labial appendages small; branchiae wide; foot large, compressed, trenchant, slightly variable.

Shell in general slightly compressed, solid, regular, equivaive, inequilateral; not gaping, very often ornamented with longitudinal ribs, but rarely with transverse rays; umbones very distinct, and a little curved forward; hinge composed of from two to four cardinal teeth united under the umbo; ligament thick, external, and convex; muscular impressions more or less rounded, united by a pallial impression more or less excavated backwards.

M. Rang remarks that the shells, which, after the example of Cuvier and De Blainville, he refers to the genus *Venus*, have been divided into two genera by Lamarck, *Venus* and *Cytherea*; but as this distinction rests only on very weak characters of the shell which are not always completely justified, it results that the limits of these genera are not, in some cases, very easy to define.

The groups proposed by M. de Blainville suffice, M. Rang observes, for the classification of more than a hundred and fifty species, without comprising the fossils, and which are nearly as numerous. M. Rang has only re-trenched from those groups that which included the genus *Astarte* of Sowerby, because he does not think that this genus can be preserved.

Habits and Geographical Distribution.—The genus *Venus* (including *Cytherea*) has been found at depths varying from near the surface to 50 fathoms, in mud, and sand, both fine and coarse: species occur in almost all seas.

Mr. Swainson makes the *Veneridae*, the third subfamily of his *Tellinidae*, or *Solid* and *Chlor* *Bivalves*, consist of the following genera and subgenera:—

Corbis, Lam.; *Venus*, Linn. (with the subgenera *Crassina*, Lam., and a notification that the other subgenera of *Tellina*, *Venus*, *Cytherea*, and *Donax* are not worked out); *Cytherea*, Lam.; *Donax*, Linn.; *Cyprea*, Lam.; *Cardissa*, Sw.; *Cardium*, Linn. (with the subgenera *Cardium*, Linn.; *Loxicaudium*, Sw.; *Hemicardium*, Sw.; *Acardo*, Sw.; and *Polyprida*, Sw.).

The family *Chamidae* immediately follows in Mr. Swainson's arrangement. (*Mollusca*, 1840.)

Mr. J. E. Gray places the *Veneridae* as the first family of his order *Phyllophoda*, with the following genera:—

Artemus, *Cytherea*, *Moroe*, *Gratalopoda*, *Trigona*, *Chione*, *Cruc*, *Dolina*, *Morcenaria*, *Anomalocardia*, *Cypripia*, *Venus*, *Types*, *Venerupis*, and *Clementia*.

The *Veneridae* are immediately followed in Mr. Gray's arrangement by the *Cyrenidae*, which comprise the following genera:—

Cyrena, *Goleina*, *Felicitia*, *Cyclas*, *Pisidium*.
The *Cardiidae* immediately follow. (*Synopsis Mus. Brit.*, 1842.) Our limits will only permit a detailed notice of a few genera.

Cyrena.

M. Deshayes, in the last edition of the 'Animaux sans Vertèbres,' remarks of the genus *Cyrena* that there exists

a passage between the two genera, but a point is arrived at where the species become very distinct from *Cyclas* by reason of their thickness and having one tooth more in the hinge. The animal of the *Cyrena* which M. Deshayes had seen did not differ essentially from that of *Cyclas*, and approached nearly to that of *Venus*. It has the two lobes of the mantle united in their posterior third, and prolonged on that side by two siphons, which are separated to the base. They are furnished with a small retractor muscle, which leaves a particular impression in the shell.

The number of species of *Cyrena* noted by M. Deshayes in his tables is fourteen living and twenty-five fossil (tertiary). In the last edition of Lamarck, the number of recent species recorded is fifteen, and the number of fossil twelve only.

Example, *Cyrena fusca*.

Description.—Brownish-green, with numerous transverse subimbricate furrows; violet within and at the umbones; the lateral teeth very much elongated transversely and denticulated.

Locality.—The Chinese rivers and those of the Levant. (Lam.)



Cyrena fusca.

Megadesma.

Generic Character.—Shell equivaive, subtrigonal, covered with a greenish epidermis. Hinge-teeth furrowed; two in the right valves connivent at their base; three in the other valve, the intermediate one advanced and separated. Lateral teeth distant.

Ligament external, short, projecting, convex. *Nymphae* prominent. (Lam.)

Animal with a thick subtrigonal body; the mantle large, simple, open below and in front, closed posteriorly, and prolonged on that side into two equal tubes separated to the base; two unequal branchiae, the upper one folded double, four triangular buccal appendages; mouth large; foot large, oblong, compressed, subangular anteriorly. (Deshayes.)

M. Deshayes gives the following succinct history of this genus:—

The only shell belonging to this genus was known before Bruguières instituted it. Lister figured a variety in his great work, and afterwards Born and Chemnitz figured it also. These authors, embarrassed, doubtless, how to place it conveniently, arranged it among the *Venerae*, in which they were imitated by Gmelin. Bruguières gave the name of *Galathea* to the genus, and Lamarck adopted that name; but M. de Roissy in Sonnin's Buffon, fearing that this name, already allotted to a genus of crustaceans [*GALATHEA*], might cause confusion, proposed that of *Egeria*. 'This name however,' says M. Deshayes, 'did not prevail, because in fact naturalists will always distinguish with facility a genus of crustacea from a genus of shells, even when both bear the same name. If these defects in nomenclature ought to be carefully avoided when beings belonging to different classes are the subjects, they would be intolerable when existent in genera of the same class, and then it is that a glaring error should be corrected. As there was not in reality any grave inconvenience in preserving the name of Bruguières, it has been maintained in all nomenclatures. Mr. Sowerby nevertheless, in his *Genera of Shells*, believing that he should definitively fix the nomenclature, has rejected both names, *Galathea* and *Egeria*, and has substituted that of *Potamophila*, which has not prevailed, that of *Galathea* always retaining the preference.'

Now much as we admire M. Deshayes, we must enter

our protest against the principle here laid down. Grave inconvenience does arise from giving the same name to genera of different classes; and we are happy to find that a determination to eliminate a name when so employed, leaving it of course as a designation for that genus to which it was first attached, is daily gaining ground among zoologists. In the very case before us, if a zoological traveller should relate that he had captured a *Galathea* at some island, without saying whether the capture had taken place in the sea or in a river, or in his unclassified memorandum of Geographical distribution should merely write the name of the genus with the locality opposite, without further particulars, as he most probably would do,—who, on reading the word *Galathea*, could know whether the crustacean or the testacean animal was meant? Dr. Leach has applied the name of *Egeria* to a genus of Brachyurous Crustaceans; and though the name of *POTAMOPHILA* be characteristic, it comes too near to Latreille's *POTAMOPHILUS*: besides which Bowditch's name *Megadema* has the priority.

In spite of the great difference which exists between the shells of *Cyrena* and *Galathea*, observes M. Deshayes, Cuvier, in the *Régne Animal*, and M. de Blainville, in his *Malacologie*, did not adopt the genus instituted by Bruguières: but then the animal of *Megadema* was unknown. The rivers of India had always been supposed to be the habitat of the shell, but M. Rang met with it in abundance towards the mouth of the rivers of Malaguet in Africa. M. Deshayes refers to M. Rang's general labours with just praise, and to his excellent memoir on *Galathea* (the shell), in the twenty-fifth volume of the *Annales des Sciences Naturelles*. M. Deshayes, who had himself examined many individuals, bears testimony to the exact description of the animal given by M. Rang, and truly observes, that he can add with confidence, to the generic characters of the shell given by Lamarck, those drawn from the animal.

Example, *Megadema radiatum* (*Galathea radiata*, Lam.; *Potamophila radiata*, Sow.).

Description.—Under the epidermis milk-white, marked with violet towards its base, and ornamented with violet rays, generally from two to four in number.

Locality.—The rivers of Ceylon and of India.

Mr. Lea, in his *Contributions to Geology* (1833), applies the name *Egeria* to a genus of conchifers (family *Nymphosæ*), and describes ten species from the Claiborne beds, Alabama. We need hardly add that the name must be changed.

Cyrena.

Generic Character.—Shell equivaive, inequilateral, obliquely cordate; umbones obliquely curved. Hinge with three unequal teeth, approximated at the base, subdivaricate above. Lateral tooth distant from the hinge, on the anterior side, sometimes obsolete. Nymphal callosities large, arched, terminated near the umbones with an ovate lunule.

Ligament external, often partly immersed under the umbones.

M. Deshayes observes that all the characters given by Lamarck to the genus *Cyrena* are not of equal value, and for that reason they require an attentive examination before a rigorous application of them is made. M. Deshayes finds, like Lamarck, in the hinge particular characters, which, added to those of the animal made known by Müller, are sufficient to maintain the genus. With regard however to the great nymphal callosities terminated by a lunule, it is, he remarks, necessary to bear in mind that these callosities are in general very large in the *Feneres* and *Cytheræ*, whose valves are held together by a very thick ligament. One may remark in some species, and especially in those which as they grow old become large and thick, that the anterior extremity of the nymphs becomes carnosus by degrees, which produces a cavity small at first, insensibly becoming larger, and in advanced age sometimes many lines in length. We ought not then to give to this character such a value as belongs to the other, in order to introduce species into the genus; for by following it rigorously one might arrange *Feneres*, *Cytheræ*, &c. among the *Cyrena*.

M. Deshayes then points out means for the recognition of the *Cyrena*, which appear to have escaped Lamarck's attention. The animal has the two lobes of the mantle united posteriorly, and they terminate on that side in two

very short siphons, or rather in two perforations comparable to those of the *Cordia*. These siphons are too short to require a retractor muscle, and for this reason the impression of the mantle is always simple in the true *Cyrena*. In the *Feneres* the animal, furnished with longer siphons, is provided with a retractor muscle, which produces a more or less deep inflexion of the pallial impression; finally, in all the *Cyrena* there ought to be a posterior lateral tooth on the border, below the termination of the ligament. Thus, in characterising this genus, the presence of the lateral tooth becomes indispensable, as well as the form of the pallial impression.

If, adds M. Deshayes, after having thus rectified the generic characters of the *Cyrena*, we seek to apply them to the same species as Lamarck has done, we shall soon find that they agree with one or two species only. Consequently, with the exception of these two species, all the others ought to be taken out of this genus; and M. Deshayes, after examining them in the Paris Museum, where they are labelled by the hand of Lamarck, is satisfied that they all belong to the genus *Feneris*.

In his tables M. Deshayes states the number of recent *Cyrena* to be two, and of fossil (tertiary) seven. The only species noted as recent and fossil (tertiary) is *islandica*.

The species are generally found in sandy mud.

Example, *Cyrena islandica*.

Description.—Shell coriaceous, transversely striated, covered with an epidermis; the anterior side subangulate.

Locality.—Northern Ocean, at the mouths of rivers.

There are varieties differing much in size. M. Deshayes gives *Cyrena vulgaris* (Sow., *Genera*) as one of the synonyms of the species.



Cyrena vulgaris. (Sow.)

Fossil Localities.—Bordenux and Italy.

Cyrena occurs below the chalk; three species, for example, are recorded in Dr. Fitton's *Stratigraphical Table*, two of which are not noticed in the last edition of Lamarck.

Cytheræ.

Generic Character.—Shell equivaive, inequilateral, subobicular, trigonal, or transverse. Four cardinal teeth in the right valve, of which three are divergent, approximated at their base, and one is entirely isolated, situated under the lunule. Three divergent cardinal teeth in the other valve, and a fossa at a little distance parallel to the border. No lateral teeth. (Lam.)

M. Deshayes remarks, that if one considers genera as entirely artificial groups, instituted only for assistance to the memory, and rendering the search after species easy—if, because a genus very numerous in species ought to be divided principally with this motive, on the ground of some characters of little value,—the genus *Cytheræ* ought, undoubtedly, to be adopted and preserved. But if a genus, to be good, ought to be founded on characters drawn from the organization, if it ought to assemble all the beings that offer those characters, if those characters should never present ambiguity and impossibility in their application, then the genus *Cytheræ* ought to be rejected; for, in the opinion of M. Deshayes, it does not unite all the conditions of a good genus. If, observes M. Deshayes in continuation, we examine the animals of the *Cytheræ* in the beautiful work of Poli, we shall find hardly any difference from those of the *Feneres*: the only one indeed that deserves notice, and which only belongs to a certain number of *Veneres* properly so called, is that the borders of the mantle are fringed, whilst they are un-

ture and simple in the *Cythereæ*. Thus, if one should take this character for the establishment of genera, he must admit not only the *Cythereæ*, but still further divide the *Veneræ* as reduced by Lamarck. This division has been recently proposed by Mr. G. B. Sowerby, in his *Genera of Skolla*, under the name of *Pullastra*.

The reason which causes M. Deshayes to reject the genus *Cytherea* prevents him, equally, from adopting *Pullastra*. There is, he observes, another genus established long since by Poli, under the name of *Artemis*, and which has more claims for its introduction into the nomenclature than either *Cytherea* or *Pullastra*. The foot of *Artemis* is of a peculiar form, very different from that of *Venus*—the posterior siphons are joined throughout their length; the shells are always obicular, having the hinge of *Cytherea*, but a clean and deep triangular notch in the pallial impression. This description applies to *Venus exoleta*, Linn., and other approximating species. This then would be the sole admissible dismemberment, not in the genus *Venus* of Linnæus, but in a group which might be formed of the genera *Venus* and *Cytherea* of Lamarck. After this rapid examination of the points drawn from the animals which determine M. Deshayes to reject the genera *Cytherea* and *Pullastra*, he proceeds to inquire whether the shells present constant characters of sufficient value to justify their adoption.

Lamarck states that in *Cytherea* there are constantly four teeth in the hinge. The fourth tooth is very oblique, and always set in that part of the border which comprises the lunule. This tooth is in fact constant in a considerable number of species, but in more than twelve, living as well as fossil, which M. Deshayes had carefully examined, he saw this tooth diminish by little and little, and become so rudimentary, that, it having sometimes escaped Lamarck's notice, the latter comprised many of this species in his genus *Venus* and placed the others among the *Cythereæ*. If, says M. Deshayes in continuation, these observations are just—and it will be very easy to verify them in a large collection of living and fossil species of the two genera—one may ask where the line is to be drawn, and what reasonable ground exists for their separation?

The genus *Pullastra* reposes, as it seems to M. Deshayes, on characters of less importance than that of *Cytherea*. These shells have but three teeth in the hinge; they are, in general, narrow, approximated, and diverge but little; the shell itself is delicate. In admitting with Mr. Sowerby into his new genus the greater part of the species of *Venerapis*, we shall find, says M. Deshayes, a certain number of species which have the teeth small and approximated, but, in proportion as, by analogy, we add other species, these teeth will be seen to become more and more divergent, and to enlarge and thicken in proportion; the shell itself offers numerous modifications and insensible passages towards the *Veneræ* properly so called. To this should be added that the animals of *Pullastra* and *Venus* bear a much greater resemblance to each other than to those of the *Cythereæ*; they have the borders of the mantles fringed, the foot of the same form, and the siphons separate. It results from the preceding observations, that zoologists ought to admit one great genus *Venus*, in which the *Cythereæ* and *Pullastræ* may become sections, whilst it will become necessary to withdraw from it *Artemis*, to introduce the last-named genus definitively into the method. (*Animæ sans Vertèbres*, last edit.)

Agreeing as we do with the reasoning above stated, it will be still necessary, for the information of those who choose to retain the genus as a help to avoid confusion in zoology and geology, to give a sketch of the statistics of *Cytherea*.

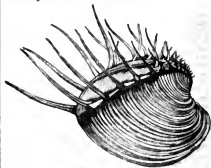
The number of species noted in the tables of M. Deshayes is eighty-five recent and fifty-nine fossil (tertiary); of these *Cythereæ ergyina*, *chione*, *nitidula*, *citrina*, *exoleta*, *concentrica*, *lineata*, *rufescens*, *multilunella*, and *venetiana* are stated as occurring both recent and fossil (tertiary).

In the last edition of Lamarck the number of recent species recorded is seventy-eight; and the number of species, fossil only, is nine. Mr. Lea, in his *Contributions to Geology*, adds six species from the Claiborne beds (tertiary of Alabama).

One of the most remarkable species is *Cytherea diosa* (*Venus diosa*, Linn.).

This remarkable shell, of which there are many varieties, is obliquely cordate in shape, of a rosy, rosy-purplaceous, purplaceous, or vinous colour, transversely furrowed with elevated lamellæ: the posterior borders of the shell are beset with spines, very long and distant in some varieties, and short and close-set in others.

Locality.—The seas of America.



Venus (Cytherea) diosa.

Cytherea venetris.

Description.—Shell trigonal, smooth, white; the umbones spotted; posterior surface olivaceous carulescent; anterior side angulate.



Venus (Cytherea) venetris.

There is a variety zoned with chestnut, with the sides and margins white.

Cytherea occurs fossil below the chalk. Thus Dr. Fitton enumerates six species (none of which are noticed in the last edition of Lamarck) in his *Stratigraphical Table*; and Professor Phillips records *Cytherea dolabræ* (coralline

and Bath oolite) in his *Illustrations of the Geology of Yorkshire*.

Venus.

Generic Character.—Shell equivalve, inequilateral, transverse or suborbicular.

Three cardinal teeth, approximated, in each valve; the lateral ones diverging at the umbo. External ligament covering the external anterior fissure.

The number of species recorded by M. Deshayes in his tables is a hundred and one recent and forty-three fossil (tertiary): of these *Venerus verrucosa*, *plicata*, *gastina*, *decorata*, *radiata*, *Bruguièresi*, *dysera*, *geographica*, and *paphia*, are noted as recent and fossil (tertiary).

In the last edition of Lamarck the number of recent species recorded is ninety-six, and the number of fossil thirteen.

Although species of *Venus* are to be found in most seas, they are most numerous in those of warm countries, and generally at a moderate distance from the shore.

Example, *Venus cancellata*.

Description.—Shell cordate, longitudinally sulcate, girt with elevated, remote, transverse belts; white spotted with bay or brown; lunule cordate.

Locality.—The seas of America.

M. Deshayes thinks it evident that Lamarck's species is identical with *Venus dysera*, Chemn., that it ought to be suppressed, and that a new name should be given to Chemnitz's variety, which is very distinct. The reader will find the synonymy collected and the confusion learnedly unravelled in the last edition of the *Animaux sans Vertèbres*.

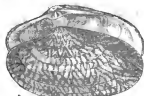


Venus cancellata.

Venus (Pallaster) textile.

Description.—Shell ovate oblong, very smooth, pale-yellow, ornamented with angulate-flexuous, purplish or coralline lines.

Locality.—The Malabar coast.



Venus (Pallaster) textile.

We subjoin a representation of *Venus (Pallaster) vulgaris*.



For a description of *Venerupis*, see the article LITHOPRAGIDÆ.

Venus occurs fossil below the chalk. See, for instance, many species recorded in Dr. Fitton's *Stratigraphical Table*. Professor Phillips records one from the coalfield oolite. (*Geology of Yorkshire*.) See further, Dr. Mantell's *Organic Remains of Sussex*, &c.

We here proceed to notice *Lucina*, according to promise.

Generic Character.—Shell suborbicular, inequilateral, with small, pointed, oblique umbones. Two divergent cardinal teeth, one bifid, and which are variable or disappear with age. Two lateral teeth; the posterior one more approximated to the cardinal teeth. Two very separate muscular impressions, the posterior of which forms a facial prolongation which is, sometimes, very long.

M. Deshayes observes, that the genus *Lucina*, as Lamarck and Bruguières perceived, is very natural; the shells have a particular contour (façes), they are orbicular, the interior surface of the valves is punctuated or striated, sometimes deeply; the pallial impression is always simple, which is an essential character of the genus, as well as the form and position of the muscular impressions. When the genus is studied by means of a great number of species, one soon perceives that the hinge varies much, and that the characters afforded by this part in other groups are here but of small value. Some species have the hinge toothless, others have one or two cardinal teeth, at first obsolete or rudimentary, afterwards larger and more constant. To these cardinal teeth are added, according to the species, the anterior or posterior lateral tooth; and the hinge is not complete, that is to say, is not provided with cardinal and lateral teeth, except in a small number of species. Notwithstanding these continual variations of the hinge, one may perceive that the eighty-six species, both recent and fossil, actually known, bear so natural a relation to each other, that they could not be better placed elsewhere, neither could they constitute other genera. Some zoologists, after the example of Cuvier, retain the genera *Lucina* of Bruguières and *Loripes* of Poll. But M. Deshayes observes, that though the animals of the principal *Lucina* are not known, one may conclude by analogy and from the resemblance of the shells, that the identity of the two genera cannot be well contested. He therefore thinks that, as it is not convenient to retain both genera, and as that of Bruguières is best known and as old as Poll's, Bruguières's name should be preferred.

Linnæus placed the greater part of the *Lucina* among his *Veneres*. In separating these genera, Bruguières, Lamarck, and the other conchologists left among the *Veneres* some shells which have all the characters of the *Lucina*. See further, the last edition of the *Animaux sans Vertèbres*, tom. 6, p. 222.

The number of species recorded by M. Deshayes in his tables is twenty recent, and fifty-nine fossil (tertiary): of these *Lucina tigrina*, *punctata*, *colymbella*, *divaricata*, *læta*, *gibbosa*, *aquasana*, *radiata*, and *amphidermides* are noticed as recent and fossil (tertiary).

Mr. Lea adds six species from the tertiary of Alabama.

In a recent state *Lucina* has been found at depths varying from five to eleven fathoms in sandy-mud and mud. Species occur principally in the seas of warm climates.

The well-known *Lucina Jamaicensis*, *Venus Jamaicensis* of the older authors, may be taken as an example.

In a fossil state *Lucina* occurs below the chalk. See the list of 'Organic Remains on the Yorkshire Coast,' in Professor Phillips's *Geology of Yorkshire*; Dr. Fitton's *Stratigraphical List*, &c. &c.

VENERUPIS, or VENERUPIS. [LITHOPRAGIDÆ; VENERIDÆ.]

VENETIAN SCHOOL OF PAINTING.

The historians of Venetian art date the commencement of modern painting in Venice from the eleventh century, or about

1070, when the Doge Selvo invited some Greek mosaic-workers to Venice to adorn the church of St. Mark; and in the thirteenth century, after the taking of Constantinople by the Venetians, in 1204, not only works of art, but artists also, are said to have been plentiful in Venice, Venetians as well as Greeks; only two however of the former can now be named, Giovanni da Venezia and Martinello da Murano. On an old wooden sarcophagus of the Benta Giuliana, in the monastery of San Bino alla Giudecca, there is a painting of about the year 1202; but the painter's name is not known: it is in a rough style, but Lanzi is of opinion that it is not Greek.

It was not until after the time of Giotto, who executed some works in Padua and Verona in the beginning of the fourteenth century, that the painters of the Venetian states began to make themselves known by their works. The oldest known works at Padua are by painters of the school of Giotto. The extensive paintings in the church of San Giovanni Battista at Padua are attributed to Giusto Padovano, a scholar of Giotto and a Florentine by birth, though naturalised at Padua. Guasiento of Padua was also a follower of Giotto, and was celebrated about 1360: some of his works are still remaining. There are also some works still extant of two celebrated Veronese painters of the same time: of Altichiero da Zevio, near Verona, in the old church of San Giorgio, illustrating the life of St. James; and others of the life of St. John by Sebeto of Verona, in the same church, much in the style of Giotto, especially the former. To these may be added a Jacopo of Verona, who painted some frescoes in San Michel at Padua; and a Gio. Miretto of Padua, who executed some works in the great hall of that place. There were however some painters about this time in Venice and Treviso who painted in what may be termed a national style; and among these may be included the miniature-painters, who were numerous at this time. Among these Zanetti mentions a Maestro Paolo, whose name he found recorded in an ancient parchment with the date of 1346. He is the earliest of the Venetian painters whose time and name are known: there is in the church of St. Mark a picture, or a scene, as it is called, by him and his two sons, divided into several compartments, illustrating the history of our Saviour, with the following inscription:—'Magister Paulus cum Jacobo et Johanne filijs suis fecit hanc opus.' Lanzi says his style reminds us much of the Greek specimens of art. There is another painting by him in the sacristy of the Padri Conventuali at Vicenza, inscribed as follows:—'1333. Paulus de Venetiis pinxit hoc opus.' One of the earliest Venetian painters also was a Lorenzo of Venice, who, according to Zanetti, was paid 300 gold ducats for an altarpiece, formerly in the church of Sant' Antonio di Castello, now in the Academy, on which is his name and the date 1358. There is likewise in the house of the Ercolani family at Bologna a picture inscribed 'Mans Laurentii de Venetiis, 1368': he was also most probably the painter of the fresco of Daniel in the Lion's Den, in the church of Mezzaratta, near Bologna, marked Laurentius, P.: it was painted about 1370. Another Venetian painter of this time was Niccolò Semitecolo: his name is inscribed as follows upon a painting in the Chapter Library of Padua:—'Nicoletto Semitecolo da Venexia impense, 1367.' This work is a good specimen of the school: it represents the Trinity with the Virgin, and some stories of St. Sebastian: the nude is tolerably well expressed, and the design is bold; but it bears no resemblance to the school of Giotto: it is inferior in design, yet equal in colouring. There are also two pictures by this master in the Academy at Venice. The celebrated Antonio Veneziano mentioned by Vasari executed some works in Venice about this time, but it is disputed whether he was a Venetian or a Florentine. There are a few other old painters of merit of this period whose names are known: Simon da Caviglio, Niccolò Prislano, and Pecino and Pietro da Nova.

II. In the fifteenth century a very different style prevailed; and although the artists of this period still designed with great stiffness and in the Gothic taste, they produced many admirably coloured pictures as regards the brilliancy and composition of colour, but in the local colours and reflexes they were yet deficient. The leaders of the improved style were some painters of the small island of Murano, and it has the glory of having been the nursery of the greatest painters of Venice: Titian studied at Murano. The first painters of this place were Quirico, Ber-

nardino, and Andrea da Murano; but its great ornaments were the Vivarini. The eldest of this family is Luigi Vivarini the elder, by whom there is an excellent picture in its style of John the Baptist in the Venetian academy. The next in order of time of this family were Giovanni and Antonio Vivarini, according to Ridolfi and Zanetti, who lived about 1440. That there was a Giovanni Vivarini however is doubted by Lanzi. The only authority for mentioning him is the following inscription upon an altarpiece in San Pantaleone:—'Zuane e Antonio da Muran pinxit, 1441.' But this Zuane is, according to Lanzi, the German known as Johannes de Alemanis and Johan Alamanus, which is evident from the two following inscriptions:—'Johannes de Alemanis et Antonius de Murano pinxit,' on a picture now in the Academy, formerly in the Scuola della Carità; and 'Antonio de Muran e Zohan Alamanus pinxit,' on a painting at Padua. The remaining artists of this family were Bartolomeo, the brother of Antonio, and Luigi Vivarini the younger. In the Sala delle Antiche Pitture, in the Venetian Academy, there are several pictures by these masters: they differ little in style from the works of the Bellini. Bartolomeo was the first of the Venetians who painted in oil: his first oil picture is dated 1473; it is in the church of SS. Giovanni e Paolo. In the Scuola di San Girolamo there is an excellent picture of that saint with the lion, by Luigi Vivarini the younger. The principal contemporaries and rivals of the Vivarini in Venice were Jacopo Nerito of Padua and Nascechin di Bassano the elder, both scholars of Gentile da Fabriano, who was employed in Venice in the beginning of the fifteenth century; also Jacopo Bellini, Francesco and his son Jacobello del Fiore, and a Morazone: also a Donato, and Carlo Crivelli, scholars of Jacobello. Jacobello attained great celebrity: there are works by him in different parts of the Venetian territory, bearing dates from 1401 to 1432. Donato was superior to his master in style. There was likewise a Vittorio Crivelli, who lived about the end of the fifteenth century.

Besides the painters already mentioned, there were others of equal merit in other parts of the state, in Bergamo and Brescia. In the former place a Commendano; in the latter Brandinlin Testorino and Ottaviano Brandino; also a Vincenzio Civerchinn at Crema; Stefano da Zevio or Sebeto, a painter of great ability, and a Vincenzin di Stefano, his son, at Verona: the latter was the master of Liberale, who became the best painter of Verona of his time. At Verona, also in the latter part of the fifteenth century, was Vittore Pisanello, who executed many celebrated works in Venice and in Rome, but they have all perished: there are however yet a few of his works at Verona. From the accounts of Pisanello's works, they appear to have been of a very superior description, especially in design. He surpassed all his contemporaries in painting horses and other animals; he was also one of the most famous medalists of his time. Jacopo Tintoretto and Marcello Figolino of Vicenza were likewise distinguished artists of this period; the latter painted in an original manner, and if the period assigned to him by Ridolfi be correct, 1450, he had a better knowledge of light and shade and perspective, and a greater delicacy of execution, than perhaps any of his contemporaries. The greatest master however of this period was Francesco Squarcione of Padua, who formed there the greatest school of painters ever brought together by one man: he had 137 scholars, and his museum of drawings and antiques was the richest known at that period. He had himself travelled over the whole of Italy and visited many parts of Greece for the express purpose of making a collection of drawings of the best remains of ancient art. He lived in great affluence, and divided many of his commissions among his scholars. The celebrated illustrated book of anthems in the church of the Misericordia, commonly ascribed to Mantegna, is now by competent judges considered one of the commissions of Squarcione executed by his numerous scholars. There is only one work at Padua known to have been done by Squarcione, painted for the Lazara family in 1452: it is excellent in colouring, in expression, and in perspective. Mantegna, Marco Zoppo, and Jacopo Bellini were scholars of Squarcione. Trevisi also had its distinguished painters at this time: the following are mentioned by historians: Antonio, Liberale da Campo, and Giarrio da Trevisi: San Vittor also had its Andrea Bellunello, who, as his countrymen thought, rivalled both Zeuxis and Apelles;

in the cathedral of Pordenone, under one of his altarpieces, is written—

*'Andrea Zucchi nostrumque amicum Apollin
Hoc Belliniano nobis pignus opus'*

Contemporary with him was Domenico di Tolmezzo.

III. Towards the end of the fifteenth century, about 1470, a great change took place in the Venetian method of colouring: the old methods of painting in distemper (a tempera), and with gums, &c. (a guazzo), were laid aside for what is now generally called oil painting. This method was introduced into Venice by Antonello da Messina, who had learnt it in Flanders of John van Eyck. Roger of Bruges, likewise a scholar of Van Eyck, is said also to have visited Venice. The first Venetians who distinguished themselves in the new method were the Vivarini and the Bellini. Giovanni Bellini acquired the reputation of the most distinguished painter of his time in Venice: he painted from 1464 until 1516, and executed many works of various degrees of merit, highly finished, brilliantly coloured, but perhaps always in a dry manner; his figures however are frequently well drawn, and his expression was often excellent. Unlike most painters, he improved as he grew old, and condescended to borrow beauties from much younger masters: he endeavoured in his later works to imitate the design and colouring of Giorgione, his own pupil. His elder brother Gentile Bellini, though very inferior to him, also acquired a great name; he was sent by the Venetian government to Constantinople to paint the portrait of Mahomet II. and other works. The Sultan had sent to Venice for a painter. The school of the Bellini, more particularly of Giovanni, was numerous and celebrated; but as, with the exception of Giorgione and Titian, their scholars painted in a style nearly identical with their masters, it will be sufficient here to mention the names of the principal—Bellini Bellini, Girolamo Mocetto, Nicolo Moretto, Marco Marziale, Giambattista Cima, Giovanni Martin, and Martino da Udine, or Pellegrino di San Daniele. There were others who painted in different styles and belong to other schools. Giovanni Bellini had two distinguished rivals, and perhaps superiors, in Vittore Carpaccio of Venice, and Marco Basaiti of the Friuli: some of the works of the latter are the finest specimens of what may be termed the Gothic style that have ever been produced.

The painters of the Venetian States at the end of the fifteenth century, contemporary with the school of Bellini, were very numerous, and many of them painters of great merit, though more or less followers of the old style. The best were Carlo Cima, Vittore Belliniano, and Jacopo Montagna; others, who approached nearer to the new style, were Vincenzo Catena, Correggiagli, Francesco Bissolo, and Girolamo da Santa Croce.

As the school of Squarcione at Padua was opposed to that of the Bellini at Venice, and its numerous followers adopted a style distinct from that of the Venetian painters, which prevailed elsewhere throughout the state, it is unnecessary to mention them here: the best of them painted in the style of Mantegna, who established a distinct school at Mantua. Francesco da Ponte, a native of Vicenza, and the two Montagna and Bonecignoli, likewise of Vicenza, though born so near to Padua, were followers of the school of the Bellini. Francesco da Ponte was the founder of the Bassanese school; Bonecignoli, called Marescalco, was the best of all the painters of Vicenza of this period; in the Oratorio del Turchini there is a Madonna on a throne surrounded by four Saints, by him, which is by some reckoned the finest picture in Vicenza. At Verona, at this time, the beginning of the sixteenth century, were Domenico Morone and his son Francesco, and also Girolamo da Libri, who may be reckoned among the best masters of the old school; Girolamo da Libri was the most celebrated miniature painter of his time in Italy. Brescia at this period had also its distinguished painters, as Fioravante Ferramola and Paolo Zoppo; and Andrea Previtali, a scholar of Giovanni Bellini, acquired a great reputation at Bergamo. The art of inlaying with stained woods of different colours was practised with great perfection at this time: the following artists are mentioned by Lanzi as having attained great distinction for this species of art—Fra Girolamo da Verona, Fra Vincenzo dalla Vache, Fra Raffaello da Brescia, Fra Damiano da Bergamo, Gian Francesco Capodiferro, and Bartolomeo da Pola.

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IV. Whilst the artists of the neighbouring cities of Venice were with more or less success contentedly following the dry manner of Bellini, it was completely expelled at Venice itself by two of his own scholars, Giorgio Barbarelli di Castelfranco, commonly called Giorgione, and Tiziano Vecellio da Cadore, or Titian. The former was born in 1477, and died in 1511; the latter, born in 1480, died in 1576. Giorgione introduced completely a new style of art: he discarded everything conventional, and worked upon the principle that the exact imitation of the effect of nature as a whole was the true object of a painter, whatever might be the nature or purpose of his representation: the difficulties of execution involved in the carrying out this principle, though a material one, are immense; the greatest of them however, local colour and tone, are those which the painters of Venice appear to have most fully mastered. Mind has ever been less an object of study with the Venetian artists of this and the following periods, than the mere pictorial representation, which appears generally to have been the end of all their works: they painted for the picture's sake only, not for the lesson or moral that the picture might convey, a style properly designated by the ornamental. Giorgione was the first to imitate the textures of stuffs: he painted all his draperies from the actual stuff represented, and painted draperies of many different substances. Before his time all draperies were made of the same material, and differed only in their colours or patterns. He is said to have been first led to the study of tone in light and shade from seeing the works of Leonardo da Vinci. His drawing was good, and his handling bold yet careful. Whether Giorgione, if he had lived longer, would have executed great works, in which every part and object would have been as perfectly executed as some of his single figures and their costumes, must remain a matter of opinion. This excellence was accomplished by Titian, and with a boldness of execution in his best works (in his earliest he finished highly) which far surpasses that of Giorgione; on which account, though originally an imitator of the style of Giorgione, he is deservedly accounted his superior, and is universally considered the founder of the great Venetian school of painting. Titian was in nothing ideal, but true in almost everything that he painted, if not in detail, at least in general effect. His scrupulous imitation of the effect of every object necessarily excluded the ideal from his works; and if his drawing is not the most chaste in style or correct in proportion, it is at least natural, and is not so inferior that his other excellences do not compensate for its inferiority: in composition he was generally simple, but sometimes grand. In colour, local and absolute, he is allowed to have surpassed all other painters; in landscape, few have surpassed him; in portrait, few have equalled him. His principal masterpieces are considered—St. Peter Martyr, in the church of Santi Giovanni e Paolo, and the Assumption of the Virgin, in the Academy at Venice; and the Martyrdom of San Lorenzo, at the Escorial in Spain, or at the church of the Jesuits at Venice: his numerous portraits, and Venuses, as they are called, are well known. [V. RIC- CIO, TIZIANO.] The scholars of these two great painters were numerous. The following celebrated masters were among the scholars of Giorgione: Sebastiano del Piombo, Giovanni da Udine, Francesco Torbido, called Il Moro, Pietro Luzzo, called Larocto, and by Vasari, Morto da Feltro; and Lorenzo Luzzi. The scholars and imitators of Titian were likewise numerous, but the painters who might be strictly termed his scholars are very few. He is said to have instructed his brother Francesco Vecellio, who was an excellent painter, but Titian, through jealousy, according to report, persuaded him to turn merchant: his own son Orazio Vecellio was likewise a good painter, and there were still four other painters of this family: Marco Vecellio, the nephew of Titian; Tiziano Vecellio, the son of Marco, called Tizianello to distinguish him from Titian; also a Fabrizio and a Cesare Vecellio. Of his scholars, the principal were—Paris Bordone, a painter of the greatest ability: he was only a short time the scholar of Titian, and ultimately adopted a style of his own, though varying in nothing essential from that of Giorgione or Titian.

Two of Titian's most celebrated followers were Girolamo di Tiziano and Bonifazio di Verona, though called Venetian by Vasari and others. To enumerate the followers of Titian, or Giorgione, or those who imitated the

characteristics of their styles, would be to enumerate nearly all the painters of Venice of this period, besides many of those of the neighbouring cities. There are however yet a few names to be mentioned of painters contemporary with the two great leaders of this school, who, though they did not paint in their style, yet executed works which, in point of style of design, brilliancy of colour, and composition, are little inferior to theirs:—*Loenzo Lotto*, *Jacopo Palma* the elder, *Giovanni Cariani*, and *Girolamo da Trevisi*, an excellent portrait-painter, who was killed in the service of Henry VIII. of England, in Boulogne in 1544. One of the most distinguished contemporaries of Titian also, and his chief rival in Venice, was *Gian Antonio Licinio* (born 1484, died 1540), commonly called *Pordenone*, from the place of his birth in the Friuli. He painted much in the style of Giorgione, but with still greater force of light and shade; and he was also one of the best of the Venetian fresco-painters. There were many in Venice who considered that *Pordenone* surpassed Titian; *Zanetti*, in speaking of these two rivals, says, in the style of *Pordenone* there is as much manner as nature, in that of Titian nature predominates. *Pordenone* formed a numerous school: *Pomponio Amalteo* was the most distinguished of his scholars, who himself also had many scholars, of whom *Sebastiano Seccane* was a distinguished painter. The following imitators of the style of Titian are also deserving of mention:—*Andrea Schiavone* di *Sebenico*, called *Medula*; *Ludovico Fiumicelli*, of *Trevigi*; *Francesco Dominici*, also of *Trevigi*; *Gio. Battista Ponchilio*, of *Castelfranco*; *Damiano Mazza* and *Domenico Campagnola*, of *Padua*; *Gianbattista Maganza*, in *Vicenza*; *Alessandro Bonvicino*, called *Il Morretto* di *Brescia* (a painter of superior powers—he formed several good scholars); and *Romanino Savoldo Gambara* and *Pietro Rosa*, of *Brescia*—the first was the master of *Girolamo Musiano*, who afterwards distinguished himself at *Rome*; the second was known at Venice as *Girolamo Bresciano*. There were also many other painters of merit, of the school of Titian, in various other cities of the Venetian state; but the limits of this article will not admit of them all being enumerated by name.

It remains yet to mention three of the greatest ornaments of the golden age of Venetian painting, as this period is called—*Jacopo Robusti*, called *Tintoretto*; *Jacopo da Ponte*, called *Bassano*; and *Paolo Cagliari*, called *Veronese*. *Tintoretto* (born 1512, died 1644), so named from the trade of his father, a dyer, is generally called the pupil of Titian, but he remained only twelve days with him, and this at a time when he was very young. [*Tintoretto*.] He professed to colour like Titian, and to draw like Michel Angelo; his practice however did not accord with his profession, for, compared with Titian, he was cold in colouring, and extremely heavy in light and shade; he was fond of violent contrasts and great masses of light and shade; in design, though muscular, he was often lean and incorrect; and in his compositions he was fond of many figures, generally thrown together without arrangement. He was however extremely unequal in his works, some of which are amongst the finest productions of the Venetian school; his masterpiece is generally considered the *Miracolo dello Schiavo*, in the Academy at Venice; he put his name to this picture and to the two following—the *Crucifixion*, at *San Rocco*, and the *Marriage at Cana*, in the Church of *Santa Maria della Salute*. Many of *Tintoretto*'s greatest pictures are merely dead-coloured, and that in a most careless manner; he was extraordinarily rapid in his execution,—he acquired the name of *Il Furioso* in consequence: *Sebastiano del Piombo* said that *Tintoretto* could do as much in two days as he could do in two years. *Bassano* (born 1510, died 1592) commenced as an historical painter in the grand style, and as an imitator of Titian; but after he left Venice he changed it for an original style of his own in the characteristic style of the Dutch painters, and he was the first to introduce the taste for such works into Italy. He painted landscapes, animals, domestic scenes, kitchens, &c., and various utensils for drinking, &c., particularly of brass. In the church of *Santa Maria Maggiore* at Venice is a *Sacrifice of Noah*, in which he introduced all the birds and animals that he had drawn elsewhere: his greatest excellence was his colouring. He brought up four sons as painters, but they were inferior to their father. *Paul Veronese* (born 1528, died 1598), though in his principles of colouring identical

with the other great masters of Venice, from the splendour of his great compositions may be said to have formed a new style of his own. He was fond of crowds of people, arrayed with all the pomp and splendour that the imagination and colour could accomplish, filling his backgrounds with piles of the richest architecture. He was however, as *Algarotti* says, careless in design, and in costume extremely licentious; but his fancy was noble, his invention inexhaustible, and even his faults are pleasing; one can scarcely look at his magnificent pictures without longing to be a party in the scene. One of his grandest compositions is the *Marriage at Cana*, in the *Louvre*—a vast composition, more than 20 feet high, and upwards of 30 wide: it contains about 150 heads, many of which are portraits of the most illustrious and distinguished persons of his time. *Paul Veronese* was the real master of *Rubens*. *Verona* had at this time three other painters little inferior to Paul himself: *Battista d'Angelo*, called *Del Moro*, scholar and son-in-law of *Torboldo*; *Domenico Ricci*, called *Brusaccesi*; and *Paolo Farinato*, called *degli Uberti*.

Of the assistants and scholars of *Paolo* the most distinguished were his brother *Benedetto Cagliari*, who generally painted his architecture for him; his son *Carlo Cagliari*, called *Carletto*, who died young; *Gabriele Cagliari*, likewise his son; and *Battista Zelotti*, the most distinguished of all his followers.

V. After the time of the great masters just spoken of, in the seventeenth century the Venetian school of painting declined as much and as rapidly as the Florentine did after the time of Michel Angelo. Many of the Venetians of this period, mistaking apparently brilliancy for art, cultivated little besides colour, and many of their pictures are mere compositions of silks, satins, and other stuffs. There were however several good painters during this period of decline. *Jacopo Palma* the younger (born 1544, died about 1628) holds a middle place between the great painters of the last period and the mannerists of this. *Lanzi* calls him the last of the good age and the first of the bad. He painted somewhat between the styles of *Tintoretto* and *Paul Veronese*; had many defects and many beauties, and produced many bad and several admirable pictures. *Boschini* relates that *Guido and Guercino*, when examining a picture by *Palma* at the *Capuchins* in *Bologna*, exclaimed, "What a pity that such a painter should be dead!" *Marco Boschini*, painter and engraver, was a scholar of *Palma*; he is known for an uncritical work on painting, principally on the style and works of the Venetian painters of his own and former times, entitled '*La Carta del Navegar Pittoreesco*.' The following painters were the principal contemporaries of *Palma*, who painted somewhat in his style:—*Leonardo Corona*, *Andrea Vicentino*, *Santo Peranda*, *Antonio Vassilacchi*, called *L'Alense*; *Pietro Malombra*, and *Girolamo Pilotto*. *Giuseppe Porta*, called *Salviati*, *Matteo Ponzone*, the scholar of *Peranda*, and *Pietro Damini*, scholar of *Gio. Battista Novelli*, were likewise three of the best painters of this time.

In 1630 and 1631 many painters were carried off by the plague, which visited Venice in those years; and traces of the excellences of the great masters were after that time still more rare in the works of the surviving painters of Venice. In the middle of the seventeenth century the style of *M. A. Caravaggio* and the *Naturalisti* began to prevail there, and several foreigners supplanted the Venetian painters in public estimation in Venice itself. The followers of *Caravaggio* in Venice were, on account of their dark shadows, called by the Venetian painters the *Tenebrosi*; the pictures of the masters of this school are dark from two causes—from their style of colouring and from their practice of painting upon dark grounds, upon which the middle tints never stand. The pictures painted on such grounds darken after a time, and high lights and deep shadows are all that appear. Of these *Naturalisti* and *Tenebrosi*, *Pietro Ricci* of *Lucca*, called *Il Lucchese*, was one of the best; others were *Carlo Saraceni*, *Francesco Rusca*, *Stefano Pauluzzi*, *Matteo da Pitocchi*, and *Bastiano Mazzoni*. Of strangers distinguished in other styles the following were the most successful: *Antonio Triva* di *Reggio*, a scholar of *Guercino*; *Bernardo Strozzi*, his scholar *Langetti*, and *Niccolo Cassana*, of *Genoa*; *Antonio Bavarese* of *Bavaria*; and *Federigo Cervelli* of *Milan*, the master of *Sebastiano Ricci*. The painters of this period who still followed the style of the

great leader of the Venetian school were Giovanni Coniarino and his scholar Tiberio Tinelli, celebrated portrait painters; also Girolamo Forabosco, Pietro Bellotti, and Carlo Ridolfi, well known for his Lives of the Venetian painters, 'Le Maraviglie dell'Arte, ovvero le Vite degli Illustri Pittori Veneti e dello Stato,' 2 vols. 4to., Venice, 1648, which is one of the best of the Italian works of this kind. Ridolfi was a native of Verona, where, of all the cities of the Venetian state, what is more properly the Venetian style still prevailed with least deterioration. Dario Varotari, the father of Alessandro, called Padovanino, Alessandro Turchi, called L'Orbetto, and Pasquale Ottini, all amongst the best painters of their time, were natives of Verona.

Padovanino (born at Padua 1500, died 1650) went young to Venice to study the works of Titian, and became the most distinguished painter of this school of the seventeenth century, and is one of the best of Titian's imitators: his masterpiece is the Marriage at Cana, in the Academy at Venice. Scaligero, his principal scholar, also acquired reputation.

Another great painter of Padua of this time was Pietro Liberi, sometimes called Libertino, from the character of his naked Venuses, of which he painted many. At Vicenza the beauties of this school were still preserved to a considerable degree by Alessandro Maganza, an imitator of Paul Veronese and Zelotti; Francesco Meffei, scholar of Peranda; Giulio Carpinio, scholar of Padovanino; and Bartolomeo Cittadella, the scholar of Carpinio.

VI. At the end of the seventeenth century no particular style prevailed in Venice, and all the various classes of painting had their votaries: landscape, architecture, battle, and marine painters were alike numerous. Zanetti states that there were as many styles as painters in Venice at the end of the seventeenth century. In historical painting however the works of the Bolognese painters, as in almost every other city at this time, were likewise in Venice the chief objects of attraction. Still, says Lanzi, the old masters were not on this account underrated, but were spoken of as the antients of a golden age, whose customs were to be praised, but not imitated. The colouring of the painters of this period in Venice was more brilliant than that of the great masters, but what they gained in brilliancy they lost in truth: in drawing however and in costume some of these painters had the advantage of their predecessors, but in these respects the Venetians were never very distinguished. Of these painters the following may be mentioned: Andrea Celesti, who painted sometimes in the style of Caravaggio, but more generally in the style of Paul Veronese than of any other master; and Antonio Zanchi of Este, better known for the number than esteemed for the merit of his works, painted likewise sometimes in the style of Caravaggio and sometimes in that of Tintoretto. In the Scuola di San Rocco there is a celebrated picture by him of the Plague of Venice in 1630, and opposite to it in that place there is a picture of the Liberation from the Plague, by his scholar Pietro Negri. Francesco Trevisani was also one of his scholars, but he settled early in Rome. To these may be added the names of Antonio Molinari, Antonio Bellini, Giovanni Segala, Gio. Antonio Fumiani, and Niccolò Bambini. The last was the scholar of Carlo Maratta in Rome, and many of his pictures are painted entirely in the Roman style. But a more distinguished painter and a better draughtsman than any of these was Gregorio Lazzarini, who painted in the style of the best Bolognese and Roman painters of the period, though he never left Venice. Antonio Pellegrini acquired a name in various countries of Europe. Jacopo Amigoni also attained great celebrity, less in Venice however than in England, in Germany, and in Spain; his pictures are extremely bright and brilliant. Other distinguished painters of this age entitled to be mentioned were Giambattista Pittoni and Giambattista Piazzetta: the former was celebrated for his pictures with figures of a small size; the latter was celebrated for his powerful effects of light and shade in the manner of Guercino, but through a bad method of colouring, his pictures in a short time lost all their beauty in this respect; his execution was rapid and careless. He was a good caricaturist, and he was remarkably popular in his time. One of the scholars of Piazzetta, Giambattista Tiepolo, was the last of the Venetians who acquired a great name. He was one of the best painters of the eighteenth century, and acquired a great reputation

in Italy, in Germany, and in Spain, where he died at Madrid about 1770. He excelled chiefly in fresco, and he painted more in the style of Paul Veronese than of Piazzetta: his style was slight and brilliant, yet not glaring; his works owed their brilliancy to a judicious contrast of tints, and not to any intensity or brightness of colour itself. His drawing was feeble, but this deficiency was in a manner compensated for by the gracefulness of his attitudes. He had a distinguished scholar in Fabio Canal. Although Tiepolo may be termed the last of the great Venetian painters, there were still several of perhaps equal ability in the state. Before mentioning these however, we have yet to notice one of the greatest painters of the eighteenth century, who, though not a Venetian, was first educated at Venice by Cerrelli, Sebastiano Ricci, or Rizzi, born at Udine di Belluno in 1690, and died in 1734. He travelled over Italy, and visited Germany, England, and Flanders, and earned the reputation of a great painter wherever he went. He had a great facility in imitating the styles of other masters: he painted in fresco and in oil. His colouring was rich and agreeable, though he occasionally introduced too much azure in his draperies. His composition and design were graceful; in design he was better than the Venetians; his handling was free and yet not careless. His nephew Marco Ricci was a distinguished landscape painter. Ricci had several scholars: the most distinguished were Gasparo Daziani and Francesco Fontebasso.

It remains now only to mention the distinguished painters of the Venetian state, in the eighteenth century, not already noticed. Antonio Zifrondi of Bergamo, a painter of remarkable facility of execution; and of the same place, Fra Vittore Ghislandi and Bartolomeo Nazari, were both excellent portrait painters. In Brescia, Avogadro Bresciano was distinguished for rich colour, elegant composition, and good drawing; likewise Andrea Torsani, but he practised more in Venice and Milan than in Brescia: he was distinguished for landscapes and marine pieces, which he embellished with figures and animals painted in excellent taste. Simone Brentani, though a native of Venice, was domiciliated at Verona, and painted many excellent works there. Of Verona also was Antonio Balestra, who studied at Venice, at Bologna, and at Rome with Carlo Maratta: he painted less in the Venetian taste than in the Bolognese and Roman; he drew well, composed with judgment, and executed many excellent works: Gio. Battista Mariotti, Giuseppe Nogari, and Pietro Longhi, Venetians, were his scholars. The first was a good imitator of his style; the second excelled as a portrait painter, but painted also some historical pieces; the third was distinguished for masks, conversations, and landscapes. Carlo Salis of Verona, and Cavalebo of Rovereto, both painters of great merit, were likewise the scholars of Balestra; and also another Veronese painter, one of the best of the eighteenth century, Il Conte Pietro Rotari: he excelled in every department of painting except colouring, yet in this respect he was harmonious; his colouring was airy and melancholy; he died at St. Petersburg in 1762, painter to the empress Catherine II. of Russia. The last of the distinguished painters of Verona was Gio. Bettino Cignaroli, likewise instructed by Balestra: he drew also in the style of Maratta; his masterpiece is perhaps the Flight into Egypt, at St. Antonio Abate at Parma: he died in 1770. The emperor Joseph II. is reported to have said, that he had beheld two very rare things in Verona—the amphitheatre, and the first painter of Europe.

Santo Prunati of Verona, contemporary with Balestra at Verona, was also a good painter; and there was a Pietro Uberti at Venice, an excellent portrait painter. A very distinguished painter also of this period at Venice, though of a different class, was Antonio Canaletto, known throughout Europe for his views in Venice, and other cities in and out of Italy.

(Vasari, *Vita de' Pittori*, &c.; Ridolfi, *Le Maraviglie dell'Arte*, &c.; Zanetti, *Della Pittura Veneziana*, &c.; Lanzi, *Storia Pittorica della Italia*; Guida per la Reale Accademia delle Belle Arti in Venezia.)

VE NEZIA. [VENICE.]

VE NEZIA'NO, ANTONIO, one of the best Italian painters of the fourteenth century, was born, according to Vasari, at Venice, in about 1309, although Baldinucci has concluded from certain documents that he was a

Florentine. He studied with Angelo Gaddi at Florence, and acquired his style of painting. After living some time in Florence, he returned to Venice, and was employed by the Signory to paint one of the walls of the council-hall in fresco, which he did with great credit to himself, but owing to the influence of the jealousy of some of his contemporaries he was not properly rewarded for his work, and he left Venice in disgust. He returned to Florence, and executed some very good works there in the convent of Santo Spirito and other places, but they are all now destroyed. From Florence he was invited to Pisa, to complete the series of the life of San Ranieri, in the Campo Santo, which had been commenced by Simono Memmi. Antonio's frescoes in the Campo Santo are, in the opinion of Vasari, the best paintings there: the works of Beozzo Gozzoli were executed later. Vasari praises the purity of his colouring, which he partly attributes to his never retouching his works when dry. He returned again to Florence and painted in the Torre degli Agli an Adoration of the Kings, a Dead Christ, and a Last Judgement, but they have all now perished. In later life he turned physician, and Vasari says that he acquired as great reputation in one capacity as in the other. He died of the plague at Florence, in 1384, the victim of his desire to save others. His portrait is in the Campo Santo at Pisa, painted by himself. Gherardo Starnini and Paolo Uccello were his scholars.

Vasari praises the chiaroscuro of Antonio and seems to have considered him the best in this respect of his time: his design was also correct and graceful, and he was distinguished likewise for the choice of his attitudes and for the truth and variety of his expression. (Vasari, *Vite de' Pittori*, &c.)

VENEZIA'NO, DOMENICO, a celebrated painter of the fifteenth century, whose melancholy fate is recorded by Vasari in the tale of the infamous Castagno, as he is called. He was born at Venice, about 1400, acquired the art of painting in oil from Antonello of Messina, obtained a good reputation in several parts of Italy, particularly in Perugia, and was invited to Florence, where he was employed in various places, and also, together with Andrea del Castagno, to paint a chapel in Santa Maria Nuova. Castagno, who could not paint in oil, was jealous of the skill and reputation of Domenico, and, says Vasari, made up his mind to get rid of him. He however pretended to have a great esteem for him, and he courted his friendship, which he had very little difficulty in acquiring, as Domenico was a very simple man. Domenico became strongly attached to Castagno and taught him his method of painting in oil; and they spent their evenings generally together and appeared to be sincere friends: Domenico was fond of music, and was a good performer on the lute. As the works advanced the jealousy of Castagno increased, for though a better draughtsman than Domenico, he was inferior in colouring, and the works of Domenico attracted too much attention to please Castagno, and he determined to put his malicious design into execution. Upon a summer's evening, about the year 1462, Domenico went out as usual with his lute from his work in Santa Maria Nuova, and Castagno refused to accompany him, urging that he still wished to work. However, as soon as Domenico was gone, he started by another route, waylaid him, killed him by striking him on the head with a piece of lead, and returned immediately afterwards to his work, as Domenico had left him, where he was found by those who came to tell him of the accident. Castagno accompanied them to the spot, before Domenico was quite dead, and the murdered man breathed his last in the arms of his murderer, who pretended to be deeply afflicted. It should be mentioned that these facts depend apparently entirely upon a reported confession of Castagno on his death-bed. Domenico was fifty-six years of age when he died, and he was buried in Santa Maria Nuova. His works in this church were never completed, and they have now long since been destroyed, but there is still a picture by him in Santa Lucia de' Magnoli. He excelled in colouring and in perspective: in foreshortening he was very skilful, and good also in design.

(Vasari, *Vite de' Pittori*, &c.; Lanzi, *Storia Pittorica*, &c.)

VENEZIA'NO, AGOSTINO, one of the most celebrated of the early Italian engravers, was, as his name implies, a native of Venice, but the date of his birth is not known; he was however born near the close of the fifteenth cen-

tury. He is called also Augustinus de Musis, and on his celebrated print of the Skeletons he has signed himself Augustinus Venetus de Musis; his family name was probably Musi. Agostino was the scholar of Marcantonio Raimondi, for whom, in conjunction with Marco di Ravenna, he engraved many works at Rome, chiefly after Raffaele: he remained with Marcantonio until the death of Raffaele in 1520, when he worked for himself. He does not appear to have been altogether with Marcantonio from the first time that he engraved, nor is it anywhere stated that he was first instructed by him; he may have joined him at Rome in the year 1516, after he engraved a plate for Andrea del Sarto, which so displeased that painter, that he determined upon not allowing any more of his pictures to be engraved. This print, of which there is an impression in the British Museum, represents a Dead Christ supported by Angels: it is perfectly flat and extremely hard in outline, and it is not at all surprising that Andrea del Sarto should have been dissatisfied with such a production. There are prints marked with Agostino's initials A. V., bearing dates from 1509 to 1536; they are executed much in the style of the prints of Marcantonio, but are very inferior in design and in chiaroscuro. Agostino's outline is generally very hard, and his chiaroscuro bad; he was inferior also to Marco di Ravenna in design, and to Bonasoni in chiaroscuro. He was, according to Sirutt, the first who had recourse to stipple engraving. His prints are not few, yet not numerous; they were often copied, and his plates retouched, and original impressions are very scarce. His portraits are superior to his other pieces. The following are among his best works:—large portraits of pope Paul III., Francis I. of France, Charles V. of Germany, and Barbarossa of Tunis,—all finely-drawn heads, and full of character,—there are impressions in the British Museum; the Israelites gathering the Manna, after Raffaele, supposed by some to have been commenced by Marcantonio, on account of the outlines being better drawn than in the majority of Agostino Veneziano's figures; the Four Evangelists, and a Nativity after Julio Romano,—the Nativity, which is dated 1531, is one of this engraver's best prints as regards chiaroscuro; in drawing it is not good, but he engraved also after Julio Romano a Hercules strangling the Serpents, which is very finely drawn. The large print of the Skeletons or Burying-place, after Baccio Bandinelli, is Agostino's masterpiece: it contains many emaciated figures, two skeletons, and a figure of Death holding a book; he has marked it with his name in full, 'Augustinus Venetus de Musis. Faciebat 1518.' He engraved also, after Bandinelli, a Cleopatra, and a Massacre of the Innocents, which according to Vasari was the largest plate that had been then engraved; an interesting plate of the School of Baccio Bandinelli at Rome, marked 'Academia di Baccio Bandinelli in Roma, in luogo detto Belvedere. 1531. A. V.' part of Michelangelo's Cartoon of Pisa, called the Climbers; and a group from Raffaele's School of Athens. He engraved many plates after Raffaele, but some of them are very indifferent; Vasari says that Agostino and Marco di Ravenna engraved nearly all the designs of Raffaele. Agostino copied also on copper some of the woodcuts of Albert Dürer: there is one in the British Museum of the Last Supper, in which Agostino has perfectly preserved the character of the original, and yet has produced a much more elegant work as regards execution. There is in the British Museum a very good collection of the works of Agostino Veneziano.

VENEZUELA is a Republic in South America, extending over the north-eastern portion of that continent, being situated between 1° 8' and 12° 16' N. lat., and between 58° 16' and 71° 24' W. long. On the north it is bounded by the Caribbean Sea, on the west it borders on New Granada, on the south on Brazil, and on the east on Brazil, English Guyana, and the Atlantic Ocean.

The boundary between Venezuela and New Granada has been determined by a treaty, according to which it runs along the following line:—it begins on the Caribbean Sea, at Cape Chichibacoa, on the peninsula of Goajira, 12° 13' N. lat. and 71° 22' W. long., runs through the middle of the peninsula, and along the elevated ground which constitutes on that side the border of the basin of the Lake of Maracaibo, until it meets the sources of the Rio del Oro, when it follows the course of this river up to its confluence with the Catatumbo. From this point it extends along the base of the high grounds to

the place where the river Grita falls into the Zulia. Hence it passes by a short curve to the river Guaramito, whose course it follows upwards to the glen of China, through which it runs to the source of the Don Pedro river, along whose bed it descends to the Rio Tachira, running afterwards along the Tachira to its source in the Andes. It then passes the Andes, and descends along the Rio Nula to the mountain-mass called the Desamparado del Sarare, which is left to the west of it, the line running southward to the banks of the Rio Aranca. This last-mentioned river constitutes the boundary as far as the Paso del Viento ($6^{\circ} 41' N.$ lat. and $69^{\circ} 14' W.$ long.). From this point the line runs due south, traversing the Rio Meta near El Apostadero, the Guaviare near the mouth of the Guamuque, the Infirida at the rapids (ruidal) de Manarico, the Guainia above the mouth of the Napari, and terminating near the sources of the river Memachi, an affluent of the Guainia, or Rio Negro. The boundary-line between the two republics is about 1090 miles long.

The boundary between Venezuela and Brazil begins on the west at the sources of the Rio Memachi, and runs eastward over a swampy region, which here forms the watershed between the Guainia and Uapex to the Piedra de Cucui, near the banks of the Rio Negro, equally distant from S. Carlos de Rio Negro on the north and S. José de Marabitanos on the south. Having passed the Rio Negro, it continues along the line of separation between the rivers Cababuri and Baria to the middle of the course of the Rio Matauca, which during the rainy season constitutes a water-communication between the Cababuri and Baria. Hence it runs along the ranges which form the watershed between the rivers running northward to the Orinoco and southward to the Rio Negro, until it reaches the Sierra Pacaraima, along which it is supposed to continue to the place where the Rupunony joins the Essequibo. This line is about 1880 miles long, but in some places it is still disputed.

Still more disputed is the boundary-line between the British possessions and Venezuela. The British consider the countries drained by the western affluents of the Essequibo, as far north as the Rio Cuyonoi, to belong to them; and they also claim the lower part of the basin of the Cuyonoi, with all the coast between the mouths of the rivers Essequibo and Orinoco. The republic however considers the course of the Essequibo, from the mouth of the Rupunony to that of the Cuyonoi, as the boundary-line. Their line then follows the course of the Cuyonoi to the mouth of the river Tapuru, and passes along its course to its sources in the Sierra Imataca, whence it crosses the mountains to the sources of the river Morocoe, which serves as a line of separation as far as its mouth in the Atlantic Ocean. Either of these two lines may be about 330 miles long. The estimates in this article are made according to the boundary-line claimed by the British.

Sea-coast.—The Boca de Navios, or principal mouth of the river Orinoco, must at present be considered as the most eastern point of the sea-coast of Venezuela; from that point the coast extends in a general west-north-west direction to the innermost recess of the gulf of Paria and the peninsula of Paria, a distance rather exceeding 200 miles. The whole of this tract is very low, and a part of it is covered by the sea at high-water. It is composed of a great number of islands, which consist of alluvium brought down by the Orinoco and the Rio Guariapibe, which traverse it by several channels; and it is overgrown with trees, which in some parts are high, but in others are only bushes. The peninsula of Paria divides the gulf of that name from the Caribbean Sea. It is occupied by a ridge of high rocks, which on the southern side approach near the sea and form several small harbours, which lead to glens covered with high trees and watered by rivulets. The northern shore, on the contrary, from the Punta de Paria to the Punta d'Araya, presents only naked rocks, less elevated than those along the gulf of Paria, which in some places also come close up to the water, but in others recede to some distance, leaving along the shore small plains, the soil of which is arid and sterile. The shores of the gulf of Cariaco are also elevated on the north as well as on the south, and generally as destitute of wood and as sterile as the northern part of the peninsula of Araya. The elevated coast which surrounds the gulf of Cariaco shelters it against the swell and against all prevailing winds, and renders its waters as smooth as a lake. It may therefore be

considered a very large and safe harbour. The extent of this high coast, from the mouth of the Guariapibe to the town of Cumana, is not less than 380 miles. Between Cumana and Barcelona the coast is of moderate elevation, but rather steep, and it contains several good harbours. Between the high and rocky islands which lie along this coast are some narrow straits, but they are deep enough for large vessels. This tract is about 72 miles long. From Barcelona to Cape Codera, which are about 128 miles distant from one another, the shores are low and sandy, and in most places covered with salt-swamps, lagoons, or morasses. Near the mouth of the Rio Unare there are two isolated high hills. The coast between Cape Codera and Puerto Cabello is very high. Mountains rise like a wall from the water's edge, with a steep ascent to a great elevation. It contains several harbours, but they are mostly open: its extent is about 155 miles; from Puerto Cabello to La Vela de Coro is 165 miles. West of Puerto Cabello the shores sink nearly to the level of the sea, and the high grounds recede from the sea, but at a few points the ridges approach near to it. In general the coast is low, sandy, and arid, but in many parts covered with mangrove-trees (*Rhizophora mangle*), and in others swampy and overgrown with bushes. The isthmus which connects the peninsula of Paraguaná with the continent is about 18 miles long and 3 wide, and consists of low sandhills, interrupted by some swamps and small lagoons. The peninsula of Paraguaná is occupied by an isolated mountain-mass, called El Cerito de Santa Ana. Its eastern shores are rather low, but they rise to a considerable elevation at Cape San Roman; farther south they have only the height of moderate hills: there are several small harbours on these western shores of the peninsula. The coast-lines round the peninsula, and those of the isthmus which connects it with the mainland, are about 180 miles. Farther west, as far as the channel of the lake of Maracaibo, the coast is low, sandy, arid, and in some places covered with swamps or lagoons; and the same description of coast continues westward on the islands of Zapara and San Carlos, and west of them, on the peninsula of Guajira to Corojo, at which place it rises to some elevation, and this elevation generally continues to Cape Chichibacoa, the most western point of the coast of Venezuela. The last portion of the coast is about 324 miles long. The whole coast-line of the republic is 1384 miles, of which about 130 miles are washed by the Atlantic Ocean, an equal extent borders on the gulf of Paria, and the remainder forms the southern shores of the Caribbean Sea.

Surface and Soil.—Venezuela contains three distinct mountain-regions, extending respectively over the north-west, the north-east, and the south-east parts of the republic. The north-western parts are occupied by the Andes and the mountains of the coast, which are connected with the Andes; the north-eastern districts are mostly covered by the ranges of the Sierra de Bergantin; and the south-eastern region comprehends the western portion of the Sierra de Parima. These mountain-regions are separated from one another by plains. According to the estimates of Codazzi, the mountain-regions do not occupy quite one-fourth of the republic, namely, about 9000 Spanish leagues, or 96,000 square miles; whilst the plains extend over about 25,000 leagues, or 312,000 square miles. The whole area of the republic is above 400,000 square miles, and is equal to twice the extent of France.

The Mountain-region of the Andes and the Coast-range (Sierra Costanera).—The Andes of Venezuela are the most northern portion of the Eastern Andes of New Granada. Before the range leaves the territories of New Granada it divides, south-west of the town of Pamplona, into two branches, one of which runs north, with a small inclination to the east, whilst the other extends to the north-east. The western of these two ranges, which encloses the basin of the lake of Maracaibo on the west, is called in the south Sierra de Ocaña, in the middle Sierra de Perija, and on the peninsula of Guajira, where it terminates with Cape Chichibacoa, it is called Montes de Oca. This chain, from the sources of the Rio del Oro to its termination on the Caribbean Sea, constitutes the boundary-line between Venezuela and New Granada; but its southern portion is entirely within New Granada. The highest summit of the Sierra de Perija is said not to exceed 4200 feet above the sea-level. The whole of the range is covered with thick

woods, and no part of it is cultivated. It is only inhabited by the independent tribes of the Cucinas and Gojiras.

The eastern or principal branch of the Andes enters Venezuela at the source of the river Tachira, an affluent of the Zulua, and terminates on the north-east, on the banks of the Rio Cojedes, south of Barquisimeto, near 9° 10' N. lat. It constitutes an enormous mass of rocks, occupying with its declivities a mean width of more than 60 miles, and its length is nearly 330 miles: it consequently covers an area of about 20,000 square miles. The highest portion of this range is generally a narrow table-land, but so elevated, that no trees or bushes are found on it, but only a few hardy alpine plants. These table-lands, called *paramos*, are from 10,000 to 12,000 feet above the sea-level, and the best known of them are the *Paramos de Zumpador, Agrinas, Batallon, Portachuelo, Apure, Nequitao, and Rosne*. Several summits rise above these table-lands, but only one, the *Sierra Nevada de Merida*, is always covered with snow: its two pinnacles rise respectively to 15,310 and 15,342 feet above the sea-level. The *Picacho de Mucuchies* and the *Salado* rise to 14,168 feet. But the most elevated part of the range, which is nearly destitute of vegetation, occupies only a small portion of it, as the whole area of the *paramos*, including the higher summits, according to Codazzi, does not exceed 1836 square miles, or not quite one-tenth of the whole range. The descent on both sides is steep, but frequently interrupted by plains of moderate extent, which lie one below another like terraces. Between them the waters collected on the higher parts of the range descend in valleys, which are generally narrow. In their natural state the plains have no trees, but in many places they are overgrown with bushes; whilst the valleys and declivities of the mountains, where they are not too steep, are thickly wooded. The most elevated terraces and the upper portion of the valleys are not inhabited. Cultivation however has advanced to an elevation of from 8000 to 9000 feet. At this height wheat, barley, potatoes, and different European vegetables are grown, and continue to form the principal objects of agriculture to about 4000 feet, where they are replaced by maize, coffee, yuccas, and other tropical productions. Numerous rivers originate in the higher part of the range, and descend along its declivities with continual rapids and cataracts until they reach its base, where they become navigable, and continue to be so in the plains until they reach on the north the lake of Maracaibo, and on the south the Rio Apure.

Between the *Sierra de Perija* and the Andes lies the basin of the lake of Maracaibo. This lake, the largest in South America, covers a surface of 8400 square miles, or nearly double that of Lake Titicaca in Bolivia (vol. v., p. 88): it is about 2500 square miles less than Lake Erie, the smallest of the five great lakes of North America (vol. vi., p. 208). Its form is compared by Codazzi to that of a guitar, its greatest width being near its southern extremity, where, between Gibraltar and the small bay of Zulua, it is more than 82 miles across: near the middle, between Laguneta and Mison, it is 68 miles wide. Near 10° 30' N. lat. it is suddenly contracted by two projecting tracts, *Punta Icoeta* on the east, and *Punta de Palmas* on the west; and here begins properly the channel by which the lake is united to the Caribbean Sea, and which Codazzi compares with the handle of the guitar. At that place the channel is nearly 14 miles wide; but it gradually grows narrower, and opposite the town of Maracaibo is only four miles wide, and this width it preserves to the bar. Between the town and the bar two low islands lie across the channel, *S. Carlos* and *Zapara*. The main body of the lake is 92½ miles long, and the channel 46½, so that the whole lake extends 138½ miles from south to north. The water of the lake is sweet, except in the northern portion of the channel, where it is brackish as far south as the town of Maracaibo; but nevertheless it is used for domestic purposes, except during the prevalence of the northern winds, in February, March, and April. The basin of the lake, including the lake itself covers about 48,000 square miles; but about one-fourth of this area lies within the mountain-ranges which surround it. From the base of these ranges the surface lowers very gradually to the borders of the lake, a distance varying between 50 and 80 miles. Those tracts of this plain which are near the mountains, and consequently elevated, are susceptible of cultivation, and the population is increasing; but those immediately joining the lake and at the distance of from 10 to 20 miles are for a great part

of the year inundated by the water which descends in numerous rivers from the Andes and *Sierra de Perija*, and even when the waters are low they are swampy. They are not inhabited. The whole region in its natural state however is covered with thick woods, containing excellent timber-trees and others which afford dye-woods. This description applies only to the country surrounding the main body of the lake, for towards the southern extremity of the channel the banks are elevated, and dry all the year round; but the country adjacent to them is rocky, mostly without trees, and of moderate fertility. There are however several tracts which supply pasture for cattle and goats, and sheep find food in most places. Some parts, especially near the town of Maracaibo, are cultivated, and produce maize, mandioca, yucca, and several other tropical roots. It is stated that 105 rivers, which always contain water, and 400 smaller ones, which contain water only for a part of the year, fall into the lake. The largest rivers are—the *Catalambo*, which runs more than 230 miles, and has a navigation of 135 miles; the *Zulua*, which runs nearly 230 miles, and is navigable 160 miles; the *Escalante*, whose course is nearly 140 miles, of which about 80 are navigable; and the *Motatan*, which flows more than 180 miles, and is navigable for more than one-half of its course. Near the banks of the lake the water is shallow, but the depth increases gradually to a certain distance, and then all at once it increases considerably. The lake could be navigated by large vessels if they could get through the channel, whose depth varies in general between 10 and 12 feet. About 10 miles north of the islands of *S. Carlos* and *Zapara* a bar above a mile wide runs across the entrance, and has little water on it except near the middle, where there is a channel from 15 to 30 fathoms wide, on which there are not more than 12 feet of water; so that only vessels of moderate size can enter the lake. In 1495, when Ojeda and Vespucci first entered the lake, they found houses in the midst of the channel, which were built on wooden piles; and comparing them with Venice, they called the country *Venezuela*, or *Little Venice*; and this name was afterwards used to designate the eastern half of the northern coast of South America.

The *Cost-range* (*Sierra Costanera*) begins where the Andes terminate on the left bank of the Cojedes, an affluent of the Portuguese. It is observed by geologists that in these parts the strata composing the mountains incline in different directions and are in great disorder. The mountains themselves do not constitute a large mass of rocks, but divide into several ridges, and their elevation sinks to nearly half the height of the mountains south of the Cojedes. Their general direction however continues to the north-east, until they approach the sea, near the mouth of the river Yarecuai, distant between 70 and 80 miles from the Rio Cojedes, but the mountain-region grows narrower as it proceeds north. The tract just mentioned is called *Sierra de Nirgua*. From the mountains of Nirgua two continuous ridges branch off to the east, and on the north-west of it is a mountainous tract of considerable extent, but of moderate elevation. This last-mentioned region is called the mountains of *Coroas*; nearly the whole of it is situated within the province of that name. It consists of several narrow ridges, running from east to west, from the *Golfo Triste*, to a distance of about 10 or 12 miles from the banks of the lake of Maracaibo, and enclosing the valleys of the rivers which fall into the *Golfo Triste*. Those ridges which are south of the Rio Toronyo vary from 1500 to 2000 feet in height, and their highest part does not exceed 2380 feet; but on the north of that river the country rises higher, and extends in its most elevated part in an uneven table-land, which in general is a few miles wide, and in this part, where it is called *Sierra S. Luis*, attains an elevation of 4200 feet above the sea. Between this high ground and the sea on the north is a tolerably level tract, several miles wide, but on the east along the shores of the *Golfo Triste* the hills come close up to the sea at several places, and leave between them level tracts, which form part of the valleys that traverse the country from east to west. In this region a great difference is observed in the quantity of rain which falls annually. On the coast of the *Golfo Triste*, and in the valleys which open into it, the quantity of rain which annually descends from September to the end of February probably does not fall short of 80 inches. The lower parts of the coast and the valleys are

then inundated, and in some parts converted into lakes, which dry up only at the end of the dry season. This is the reason why this part is very unhealthy, and very thinly peopled, though the alluvial soil of the valleys, and the declivities of the hills, which are covered with thick forests, are extremely fertile, and yield rich crops of cacao, coffee, sugar, and other tropical productions. It would be entirely uninhabited if the mines of Aroa and the valuable timber of the forests did not attract a few adventurers. This tract extends northward to the town of Cumarebo. West of this place the country, between the Sierra S. Luis and the sea, is partly level and partly hilly. The annual quantity of rain is very moderate, the soil is in some parts very sandy, and in others composed of a very hard clay. These two kinds of soil not being favourable for preserving humidity, the country suffers much from want of water during the hottest part of the year. The rivulets which are formed during the rains, have only water for a few months, and the inhabitants have made cisterns and tanks, in which they collect the water during the rains for domestic purposes. In this tract there are no forest-trees. It is partially covered with different kinds of prickly pears, cactus, mimosa, and maguei (*Aloe Americana*), from which last an embriating liquor is extracted. Only a small portion of this tract is cultivated, especially where cotton is grown. But the climate and the vegetation are favourable to the sheep and goat, which are numerous: the skins of these animals constitute the principal wealth of this tract. The Sierra S. Luis contains a greater portion of cultivable land; and coffee, sugar, plantains, cotton, maize, yucca, and several kinds of vegetables are grown. It appears to have more rain than the plain to the north of it, but rain-water from eastern is used for domestic purposes during the greater part of the year.

The peninsula of Paraguaná is an appendage to the region of the mountains of Caro, being united to it by a narrow isthmus. The centre of the peninsula is occupied by a rocky mass, called El Cerro de Santa Anna, which rises to 1330 feet, and from which a high ridge extends to Cape S. Roman. On the other sides it is surrounded by a low and level tract, of which only a very small portion on the east is subject to inundations. The soil of this tract resembles the northern coast, being arid and of indifferent quality. Cotton and a few tropical vegetables are grown: it is rather populous, and a considerable number of the inhabitants are employed in making salt, as there are numerous salt-pits along the coast, especially on the western side of the peninsula.

We pass to the eastern portion of the coast-range. It is composed of two well-marked ridges and one which is frequently interrupted. The most northern of these ridges branches off from the Sierra de Nirgua south of the mouth of the river Yarecuí near the innermost recess of the Golfo Triste, and runs so close to the sea that its base is frequently washed by the waves, while in other places a narrow tract of land separates it from the beach. It runs eastward to Cape Codera; its length is about 130 miles, and its mean width more than 20 miles, so that it covers a surface of about 2600 square miles. Towards the west the ridge generally does not rise above 3300 feet, and its highest summits do not exceed 4200 feet, but towards the middle of its length it rises higher. Its mean elevation exceeds 4500 feet, and some of its summits rise much higher. The highest are north-east of the town of Caracacas; the Sella de Caracacas is 5000, and the Picacho de Naigastá is 5040 feet above the sea-level. Towards the eastern extremity it sinks lower. Between Puerto Cabello and the town of Valencia there is a considerable depression in this range, called Abra de Puerto Cabello, through which the road leads that unites these two commercial towns.

The southern ridge, called the interior ridge, branches off from the Sierra de Nirgua at Mount Tucuragua (3660 feet high) and runs eastward, parallel to the northern ridge; it terminates south-east of the mouth of the Rio Tui with the Cerro de Altigracia (5040 feet), but its continuation to the banks of the Rio Unare is marked by some isolated lofty hills. The length of this ridge is about 150 miles, with a mean width of about 20 miles, so that it covers an area of about 3000 square miles. This ridge is not equal in elevation to the northern. Near its western extremity its mean elevation is only 2500 feet, but it

rises in the Cerro de Platilla to 6217, and in the Cerro Azul to 5616 feet. These are its highest summits. To the north of the town of Cura is a deep depression in the range, called the Abra de los Llanos, because the road from the agricultural districts to the cattle-plains leads through it. The highest part of it is only 1948 feet above the sea, and hardly 500 above the adjacent plains. East of this depression is the Sierra de Guasima, whose summit is 5634 feet above the sea. These two parallel ridges of the coast-range are connected by a transverse ridge, which occurs east of the Abra de los Llanos, and attains an elevation of more than 5300 feet above the sea. The country enclosed by the two parallel ridges is divided by this ridge into two parts, of which the western, in which the lake of Valencia is situated, has the name of Valler de Aragua, and the eastern constitutes the valley of the river Tui.

The lake of Valencia was called, by the natives of America, Tacarigua, a name which at present is exclusively applied to another lake situated near the mouth of the river Tui. The lake of Valencia lies near the southern ridge of the coast-range, and on its southern banks the mountains rise with a steep acclivity, but a level ground surrounds it on the three other sides. It extends from west to east about 30 miles, and from north to south 13 in the widest part. The area is 264 square miles, and its circumference 72 miles. Its mean depth is 13 fathoms, and at the deepest place it is 37 fathoms. It contains 22 islands and several small rocks: the largest island, Burro, is two miles long; the water is brackish, though the lake receives 22 small streams. It has no outlet, and the large supply of water which it receives during the rains, which amounts to 72 inches, and which is brought to it by the streams from the high mountains with which the basin is enclosed, is lost by filtration and by evaporation. Though the surface of the lake is 1440 feet above the sea-level, the evaporation of the water is very great, as the heat in the dry season is excessive, rising generally to more than 90°, and this evaporation causes the air in the valleys of Aragua to be always moist, and thus a continual verdure is preserved on the plain, the valleys, and the declivities of the surrounding mountains. This circumstance, united to the great fertility of the soil, which in most parts is alluvial, as the whole of the plain once seems to have formed part of the lake, gives to this tract a productive power much superior to that of any other portion of the republic. The area of the valley, exclusive of the lake, is stated to be 1632 square miles, or somewhat more than that of Cheshire. About one-third of it is occupied by the plain, which extends along the northern banks of the lake, and the remainder is within the ranges of hills and their valleys which enclose the plain. This tract is very populous, and its lower and more level parts are covered with plantations of sugar, coffee, tobacco, indigo, plantain, and cotton, and with fields of wheat, maize, yucca, and other tropical roots and vegetables. The surrounding mountains are partially covered with woods, but large tracts are only overgrown with bushes or grass.

The valley of the river Tui is, next to the valley of Aragua, the most populous and best cultivated portion of the republic. It extends from west to east about 100 miles, and is in general about 20 miles wide, which gives a surface of 2000 square miles, which is nearly equal to the area of Norfolk; only a small portion of this extent is level enough to admit of cultivation. From the northern ridge of the coast-range large masses of rocks advance nearly to the river. Between them however are some valleys, several miles long and of considerable width, so as to present large tracts for agricultural purposes. The best known of these valleys is that of Guare, in which Caracacas is built. The southern ridge of the coast-range runs at a short distance from the banks of the river, like a wall, and contains only a few glens. The most western portion of the valley is very high, but at Occumare the surface of the river is only 1000 feet above the sea, and 440 feet below the level of the lake of Valencia. From Occumare the descent to the mouth of the river, which is about 75 miles distant, is gradual. The course of the Tui is said to be 154 miles, and it becomes navigable for small river barges between Araguaita and Santa Lucia, about 68 miles from its embouchure. East of the mouth of the river is the Laguna de Tucuragua, which is 15 miles long and more than 6 wide; it covers a surface of nearly 80 square miles, it is separated from the sea by a narrow strip of low land,

over which in one place the sea breaks at high-water. Its depth does not exceed four fathoms. This lake contains an incredible quantity of fish of different kinds, and is much frequented by fishermen; but the bulk of the population of the valley of the Tuy are occupied in agriculture; they raise coffee, cacao, indigo, tobacco, sugar, maize, rice, and in a few places wheat, yucca, plantains, manioc, and nearly all the roots and vegetables which are cultivated in South America and the West Indies. The crops are generally abundant. The mountains enclosing the valley are partially wooded, but less so than those which surround the vale of Aragua. There are also many extensive tracts covered with grass for the greater part of the year, on which numerous herds of cattle pasture.

South of the southern ridge of the coast-range is another but much lower ridge, called *Galeria de S. Carlos and del Pao*. It is not connected with the Andes, as the other ridges are, but it originates in the savannas of S. Carlos several miles from the base of the Andes, where some hills rise from the level plain, which at first are isolated, but as we proceed further east they unite in a narrow rocky ridge, which at its greatest elevation is only about 2300 feet above the sea, and not much more than 1000 feet above the plain on which it rises. It terminates before it reaches the banks of the Rio Orinoco, an affluent of the Guarico, which falls into the Orinoco, and in some places it is interrupted by the waters collected on the southern declivity of the southern ridge of the coast-range, and running southward. This ridge is remarkable, as forming the line of division between the mountain-region above described and the *Llanos*, which extend south of it, and as marking also the limit of the agricultural region. For though cultivation has not yet advanced to the northern base of this ridge, it is carried on at a short distance from it in the valleys of the southern ridge of the coast-range, which on the southern side of the mountains are rather extensive and fertile, though no such valleys open to the vales of Aragua or the valley of the river Tuy.

The *Mountain-region*, called *Sierra del Bergantin*, which occupies the north-eastern portion of the republic, is of comparatively small extent. The river Neveri, where it flows from south to north, encloses it on the west; and from that river it extends along the coast to the most eastern point of the peninsula of Paria. Its length is about 180 miles, but its width varies between 50 and 10 miles, and where it approaches the *Bocas dos Dragos*, or the strait called the *Dragons' Mouths*, it is still narrower. It was formerly supposed that this range was connected with the southern ridge of the coast-range, and that both formed one chain; but it is now well known that the last-mentioned ridge terminates as a continuous chain with the *Sierra de Altigracia*, and that its continuation to the river Unare consists of isolated heights. Isolated mountains occur even to the east of the river Unare, as the *Cerro de Pirita* (1568 feet above the sea) and the *Cerro Paraulata* (1165 feet); but in proceeding farther east every trace of a ridge disappears in the vicinity of Barcelona for a space of about 10 miles. On the west of that town the Bergantin rises suddenly and with a steep ascent. This mountain-system is composed of two ridges, of which the southern, properly called the Bergantin, extends from west by south to east by north, and terminates on the east on the banks of the river Caripe, which falls into the Gulf of Paria. This chain is hardly 100 miles long, but it is of considerable width, and it sends numerous offshoots to the south and north, which form fine valleys between the ridges and table-lands, and in many places approach close to the shores of the Caribbean Sea. Its highest summit is the *Turumiquaire*, which stands at the source of the river Neveri, and rises to 6983 feet. Other high summits occur between the upper course of that river and the sea, among which the *Cerro Pionia* rises to 6940, and the *Arrepuyia* to 5820 feet above the sea. The table-lands which lie between the summits and ridges are generally from 3000 to 4000 feet high, and covered with grass, while the acclivities of the summits and the valleys are overgrown with high trees. In the fertile valleys of this range wheat, maize, and all tropical roots and vegetables are cultivated, and also cacao, coffee, sugar, cotton, and tobacco; cultivation is daily extending. The other chain occupies that remarkable peninsula which extends along the Caribbean Sea from west to east for about 140 miles,

and which on the south is washed by the Gulf of Cariaco and the Gulf of Paria. Its western part is called the peninsula of Araya, and its eastern part the peninsula of Paria. This ridge forms one mass of rocky heights, which in general do not exceed the elevation of 1000 feet above the sea-level, though a few summits rise higher, as the *Cerro de Puerto Santo*, which attains 1988 feet. This tract contains a comparatively small portion of cultivable land, as the rocks are generally bare or clothed with a scanty vegetation, though some parts of the mountains, especially those towards the Gulf of Paria, are covered with woods. The valleys are indeed fertile, but short and narrow, with the exception of the valley of Carapana, which is about five miles long. The *Sierra de Araya*, as this chain is called, is united to the Bergantin by a ridge which traverses the wide isthmus that unites the peninsula to the continent near its western border, and is called *Cerro de Meapire*. It rises 1315 feet above the sea-level.

South of the mountain-regions hitherto mentioned lie the *Llanos* or *Cattle-plains*, which extend from the banks of the Rio Orinoco to the foot of the ridges, generally without the intervention of a hilly tract, and between the eastern extremity of the coast-range and the western of the Bergantin they reach to the shores of the Caribbean Sea. Westward they extend to the base of the Andes, along which they run southward to the Rio Mota, by which they are separated from the *Wooded Plains*. This region, according to the statement of Codazzi, covers a surface of 9716 Spanish, or 116,592 English square miles, and exceeds the area of the British Islands by about 4500 square miles. This tract, though one immense plain, presents a great variety in elevation, climate, rivers, and productive powers. Some tracts are hardly elevated above the sea, whilst others rise to nearly 1300 feet: some are arid deserts, while the vegetation of others is extremely vigorous nearly all through the year. The whole however is characterised by a want of forests. The trees which are found stand single or form groves of small extent, with the exception of the delta of the Orinoco.

Beginning on the east we find, first, the Delta of the Orinoco, which consists of a deep alluvial soil, formed by the deposit of the earthy matter brought down during the inundations, which last from April to August. It is in its present state not cultivable, for after the waters have subsided it continues to be a swamp, except on the banks of the branches of the rivers which traverse it, where the ground rises a few feet higher than at the distance of half a mile from their beds. The whole is covered with trees. In the forests the *mauritia*-palms are numerous; and from the means of subsistence which these trees offer, the few inhabitants of this tract, the *Warrows* (*Guaranos*), derive their maintenance. During the rains they live on seafoods which are erected between the trunks of the high trees, several feet above the water, which circumstance has given rise to the opinion that this tribe lives in trees. The low tract, subject to long-continued inundations, comprehends not only the whole space included between the arms of the Orinoco, but extends westward along the southern shores of the Gulf of Paria, nearly to the innermost western recess of that basin. But in these parts the inundation generally does not reach to more than about 10 or 12 miles from the shore; between the arms of the Orinoco it extends about 100 miles inland.

From this low tract the country rises slowly to the west, until at the distance of about 50 or 60 miles it reaches the table-lands. This region is a prairie, destitute of trees and shrubs, except that in many places groves of *mauritia*-palms occur, where water is always found. This plain is also traversed by numerous rivers, which during the rains inundate the adjacent low grounds. This circumstance, united to the abundant rains, renders this tract an excellent pasture-ground during the dry season, when the table-lands do not contain a blade of grass. Those districts which are contiguous to the delta of the Orinoco are covered with fresh grass all the year round, but those which approach the table-lands are generally dried up for a few months in the year.

The *Table-lands*, called in the country *Mesas*, constitute a peculiar and well-marked feature in this part of Venezuela. They begin on the east, at the southern base of the mountain-system of the Bergantin, and they attain their highest elevation in the *Mesa de Urica*, whose surface is 1300 feet above the sea-level. From this *Mesa* the high ground extends south-south-west, and widens con-

siderably in the large Mesa de Guanipa, which however is only 868 feet above the sea-level, and about 560 feet above the lower grounds which lie to the south and north of it. It contains the source of most of the branches of the river Unare. West of this river the table-lands, or high grounds, continue westward to the river Orinoco, where they join the southern ridge of the coast-range. These last-mentioned table-lands are from 560 to 860 feet above the sea-level. Towards the north this high ground descends rather rapidly to the lower plain, which extends along the Caribbean Sea. This descent occurs somewhat south of the parallel of the town of Aragua. On the south the descent is imperceptible. The surface of the Mesas is quite level, and the soil consists chiefly of sand, which in many places is mixed with chalk. This soil is unproductive, and the vegetation even in the rainy season is limited to a few hardy grasses covered with a kind of hair, which afford indifferent pasture. The rains, which fall in abundance from April to July, do not impart to its fertility, but they quickly find their way through the upper layers of the soil, until they meet an argillaceous chalk, where they collect and form springs and rivulets. Thus these high grounds, in which the traveller must perish of thirst if he is not provided with water, give origin to a hundred rivers, which run south to the Orinoco, east to the Gulf of Paria, and north to the Caribbean Sea. The rivers running southward are deep and have always a great volume of water, because they run between the offsets of the table-land, from which they receive an abundant supply. But those which run to the north soon leave the table-lands and enter an arid and much lower plain, where their waters are soon exhausted. Thus only two of the last class of rivers, the Neveri and Unare, are navigable for some distance all the year round, whilst those which join the Orinoco may be navigated to a great distance from their mouth at all times. The valleys with which this southern slope of the table-lands is furrowed contain tracts fit for cultivation, which however have yet been turned to little account. The country between the table-land and the Caribbean Sea extends about 60 miles from north to south, and is a level plain, which, at a short distance from the sea, rises to about 150 feet with a rather steep ascent, and then stretches out towards the table-lands, rising gradually and attaining about 560 feet where it reaches their base. It is chiefly covered with grass, but there occur many tracts covered with oaks and some palms. A kind of lily spreads over extensive tracts, and it is supposed that all the parts covered with this plant were formerly cultivated by the Indians. At present the whole is only used as pasture for cattle. The soil is sandy, and quickly absorbs the water which is brought down by the rivers from the table-land, but it does not acquire any great fertility. Only near the dellivity, not far from the coast, a few tracts are cultivated. The principal objects of agriculture are cotton, cacao, coffee, sugar, tobacco, and several tropical roots and fruits. On this plain the rains are abundant from May to October, and in November and December there are frequent showers.

The most uneven portion of the cattle-plains is that which extends on the south side of the coast-range, and lies west of the river Orinoco, reaching to the banks of the Portuguesa. The country along the southern base of the coast-range, and as far south as the Galera de San Carlos, is covered with low hills, resembling the waves of the ocean when agitated by a gale; they are overgrown with coarse grass. South of the Galera de San Carlos occur several low rocky ridges, which run parallel to the Galera, and are very regular. The tracts between them are level, and covered with coarse grass. South of this tract the country continues to be uneven, as there are several small Mesas composed of rocks, and numerous places overgrown with bushes, among which are also some palm-groves. The level grassy-plains are few, and of great extent. On the southern edge of this uneven part of the plain are several isolated hills, which are surrounded by extensive plains covered with fine grass: these plains may be considered as the commencement of the immense savannas which extend southward. The dividing line between these two regions may be marked by a line drawn from Calabozo on the east to El Baul on the west, nearly 100 miles distant from the southern ridge of the coast-range.

South-west of the uneven tract just mentioned are the Plains of Barinas (Varinas), which are considered the most

fertile part of the great plain, and the best adapted for cultivation. These plains extend along the base of the Andes from the Rio Portuguesa to the Rio Sarare and Apure, a distance of more than 150 miles, and are from 60 to 80 miles wide. The mountains terminate abruptly on this plain. From their base a very gentle slope descends in a south-eastern direction towards the banks of the rivers Portuguesa and Apure. This slope is furrowed by numerous large rivers, which descend from the mountains and drain the plain, running nearly parallel to one another. As they have a great volume of water, and an inconsiderable fall, they are navigable nearly to the base of the mountains. During the rains however they inundate a considerable portion of the plain. The Apure, into which most of the rivers of this region fall, attains such a height soon after the commencement of the rainy season, that it is above that of its affluents, and thus these rivers cannot discharge their immense volume of water, which then begins to flow backward, and to inundate the central parts of the tract which lie between the rivers; for these parts are the lowest, those along the banks being several feet higher, and not subject to inundation. These high banks are also the only parts of the plain which are covered with woods, and which contain tracts fit for cultivation. Numerous hamlets and single farm-houses are built on these higher grounds, where maize, yuca, and plantains are extensively grown: the lower parts, which are subject to inundation, serve as pasture-grounds when they are dry; for the inundations do not continue for the whole rainy season. As soon as the water of the Apure begins to fall, the inundated tracts begin to be free from water. These tracts are quite destitute of trees, with the exception of a few palms. In the most depressed places some extensive lakes are found after the termination of the rainy season, but they get dry towards the end of the dry season, and produce pasture when the grass of the more elevated parts is withered. This plain is stated to increase very rapidly in population, on account of its fertility, the great quantity of fish in the rivers, and the great advantage of disposing of the products of industry by means of the navigable rivers.

Between the Rio Apure and the Rio Meta, both affluents of the Orinoco from the west, are the Plains or Llanos of Apure. They contain the lowest portion of the Cattle-Plains. The lowest tract is only 234 feet above the level of the sea, though more than 500 miles distant from that part of the ocean to which its waters descend. The more elevated or western districts are about 300 feet higher. This plain is so level, that the current of the Apure and Meta is imperceptible, and a strong eastern gale, or the least rise in the Orinoco, causes their waters to flow back. No rock, no stone, not even a pebble is seen in these plains. The soil consists of a mixture of sand and chalk. It is covered with grass, but entirely destitute of trees and bushes, except a few scattered groves. The grass is very nourishing, and large numbers of cattle, horses, and mules always find pasture. On the banks of the rivers in a few places are thickets of low bushes, but generally these places also are without wood. In other places there are cane-beds. The only inequalities of the surface are some hills, mainly of sand, which rise a few yards above the common level, and some slightly elevated grounds called banks. These banks are hardly perceptible, but are of great importance to the inhabitants, as they are not subject to inundation, and consequently afford places for building, and pasture for the cattle when the lower parts of the plain are covered with water. In the dry season this plain is one immense pasture-ground. An easterly wind then blows continually, increasing in force to noon, and diminishing gradually as the sun declines. As these winds pass over the heated plains of the Mesas, they are very hot, and bring with them clouds of sand. From the beginning of December to the end of February the sky is always clear; but at the end of February or early in March the air begins to be hazy, and the easterly wind is frequently interrupted by calms. At the end of March thunder-storms are observed in the south, and the wind frequently turns to the west and south-west, and then the sky is covered with a black veil and dense vapours. The rains also commence and continue till the month of July or August. The waters of the rivers begin to rise, and in a few days their beds are insufficient to hold the large volumes which descend into them, and the country is inundated. This tract on both sides of the lower Apure then resembles

the Delta of Egypt. The whole plain is an immense lake, in which the banks appear like islands. There is a tract more than 100 miles in length, and from 15 to 20 miles wide, on which the water is from 10 to 12 feet deep, and though it is not so deep in other places, it may be traversed by large barges. The lowest part of the plains of Apure may be marked by a line drawn from San Fernando de Apure to the mouth of the river Capanaparo, from which it extends eastward between the rivers to the banks of the Orinoco. Further west the inundations are not so general, and the banks of the rivers are in some places above the reach of the waters. There are numerous lakes in these plains, and some of considerable extent, but most of them dry up before the beginning of the rainy season.

South of the Rio Meta begins the *Woody Region*, which extends southward to the limits of Brazil, and may be considered as the northern portion of that immense forest which occupies South America on both sides of the equator. It is very imperfectly known, except along the banks of the Orinoco, as no agricultural establishments have been formed by the descendants of Europeans in these parts, except in a few isolated places on the banks of the Orinoco. In their present state these forests can only be entered by means of the rivers which, descending from the Eastern Andes of New Granada, traverse them in their course to the Orinoco. The forests do not appear to cover the whole surface, but are interspersed with woodless grassy tracts of moderate extent. The surface of the plain is not level, but there are rocks rising a few hundred feet above the general level, which sometimes seem to constitute small systems of hills. The vigorous growth of the trees of these forests, and their great variety, seem to indicate that this tract possesses extraordinary fertility. At present the life of man in these solitudes is rendered nearly unupportable by the immense swarms of mosquitoes and other tormenting insects, more than by the jaguars and poisonous serpents which inhabit the forests, and the alligators which infest nearly all its rivers. In the southern districts of this region is the Rio Casiquiare, or that branch of the Orinoco which separates from the river soon after it issues from the mountains, and running south by west joins the Rio Negro or Guainia, an affluent of the Amazonas. [AMAZON, vol. i., p. 417.]

That portion of Venezuela which lies east of the Rio Orinoco and north of the Páramo ridge is mostly occupied by the Parime Mountains and their offshoots. [PARIME MOUNTAINS.] The greater part of this immense tract, which comprehends more than one-third of the territories of the republic, is entirely unknown, as the interior has been traversed only by a few adventurers, who followed the course of the large rivers in search of the famous El Dorado. They found nearly the whole covered with an interminable forest of tall trees, amidst which rocky masses frequently rose in fantastic forms. A few tribes of aborigines inhabited the banks of the rivers, and lived mostly on the produce of their fisheries and a few wild fruits. They consisted frequently only of a small number of families. The country adjacent to the banks of the Orinoco river however was more populous, and in these places the Capuchin monks established some missions. Though in some places the ridges of the Parime Mountains approach the river, in general they remain at a considerable distance from its banks; and this intermediate space is generally an uneven plain, on which a considerable number of rocks rise to a moderate elevation. These rocks are wooded, but the lower grounds are generally destitute of trees, and frequently are of bushes. Above the rapids of Atures the tracts which are subject to inundation during the rise of the Orinoco are not numerous, and usually of small extent; but farther down on both sides of the river, with the exception of a few places, they are skirted by a low ground which is annually inundated. It varies from half a mile to three miles in width. As even at present the number of agricultural establishments erected by the whites is very small, and as they occur only at distances of many miles from one another, and consist only of two or three families, it is evident that the productive powers of this region are almost entirely unknown. Only the district of Upata forms an exception. It lies south of the delta of the Orinoco, and extends from the river Caroni on the west to the Sierra Imitaca, the most maritime ridge of the Parime Mountains on the east, and partly over the ridge. It is a table-land, whose surface is 1400 feet above the sea-level, and whose

northern declivity approaches the Orinoco within a few miles. The surface of this table-land is very uneven, and presents a quick succession of small grassy savannas, well-wooded isolated rocks and hills, and delightful valleys. The fertility of this tract, in many parts, is said to be hardly inferior to that of the Vales of Aragua. Its elevation above the sea-level, the easterly wind which blows nearly all the year round without interruption, and brings from the sea, which is at a short distance from the table-land, an air loaded with humid vapours, render the climate less hot and less dry than that of other parts of the republic, and preserve the verdure of its savannas. Thus this tract is no less fit for rearing cattle than for cultivation. The articles which are cultivated most successfully are coffee, cacao, cotton, sugar, indigo, and all the roots and fruits which grow between the tropics. In these parts also the casacilla is collected in great quantities.

Rivers.—Venezuela is well watered, with the exception of the Mesa and that tract of the coast which extends from the town of Cumarebo westward to the Gulf of Venezuela. The number of rivers is very great, and that of the navigable rivers considerable. The greater part of them join the Orinoco, which runs about 1470 miles, and is navigable for 1380 miles from its mouth. The obstacles to navigation in this river are noticed elsewhere. [Orinoco, vol. xvii., p. 15.] Of the rivers joining it from the west, the Itridia flows 424 miles, and is navigable for 395 miles; the Guaviaro flows more than 800 miles, and is navigable for 550; and the Meta flows also more than 800 miles, and is navigable for 580 miles. As these rivers run through countries which are nearly uninhabited, no advantage is taken of their navigable capacities. Farther north the Orinoco is joined by the Apure, which is more navigated than the other rivers of the republic, especially its two branches, the San Domingo and the Portuguesa. The Apure flows 735 miles, and is navigable for 650 miles; the Portuguesa runs 330, and is navigable for 227 miles from its mouth. The San Domingo, by means of which the agricultural produce of the province of Barinas is sent to Angostura, runs 230 miles, and becomes navigable at Toruno, about 100 miles from the place where this affluent of the Apure joins its principal river. The rivers which fall into the Orinoco from the east descend from the Parime Mountains, and preserve the characteristic of all the rivers originating in that mountain-system, being impeded in their course by cataracts and rapids. The largest are the Cauca, which flows 600 miles, and is navigable for 400 miles from its mouth; and the Caroní, which flows 638 miles, and is navigable for 550 miles. The navigation of these two rivers is interrupted at several places by cataracts.

The southern portion of Venezuela is drained by the Rio Negro, which in its upper course is called Guainia. It is joined from the north by the Casiquiare, a branch of the Orinoco, which connects the Rio Orinoco with the Rio Amazonas. This natural channel is 248 miles long, in general 30 feet deep, and on the average about 400 yards wide. It is navigable, as well as the Rio Negro, as far as it drains the territories of the republic; but lower down in Brazil the navigation is interrupted by numerous rapids and small cataracts.

One of the principal affluents of the Essequibo, the Cuyuni, rises in Venezuela. It flows 620 miles, of which 450 are navigable; but only the upper portion of this river belongs to the republic; the greater part of the country drained by it and its affluent the Mawroony is claimed by the British as belonging to the colony of Demerara.

The rivers which fall into the sea within the territory of the republic without joining the Orinoco, Rio Negro, or Essequibo, have a comparatively short course. A few of them however are navigated, as the Guarapiche, which rises in the mountain-system of the Bergantin, and falls into the Gulf of Paria. It runs about 180 miles, of which more than 70 are navigable. The Neveri, on which the town of Barcelona is built, rises in Mount Turumiqui, runs about 60 miles, and is navigable for small boats for 40 miles, and for larger boats 18 miles. The Unare, rising in the Mesa, flows about 170 miles, and is navigable for 50 miles. The Tai, which drains the principal valley of the coast-range, flows 190 miles, and is navigable for more than 80 miles. The largest of the rivers falling into the Caribbean Sea is the Tocuyo, which rises on the northern declivity of the Paramo of Nigaitao and of Hosa, and falls into the Golfo Trieste after a course of 330 miles, of

which more than 150 are navigable. The largest of the navigable rivers falling into the lake of Maracaibo have been noticed.

Climate.—With respect to climate, Venezuela is divided by the natives into three zones, called *Tierras Calidas*, *Templadas*, and *Frias*. Hot countries (*tierras calidas*) are all those which do not rise more than 2000 feet above the sea, and to which only tropical plants and fruits succeed. The temperate countries (*tierras templadas*) are between 2000 and 7000 feet above the sea: the agricultural productions of Europe succeed best in them. The cold countries (*tierras frias*) are those which, from 7000 feet above the sea-level, rise to the summit of the Sierra Nevada de Merida (15,348 feet), 148 feet above the snow-line (15,200 feet). This cold region is uninhabited, not so much on account of the cold as the strong wind which always blows in these upper regions, and of the thick fog with which it is almost continually covered. But the cold countries occupy only an area of about 2000 square miles, while the extent of the temperate countries probably does not exceed 5000 square miles, so that by far the greatest part of the country (30,000 square miles) has a hot climate.

In Venezuela, as in other countries between the tropics, the year is divided into two seasons, the wet and the dry season. The wet season is called the winter, though the heat is then greatest, as the sun passes twice over the zenith; whilst during the dry season, which is called the summer, the sun is in the southern hemisphere. The north-east trade-wind, which properly blows the whole year round in this country, is modified in its direction and force by these seasons. As soon as the sun crosses the equator, the wind passes to the south of east, and the rains begin, accompanied by thunder-storms. The rains are generally abundant and continual, though there occur a few days in which not a drop falls. By an approximative estimate it has been found that, on an average, it rains three hours every day, generally towards evening, and at many places in the night. There occurs however an interval, either before or after midsummer, when it does not rain for a whole month. This season is called the Little Summer of St. John. The dry season, or summer, begins when the sun has entered the southern hemisphere. The wind then passes to the north-east; but it blows sometimes very fresh from north or north-west, especially in November and December. During this season no rain falls except along the northern coast, especially in the tract between the coast-range and the Bergantin Mountains; but these rains are not abundant, and do not extend far from the sea. They are called *Nortes*. In the dry season the trade-winds begin to blow between 9 and 10 o'clock in the morning, and increase in force as the sun rises higher; and when it reaches the meridian, they resemble a gale; but with the progress of the sun they decrease, and cease when it sets. The winds are succeeded by a calm, which extends to a considerable distance into the sea, and is replaced by a land-wind, which sets in before midnight and continues to sunrise, when it dies away by degrees. Between this land-wind (terral) and the setting in of the regular trade-wind a complete calm of two or three hours is experienced. This change of the wind takes place every day, except when the wind blows with force from the north or south. The northern winds are experienced from October to March, and the southern blow in July, August, and September, in which months the greatest quantity of rain falls.

This general order of the seasons is subject to numerous modifications in several parts of the country. The most extensive of these modifications is observed on the coast of the Atlantic, where no land-winds are experienced, and the trade-wind blows all the year round, changing however somewhat its direction. In the first three months it varies between north and east-north-east, and the sky is serene. In the following three months it blows from east or south-east; and from July to September, both included, from the south or south-east; but it is frequently interrupted by calms, or strong gales blowing in gusts and accompanied by moderate rains. From October to December the rains are abundant, and the sky is continually covered with clouds, and the winds more variable than in other seasons. In the dry season, from January to March, the heat is greatest; but in the wet, from July to December, it is more continuous, and frequently accompanied by heavy thunder-storms.

The rains are heaviest in the extensive forests of the southern districts. It is probable that there they amount annually to between 80 and 100 inches. The rain which descends on this tract in one day frequently exceeds what falls in a whole week in the southern countries of Europe during the most rainy period of the year. In the lower grassy plains the annual quantity of rain varies between 70 and 80 inches, but on the average it is less. Along the coast the rains are scanty, where the mountain-ranges approach the sea, except along the Golfo Triate, between Puerto Cabello and Cumarebo, where they are heavy. The rains however are rather abundant where the country along the sea is low, and only backed by table-land, as between Barcelona and the mouth of the Rio Tuy. In the higher region of the Andes the rain is not heavy, but it is almost continual all the year round, especially after sunrise. On the *paramos*, or mountains more than 10,000 feet above the sea-level, it snows and hails frequently, and the air is always charged with a thick fog, which however generally disappears at midnight, but returns at sunrise.

Respecting the heat experienced in the different parts of the republic, it is found that on the coast the mean annual temperature varies between 79° and 86°, the former being the amount at Puerto Cabello, and the second at La Guaira; at the last-mentioned place the range of the thermometer is only 10°, between 80° and 90°, but at Puerto Cabello 18°, between 70° and 88°. In the elevated valleys of the mountain-ranges the heat is less, according to their elevation above the sea-level. At Caracas, which is more than 2900 feet above it, the mean annual temperature is only 67°, exceeding that of London by less than 17°, and the thermometer ranges between 62° and 72°. The greatest heat is experienced in the *Cattle-Plains*. On the table-lands the thermometer ranges between 83° and 85°, and the mean annual heat is 83°, or greater than that of the equator at the sea-level. It is a few degrees less on the sloping countries between the table-lands and the banks of the Orinoco, but greater in the low level tract which surrounds the lower course of the Rio Apure, where the mean annual heat is 91°, and the thermometer ranges between 86° and 96°. In this tract the heat is intolerable during the dry season, as the north-easterly wind passes over the strongly heated surface of the table-land before it arrives at the low plains of the Apure, and thus the air feels as if it came from an oven. The heated sand, which is suspended in the air, and carried forward by whirlwinds, renders it still more disagreeable to the feelings. The heat is much less in those parts which are covered with forests: there the mean temperature is only about 77°, and the thermometer ranges between 73° and 82°; but these districts are very unwholesome on account of the soil being covered with a thick layer of vegetation in a state of decay. On the table-land of Upata the heat is perhaps somewhat greater than in the region of the forests, but this part of the country is healthy.

Productions.—Cudazuri gives a list of the useful plants which grow in Venezuela. The number of those which are cultivated exceeds 180: there are also 240 kinds of trees and shrubs, whose wood is used for domestic purposes, 36 plants yielding gums and resins, and 45 which produce medical drugs. The articles of cultivation which are grown for exportation are cotton, indigo, cacao, coffee, sugar, tobacco, and cocoa-nuts. Cotton is grown chiefly in the valleys of the coast-range, and in the country adjacent to it on the south, and also in Barinas; some is also grown in the valleys of the Bergantin Mountains. Indigo, which was once the most important object of cultivation, is much neglected, and cotton, coffee, and sugar have taken its place; but indigo is still grown in some places within the coast-range. The cacao of Caracas is known as the best, and its cultivation is increasing in the valleys of the coast-range and of the Bergantin, and in the plains of Barinas. The cultivation of coffee is more so the increase than any other object of agriculture: in the valleys of the coast-range, on the declivities of the Andes, and in the plains of Barinas, it is grown on a large scale. The plantations of sugar are much less extensive: nearly all of them are in the valleys of the coast-range, especially in the valleys of Aragua. The cocoa-palm is met with to the height of 700 feet, and yields valuable articles of export since the palm-oil is used for candles. The tobacco of this country is of the best quality, and grows in the valleys of the Bergantin, the declivities of the Andes, and the plains

of Uta and Varinas. The tobacco of Varinas is well known in Europe, but that of Cumanao in the Bergantin mountains is said to be better.

Maize is most extensively cultivated all over the country, but wheat only in the more elevated tracts, especially in those which are more than 1800 feet above the sea-level. Rice is grown in a few places in the lower tracts, and barley only on the declivity of the Andes. Millet is an object of cultivation. The plantain (*musa paradisiaca*), is cultivated in all the districts that are fit for agriculture, but above 7000 feet the cultivation ceases to be advantageous. The roots which are cultivated as food are chiefly potatoes, batatas (*convolvulus batatas*), yuca (*jatropha manihot*), &c. The cultivation of almost every kind of leguminous plants is considerable, especially beans, haricots, lentils, vetches, and garbanzas. Melons and water-melons are much attended to, but vegetables are in general neglected. The following table shows the relative importance of all the great articles of agriculture. It is founded on the crop of 1839, and taken from Codazzi's work:—

Articles of Culture.	Value in Spanish dollars.	Articles of Culture.	Value in Spanish dollars.
Cacao . . .	2,278,850	Sugar . . .	1,376,004
Plantains . . .	1,550,811	Indigo . . .	675,000
Maize . . .	6,000,000	Wheat . . .	1,440,000
Yuca . . .	2,712,071	Batatas, apio, &c. . .	1,390,000
Potatoes . . .	2,173,775	Leguminous vegetables, rice, millet, melons . . .	1,500,000
Cacao-nuts . . .	350,000		
Tobacco . . .	562,824		
Cotton . . .	525,000		
Coffee . . .	3,909,371	Total . . .	25,752,797

According to this account the whole value of the agricultural produce amounted to 25,752,797 Spanish dollars, or 5,722,544.

The number of fruit-trees is great, but the cultivation is little attended to. Besides the vine, which succeeds well in some of the higher valleys, the fig, pomegranate, orange, lime, and lemon have been transplanted from Europe. Some of the indigenous trees bear excellent fruits, among which the most remarkable are the *Laurea Perera*, *Annona squamosa*, *Annona Humboldtiana*, *Sapota mammosa*, the pine-apple, and the tamarind.

The domestic animals constitute one of the principal branches of the wealth of Venezuela. The large plains supply pasture for cattle, horses, mules, and asses, and the number of these animals is very great. It is also considerable in the other districts, as the greater part of the country is uncultivated. Sheep and goats are also generally kept, but are only numerous in the mountains of Nirgua and the hilly tract which lies north of them. Pigs abound in the valleys of the mountain-ranges and the countries contiguous to them. According to an estimate of Codazzi, the number of cattle amounted in 1839 to 2,080,727, that of sheep and goats to 1,910,342, that of mules to 30,338, that of horses to 78,164, and that of asses to 140,507: there were also 362,507 hogs. A large number of these animals, especially cattle and horses, are annually sent to Trinidad, whence they pass to the other Antilles. Formerly a considerable quantity of jerked beef was exported, but this article has greatly fallen off since 1810. Many fowls, turkeys, pigeons, ducks, and guinea-fowls are reared, and also some geese and peacocks.

Codazzi gives a list and description of 14 different kinds of monkeys and apes found in Venezuela. They are eaten by the aborigines. The carnivorous animals are numerous, among which the largest are the jaguar, called in the country tiger, the puma, the ounce, which is found in the forests of the Sierra de Nirgua, and the tiger-cat. The principal wild animals which are considered game are the tapir, the capybara, the venado, a kind of deer, the aguti, porcupine, rabbit, and several kinds of wild-hogs. Other remarkable animals are the sloth and ant-eater. Two kinds of whales, the physeter and narwhal, are frequently met with along the northern coast; and in the large rivers are the manati, and the tonina: the latter is a kind of dolphin, which attains a length of 9 or 10 feet. The birds are numerous, especially those belonging to the falconide, ardeide, strigide, turdide, tanageride, picide, and pittide; among the last-mentioned the lora is distinguished by the beauty of their plumage. There are also pelicans, wild geese and ducks, and flamingoes.

Fish is abundant in the sea, the rivers, and lakes, and lagoons. The greatest fishery is carried on in the strait

which divides the peninsulas of Araya from the island of Margarita, round the island of Coche, where a great quantity of a fish called *liza* is taken, salted, and exported to all the ports of the republic and the West Indies. The salted and dried eggs of the fish are also a considerable article of commerce. The fisheries in the lake of Maracaibo and the lagoon of Tesucunga are less important. All the rivers, but especially those which originate in the Andes and fall into the Orinoco, abound in fish. Among the different kinds found in these rivers is the electric eel, and the caribe, a small fish which is very greedy of animal blood, and wounds men and animals that pass the rivers. Two species of turtle are found in the sea, and much esteemed for their flesh and eggs. But the best kind is in the Orinoco and other large rivers: it deposits its eggs on islands and sandy tracts, where the river turns from south to east. In March and April these eggs are collected, and mantera is made of them, which is an important article of commerce. Manteca is also made from the fat of the manati.

The alligator abounds in the Orinoco, Apure, and Portuguesa, and is also found in several other rivers. The iguana is eaten, and considered a dainty. The chameleon is common in some parts. There are boa-constrictors and several venomous snakes. The pipa abounds in the Parime Mountains. Pearl-oysters were very abundant soon after the discovery of America in the strait between the peninsulas of Araya and the island of Margarita, and a very advantageous fishery was carried on for several years, but the banks were soon exhausted, and at present they are not regularly fished. Wild bees are numerous in several districts, but the wax collected is difficult to bleach. In the hilly tract between the Golfo Triste and the lake the cochineal insect is found, but it is not turned to any account.

Venezuela is not rich in minerals. Gold is found in several places, and has been worked in a few since the country has been settled by the Spaniards, but the produce was so small, that the working was given up long ago. Silver-ore has been found near Balladores on the declivity of the Andes, but in small quantities. Tin is found near Berquisimeto, and was worked for a time, but did not pay. The only mines which are worked are those of copper, not far from San Felipe, at Aros, which yielded in 1800 about 1500 cwt. They are at present in the hands of an English company, which sends the ore to Swansea to be smelted. They exported in 1837 about 70,530 lb. of ore. Iron and lead are occur, but are not worked. Coal is found at some places in the Coast-range, especially in Coro, but it is not turned to any account. A kind of natron is extracted from a small lake on the southern declivity of the Andes, in the province of Merida, which is mixed with tobacco. At several places petroleum occurs, especially in the peninsula of Araya. Salt is produced to a great amount in the salt-works of the peninsulas of Araya and Paraguana, and in the gulf of Maracaibo.

Inhabitants and Population.—The population consists of aborigines, of two foreign nations which have settled among them, the Spaniards and Africans, and of the offspring which has resulted from the mixture of these three nations. According to the old records, it is evident that at the time of the arrival of the Spaniards the aborigines of Venezuela formed above 150 tribes, each speaking its own dialect, and these numerous idioms belonged to eleven, or at least six different languages. The number of aboriginal tribes still within the territories of the republic hardly exceeds forty, the others having disappeared; but it must not be supposed that they have been destroyed by the Spaniards. A large number have intermarried with Spaniards or Africans, or have so adopted their mode of living, that their descendants probably form the bulk of the mixed race. This has been especially the case with all the tribes which inhabited the mountain-ranges and the table-lands between and south of those mountains: for if the Guajiro and Warro (Guaranos), who live at the western and eastern extremity of the republic, are excepted, there are no aboriginal tribes north of the Orinoco and Apure rivers. In most cases it is quite impossible to recognise in the mixed race the original features of the aborigines; but at several places they have been preserved. Among them are chiefly remarkable the inhabitants of the declivities of the Andes, who in their features so much resemble those aborigines who inhabit the table-lands of New Granada, that it is supposed they belong

to the nation of the Muyscos, who before the arrival of the Spaniards had established a regular government there, and had advanced nearly as far in civilization as the Peruvians or the inhabitants of Mexico.

The Indians of pure blood are distinguished by a large head, narrow forehead, hank and long black hair, eyes of middling size, sharp nose, wide mouth, thick lips, and broad face. They are generally copper-coloured, some very dark, others almost as fair as Europeans. Their stature usually varies between four feet and a half and five feet, though the Caribbees are from five to six feet high. They have little hair on those parts of the body where it grows naturally; but they are not altogether beardless. Their limbs, large and muscular, have the appearance of great strength, but they support hard labour with difficulty. These tribes must not be considered so low in civilization as the savages of Brazil, or those of the northern portion of North America. There are indeed a few who live only on wild fruits, and the produce of the chase and their fishing, and have no fixed habitations. But the greater part of them are acquainted with agriculture, and cultivate cotton, plantains, yucca, hainias, and even the sugar-cane, or at least some of these articles. They live in houses, and some tribes have substantial ones. But all of them go nearly naked.

The most populous of these tribes are the Guajiros, who inhabit the peninsula which bears their name, on the west of the gulf of Maracaibo, about 9000 in number; the Warrows or Guaraunos, in the delta of the Orinoco, and its neighbourhood, about 8000 in number; the Caribbees on the rivers Cuyooni and Caroni, 2000 in number; the Guaiacas on the banks of the Cuyooni, 1800 in number; the Maquiritares, who reside on the eastern banks of the Orinoco, above the rapids of Maypures, 3600 in number; the Guasharibos and Guaiacas, occupying both sides of the Orinoco, where the river issues from the Parime Mountains, each consisting of about 1200 individuals; the Avirianos and Etanamos, living within the Parime Mountains, at some distance from the banks of the Upper Orinoco, each composed of about 1500 individuals; the Piarosa living within the same mountains opposite the rapids of Maypures and Atures, containing about 2000 individuals; and the Guashibos, who are established on the west side of the Rio Orinoco, on the rivers Vichada and Meta, comprising about 1800 individuals. The other tribes are small. A few are composed of less than 200 individuals, but the larger number varies between 200 and 1000. The whole aboriginal population, according to the statement of Codazzi, consists only of 52,415 individuals belonging to the independent nations, and 14,000 individuals who have been subjected to the whites. Codazzi gives the following table of the different constituents of the population:—

Independent tribes	52,415
Subjected Indians of pure blood	14,000
Indians mixed with the other population, who have adopted the manners of the other inhabitants, but preserve the characteristic features of their race	155,000
Whites or creoles, the descendants of Spaniards and foreigners	260,000
The mixed race, mulattoes, mestizos, sambos, terecerones, and quarterones	414,151
Negroes or slaves	49,782

945,348

Respecting the slaves, it is to be observed, that the laws of the republic forbid the importation of slaves; and that by a law of the republic of Columbia, made in 1821, which was ratified by the legislature of Venezuela in 1830, the offspring of slaves are to be free, so that in about 30 years slavery will be extinct in this country.

Political Divisions and Towns.—After the republic of Columbia had been dissolved (1830), that of Venezuela was divided into 13 provinces, 88 cantons, and 523 parishes. Twelve provinces are on the continent, and the thirteenth is the island of Margarita.

1. *The Province of Maracaibo* comprehends the north-western districts of the republic, extending over the country that surrounds the lake of Maracaibo. Along its western border is the Sierra Perija, and in the southern and south-eastern districts the lower parts of the offsets of the Andes and of the hilly region of Coro. The northern districts have a dry arid soil of moderate fertility, but this

part alone is inhabited and cultivated, as the southern districts are covered with immense swamps and forests, and generally uninhabited. The articles of commerce which are cultivated are cacao, coffee, and cotton, with some sugar and indigo, and as articles of food rice, plantains, maize, yucca, and some leguminous plants and roots. That part of the peninsula of Guajiro which belongs to Venezuela constitutes a part of this province, and is inhabited by the Guajiros, and a few smaller tribes subject to them.

The town of Maracaibo is built on the western shores of the strait which connects the great lake with the Gulf of Maracaibo. It stands on the north shore of a small inlet which is about two miles long and runs westward into the land. This inlet is the harbour of the town. There are some good buildings, but the greater part of the houses are of wood and thatched. The town has a considerable trade, as it is the harbour of the provinces of Merida and Trujillo, and also of several districts of New Granada, especially those surrounding Cúcuta, from which cacao, coffee, honey, sugar, conserves, tobacco, ropes, and some smaller articles are brought to Maracaibo, and then exported by English, American, Dutch, French, and Danish vessels. By the same way these provinces are supplied with European articles and with salt. This town has a college and some schools, among which is a school of navigation. The inhabitants of this region are rather fond of a sea-faring life. In 1828 they had 346 small vessels for the transport of merchandise, and 1700 boats. A considerable number of vessels are built here, the forests on the southern banks of the lake supplying abundance of excellent timber. The population is 14,000. Altagracia is built on the opposite side of the strait, but several miles from the shore. San Carlos de Zulia stands not far from the southern extremity of the lake, on the banks of the river Escalante; at this place the merchandise sent from Trujillo, Merida, and Cúcuta is embarked for Maracaibo.

2. *The Province of Coro* extends over the hilly region between the lake of Maracaibo on the west and the Golfo Triste on the east. The soil of more than one-half of the province is very sandy and dry, and can only be used for the cultivation of cotton and as pasture-ground for sheep and goats; but the remainder, which is more elevated, has a better soil, and yields good crops of coffee, cacao, maize, yucca, and plantains, with several leguminous plants and roots; sugar is only grown in a few places. In this province alone palme, or the spirituous liquor extracted from the mayague (Aloe Americanus), is made. Along the sea-coast, and especially on the peninsula of Paraguaná, which belongs to this province, great quantities of salt are made.

Coro, the capital, stands on an arid plain, about two miles from the sea and 100 feet above its level. Very good hammocks are made in this town: the population is 4000. It carries on a little trade with the Dutch island of Curaçao by means of the small harbour called Veia de Coro, which is about seven miles from the town. Cumarebo, a small place, about three miles from the small harbour of the same name, has also some commerce.

3. *The Province of Barquisimeto* lies south of Coro and extends over the greater part of the Sierra de Nirgua, and over the most north-eastern portion of the Andes, including the Páramo de Rosas. It presents a great variety of surface and soil, being covered with a succession of valleys, and ridges of hills and mountains, and containing several extensive level tracts at various elevations above the sea. The western districts, or those whose drainage runs to the lake of Maracaibo, partake of the dry and arid soil of the province of Coro; the central districts have abundance of water, but are well drained, healthy, fertile, and populous; whilst those to the north-east extending to the Golfo Triste are covered with high trees, and are exposed to inundations, unhealthy, and thinly inhabited. Nearly all the productions of Venezuela grow in this province; and in some elevated districts excellent wheat is raised. The copper-mines of Aroa are situated near the boundary-line of Coro. The articles of commerce, cacao, coffee, hides, sugar, and indigo, are sent to Puerto Cabello or to Caracas, whence they are exported; but the towns of this province have a considerable commerce with Barinas, which province they supply with salt, flour, vegetables, fruits, and some of the articles manufactured in this province, and receive hides, cattle and other live-stock, cheese, jerked beef, and tal-

low. This province has numerous tanneries, and much coarse cotton-cloth is made.

Barquisimeto, the capital, has recovered from the effects of the earthquake and war (BARQUISIMETO, vol. iii., p. 402), and has again a population of 12,000 individuals. Tocuyo is situated in an elevated valley in that part of the province which is best adapted for the cultivation of wheat: it is well built. The inhabitants, consisting of about 10,000 individuals, are enterprising and industrious: they make cotton and woollen stuffs, and tan leather, of which they make boots, shoes, and leather girdles, which go to the plains. Great quantities of salt from Coro are sent to Barinas and its neighbourhood. In this town are a college and some elementary schools. Carora, which has 4,000 inhabitants, is situated in the dry portion of the province, and has some manufactures of cotton stuffs, and several tanneries. San Felipe, in the wet region of the country, is well built: the population is stated to be 7,000. In its neighbourhood are the copper-mines of Aroa.

4. *The Province of Trujillo* lies between Barquisimeto and Merida, and extends over both declivities of the Andes from the Páramo de Roma to the vicinity of Merida, but the greater portion of it lies on the north-west descent of the range, the drainage of which runs to the lake of Maracaibo. The most elevated part is occupied by several Páramos, but on their declivities are fine well-wooded valleys, and between them several plains descending in gentle slopes, covered with fine pasture-grounds. The lowest portion of the province lies within the Tierras Calidas, and in this tract the valleys are wider and of great fertility. The principal articles of agriculture are cacao, coffee, indigo, sugar, wheat, barley, cotton, maize, plantains, potatoes, yucca, and several kinds of leguminous plants. The commercial products (cacao, coffee, conserves, and sugar) are sent to Maracaibo by way of Zulia.

Trujillo, the capital, is built on a slope between two ranges of high mountains, and is 2,744 feet above the sea-level. In its vicinity much wheat is grown. Many woollen stuffs are made in this town, and also conserves and cheese. There are a college and several elementary schools. The population is 4,000. The great road from Caracas and Barquisimeto to Merida and New Granada traverses this place.

5. *The Province of Merida* comprehends the remainder of the Andes, extending to the boundary of New Granada, on both declivities of the range. Within its territories is the Sierra Nevada de Merida, the only summit of the Andes within Venezuela which rises above the snow-line. In soil and productions it resembles Trujillo. In some parts tobacco is cultivated on an extensive scale. Its commercial products, cacao, coffee, sugar, indigo, and cotton, go to Maracaibo by way of Zulia. Corn and flour are sent to Barinas and Apure. It has some commerce with Cúcuta in New Granada.

Merida, the capital, is built on a plain, or rather table-land, 10 miles long and 3 miles wide, which on one side joins the range of mountains, and on the other sides is encompassed by deep valleys. It is 5,518 feet above the sea-level, and on the south of the town is the Sierra Nevada. The coffee grown in the vicinity is of excellent quality. Several kinds of woollen and cotton stuffs are made, and some are said to be equal to those of Europe, especially the carpets. There is a seminary for the education of priests, a college, and several schools: the population is 6,000. The small town of Grila, also situated within the range of the Andes, stands on a small table-land not far from the boundary-line of New Granada. It is tolerably well built, and is traversed by the road leading from Merida to Pamplona in New Granada.

6. *The Province of Barinas (Varinas)* extends along the south-eastern base of the Andes, in all their extent from the banks of the river Cogedres on the north to the Uribante and Sarare on the south, and occupies the whole country between the rivers Apure and Portuguesa. The lower part of the declivity of the Andes is included within its territories; but this tract is nearly uninhabited, with the exception of a few narrow valleys. At the base of the mountains begins the sloping plain which descends to the south-east, and is known by the name of the Plains of Barinas. At the base of the mountains it is from 800 to 800 feet above the sea-level, but near the confluence of the Apure and Portuguesa probably less than 300 feet. The soil is very fertile, and either adapted to cultivation or to pasture; and its productions are so various, that the

list comprehends nearly all the objects cultivated in Venezuela in the Tierras Calidas. The commerce of this province with the adjacent countries is very considerable, and all its products find there a ready sale, as its fruits, maize, and leguminous vegetables are in great demand in Trujillo and Merida, its live-stock, hides, and cheese in Barquisimeto, and all kinds of grain and leguminous vegetables in Apure. The articles of foreign commerce are—hides, coffee, cacao, cotton, and sugar, but chiefly tobacco: they are sent to Angostura by the numerous navigable rivers which drain the plains. It has also some commerce with Puerto Cabello and Caracas, to which places it sends indigo, cacao, wax, pigs, and cattle.

Most of the towns of this province are built near the base of the Andes. The capital is VARINAS. The towns of Guanare, Ospino, and Araure, north of Varinas, and Pedram, south of it, contain respectively a population of between 2,000 and 4,000 persons. Nutrias is in the middle of the plains, not far from the banks of the Apure, and is the depot of the agricultural produce of the neighbourhood, especially the cattle.

7. *The Province of Carabobo* has taken its name from the place where the battle was fought by which the independence of the northern countries of South America was established. This province extends from the shores of the Caribbean Sea southward across the coast-range to the banks of the Rio Portuguesa, and comprehends two mountain-ridges, the greatest part of the Vales of Aragua enclosed by them, and the table-lands which lie south of the southern ridge of the coast-range. Along the sea it extends from Punta Aroa on the east to the banks of the Rio Yaracui, which divides it from Coro, and falls into the innermost angle of the Golfo Triste. It comprehends the best cultivated and most populous portion of the republic, the Vales of Aragua, where wheat grows by the side of plantains and the sugar-cane. Its products are as various as those of any other portion of the republic which does not rise above the temperate zone. It produces annually great quantities of coffee, cacao, indigo, tobacco, sugar, and cotton, most of which articles go to its port, Puerto-Cabello, whence they are exported to the West Indies, North America, and Europe.

Valencia, the capital of this province, stands on a slope, near the opening of a valley which extends between two offsets of the north ridge of the coast-range, about six miles from the west bank of the lake of Valencia. Its position is important for commerce, as all the products of the provinces of Barinas and Barquisimeto pass through the town to Puerto-Cabello. It has some good institutions for education, as a college, a grammar-school, and several elementary schools. The town is well built and contains 16,000 inhabitants. The best harbour of the republic, PUERTO CABELLO, belongs to this province. The harbour of Ocumare, east of Puerto Cabello, is good for small vessels. The town of Nirgón is built on a small plain 2,700 feet above the sea-level, and enclosed by mountains: it has 3,000 inhabitants. In that tract of elevated ground between the southern ridge of the coast-range and the Galera de San Carlos is the town of Pao, which derives some importance from being built on one of the most frequented roads from the cattle-plains to the Vales of Aragua and to Puerto Cabello.

8. *The Province of Caracas* has an area of 33,948 square miles, which exceeds the extent of South Carolina in North America, and nearly by one-third that of Scotland or Ireland. It extends along the coast between Punta de Aroa on the west and the mouth of the Rio Unare, and hence it stretches southward to the banks of the rivers Portuguesa, Apure, and Orinoco. Its eastern boundary is marked by the course of the Rio Suata, an affluent of the Orinoco and that of the Rio Unare. Within its limits lie the eastern portions of both ridges of the coast-range, the eastern part of the Vales of Aragua, the valley of the river Tuy, and a large part of the table-lands and low plains extending from the coast-range to the Rio Orinoco. The soil is only good in the Vales of Aragua and the valley of the Tuy: the remainder is of indifferent fertility. It produces all the articles which grow in the hot zone, and a few which belong to the temperate zone, as wheat, which grows in a few places. The articles cultivated for exportation are coffee, cacao, sugar, tobacco, and in some places indigo, tobacco, and cotton.

Caracas, the capital, contains, according to the latest

account, about 35,000 inhabitants. [CARACAS.] The harbour of Caracas is La Guaira, or Guayra, which is distant from it in a straight line only six miles, but by the road over the mountains about 13 miles. It is built on a narrow and uneven plain between two huge masses of rock, and at the back of the town the mountains rise almost perpendicularly. The town is rather well built and contains 6000 inhabitants. But it has only an open roadstead, in which the vessels are exposed to the winds and the swell of the sea, and the anchoring-ground is not good. The climate is exceedingly hot, and it is considered very unhealthy, but without reason. South-east of Cape Codera is the small harbour of Higuerote. In the Vales of Aragua are three considerable places, La Victoria, Turmero, and Maracai, each of which contains a population of between 6000 and 8000 individuals. La Victoria is advantageously situated for the commerce with the great plains; far to the south of the town the southern ridge of the coast-range presents a great depression, through which the road leads to the town of Cura, which is built at the southern opening of the depression. In the southern plains is the town of Calabozo, a thriving place.

9. *The Province of Barcelona* lies east of Caracas, from which it is divided by the rivers Santa and Unare, and extends from the shores of the Caribbean Sea to the banks of the Orinoco. Along the coast it occupies the tract between the mouth of the Unare and Punta Conoma, which lies opposite the islands Arapos, and along the Orinoco the country between the mouth of the Santa and the Rio de los Pozos. The interior of the country is occupied by arid table-lands, especially the Mesa de Guanipa, and their prolongations extend southward to the vicinity of the banks of the Orinoco. The tracts between these offsets are fit for cultivation; the Mesas themselves can only be used as pasture-ground for some months in the year. The low plain north of the Mesas is a grassy savanna, which is also only fit for pasture. Most of the productions of the torrid zone are cultivated, but not to any great extent. Some cacao, coffee, cotton, tobacco, and coconuts are grown for exportation.

Barcelona, the capital, has at present only 6000 inhabitants, as the produce of the cattle-plains, which was formerly brought to this town, now goes to Angostura. [BARCELONA.] In the interior is the town of Aragua, which derives some importance from the circumstance that nearly all the roads across the table-lands unite at this place.

10. *The Province of Cumana* occupies the north-east portion of the republic, and extends southward to the Orinoco, whose course makes its boundary to the point where the river begins to divide into different arms. From this place the line follows the course of that branch of the river which is called Mamo, and which falls into the Gulf of Paria under the name of Boca Vagre. Nearly the whole of the Bergantin Mountains lie within its territories, the high Mesas de Urica and some lower ones, and also the fine tract of country which forms the slope from the base of the table-lands to the shores of the Gulf of Paria. All tropical products are cultivated, but though some parts of the interior rise to nearly 2000 feet, the productions of the temperate zone do not succeed; wheat, at least is not grown. To a soil fertile in most parts this province unites the advantage of an extensive coast-line, and of the neighbourhood of foreign settlements; and it is improving rapidly. Its articles of commerce are exported from five ports, Cumana, Curupano, Guiria, Rio Caribe, and Maturin.

Cumana has only 8000 inhabitants. [CUMANA.] Caripano is on a small island in a small bay on the north coast of the peninsula of Araya; it has some commerce with Granada and Barbadoes. The population is under 2000. Guiria and Rio Caribe, two small ports situated in the most western recess of the Gulf of Paria, export their produce to Trinidad. Maturin is a considerable place on the banks of the Rio Guanapiche, which falls into the Gulf of Paria. The river is navigable to the town for barges, and for larger vessels at the Caño Colorado, about 27 miles lower down in a straight line. Being surrounded by a country well adapted for pasture, the town exports to Trinidad a great number of cattle, horses, and mules.

11. *The Province of Guayana*, the largest of the republic, comprehends the whole country south and east of the Orinoco, and, of the territories west of that river, all the districts south of the Rio Meta. The countries drained by

the Casiquiare and Rio Negro and their affluents are also included in this province, as well as the whole delta of the Orinoco. Though all the tropical products are cultivated in most places with success, it contributes little to commerce, as the agricultural establishments of the whites are limited to a few tracts on the Orinoco and to the table-land of Uputa. For though the aboriginal tribes cultivate some plants, they grow only what is required for their own consumption, and these tribes are in possession of nearly the whole country. All the commerce of this province is concentrated in the town of Guayana, or Angostura. [ANGOSTURA.] the population of which is stated not to exceed 4000. Uputa is a small town on the table-land of the same name.

12. *The Province of Apure* derives its name from the river which runs along its northern boundary, and extends southward to the banks of the Rio Meta. A very small portion of this province is fit for cultivation: maize, rice, and some leguminous plants and roots are grown; but as the pastures are abundant all the year, a great number of cattle, horses, mules, and asses feed on the plains; and the animals are exported in considerable numbers to all the neighbouring countries, especially to Angostura. The capital is Achaguas, which has a population of about 2000. San Fernando de Apure is somewhat smaller, and has some commerce with Barinas and with Angostura.

13. *The Island of Margarita* constitutes one of the provinces of the republic. It is in the Caribbean Sea, opposite the peninsula of Araya, between 10° 50' and 11° 10' N. lat. and 63° 50' and 64° 30' W. long. It is somewhat more than 40 miles long from west to east, and nearly 20 miles wide in the widest part. This island consists of two large masses of rock, and a narrow isthmus which unites them. The eastern mass is called Cerro del Copel, and its summit is 3240 feet above the sea-level; the summit of the western mass, Cerro del Macanoso, is 4573 feet high. The isthmus which unites these masses is nearly ten miles long, and in the narrowest place only 60 yards wide, but generally 180 yards. In the lowest part it is only between three and four yards above the sea-level, but there occur some small sand-hills on it. From the eastern mass of rocks a narrow tongue of land runs parallel to the isthmus, and the lagoon formed there, called Laguna Arestinga, is ten miles long, but only two wide. It is shallow and salt. The eastern mountain-mass is very much broken, and contains several summits, and between them small valleys. In these valleys and only on some of the slopes cultivable tracts are found. The western mountain is a nearly unbroken mass of rock, which supplies scanty pasture for a few goats. On this island coffee, sugar, maize, yuca, plantains, coconuts, palm-oil, other fruits, and several kinds of roots and leguminous plants are grown, and a little cacao; but hardly any of these products supply articles of commerce: the exports consist of turtles, fowl, fish, and salt.

Asuncion, the capital, is built in a narrow valley, which is well cultivated. It contains about 3000 inhabitants. The port is Pampatar, which is about six miles from it on the south-eastern shore of the eastern peninsula. On the northern shore, not far from the place where the isthmus begins, is the small harbour of Juan Griego.

The following table, taken from Codazzi, shows the extent and the absolute and relative population of the provinces, and the number of slaves. The calculation was made on computations of the years 1837 and 1839.

Provinces.	Area in square miles.	Number of Inhabitants.	Number of Slaves.
Caracas	34,104	242,888	7-1
Carabobo	8,148	96,967	11-9
Barquisimeto	9,384	112,735	12-0
Coro	11,392	40,476	3-5
Maracaibo	33,300	42,832	1-3
Trujillo	4,344	44,788	10-3
Mérida	10,884	62,116	5-7
Barinas	23,938	109,497	4-6
Apure	22,330	15,479	0-7
Barcelona	13,380	52,103	3-8
Cumana	17,536	50,671	2-9
Margarita	444	18,305	41-2
Guayana	218,788	56,471	0-25
	408,032	945,348	2-3
			49,782

In this statement, the independent aboriginal tribes are not included. According to an estimate, their number amounts in Guayana to 41,040, in Apure to 2375, and in the peninsula of Guajira (Maracaibo) to 9000; total, 52,415.

Manufactures.—In countries lying between the tropics, and thinly inhabited as Venezuela is, manufactures are only found in elevated regions, where the climate renders clothing and covering necessary. The few manufactures of this country are in the Sierra Nigra and on the declivities of the Andes, at Torcujo, Barquisimeto, Trujillo, and Merida, where straw hats, hammocks, coarse cotton-cloth, some worsted stuffs, and earthenware are made. The tanneries are rather numerous, and nearly all the articles of leather which are consumed in the country are made there, and constitute one of the most important branches of internal commerce.

Commerce.—The commerce of Venezuela diminished greatly during the War of Independence, cultivation having been much neglected during that period; but though the state of society has been unsettled since the termination of the war, the trade has again recovered, which is evident from a comparison of the two following statements of exports, for the year 1810, and that which began the 1st of June, 1836, and terminated the 30th June, 1837. From this table also the change may be inferred which has taken place in the principal agricultural articles.

Exportation of 1810.

Articles.	Spec. Dollars.
130,000 fanegas of cacao	1,625,000
40,000 packs of cotton	480,000
80,000 lbs. of coffee	800,000
1,000,000 lbs. of indigo	1,250,000
150,000 lbs. of vanilla	7500
100,000 lbs. of sarsaparilla	6000
130,000 pieces of hides	130,000
200,000 horns	2000
6000 mules and horses	180,000
16,000 heads of cattle	216,000
400 tons of copper	80,000

4,776,500

Or £1,061,444

Exportation of 1836-37.

61,089 fanegas of cacao	875,032-15
38,784 packs of cotton	616,943-08
166,348 lbs. of coffee	1,639,908-36
447,735 lbs. of indigo	562,479-03
111,550 pieces of hide	247,331-39
1205 mules and horses	104,028
7912 heads of cattle	148,067
Copper ore, valued at	34,040
20,431 cwt. of tobacco	236,213-10
230,000 goats and sheep skins	169,733
Sugar, for the value of	53,979-31
Smaller articles, as vanilla, sarsaparilla, horns, dye-woods, &c.	335,823-63

4,943,597-05

Or £1,098,577

The following table shows the value of the articles imported and exported, and the countries from which they were brought and for which they were shipped, in the year beginning the 1st of July, 1838, and terminating on the last day of June, 1839.

Names of Countries.	Value of imported Articles in Spanish dollars.	Value of exported Articles in Spanish dollars.	Total value in Spanish dollars.
U.S. of America	1,217,227-36	2,006,987-19	3,224,214-55
Great Britain	987,048-23	740,416-32	1,727,466-55
Denmark and its colonies	955,274-08	536,911-23	1,492,185-31
Hamburg and Bremen	465,504-06	775,623-39	1,241,127-45
France	265,505-94	520,789-26	726,295-20
Spain	162,454-79	543,308-38	705,763-17
Holland	255,153-51	211,593-53	466,747-04
New Granada	31,333-85	1,118-73	32,452-58
Sardinian States	6,273-85	20,430-00	26,703-85
Mexico	853-25	8,822-40	9,675-65
Sweden	897-50	2,113-25	3,070-75
Not specified	14,961-17	3,073-66	18,035-83

4,302,548-19 5,371,188-34 9,673,736-53

Or 966,122/ ster. or 1,193,597/ or 2,149,719/.

The following table exhibits the value of the articles imported into and exported from every port of the republic.

Name of the Port.	Value of Importation.	Value of Exportation.	Total of Import and Exportation.
Guaira	2,643,551-74	2,492,270-69	5,136,822-43
Puerto Cabello	622,324-06	1,261,071-10	1,883,395-16
Angostura	202,885-18	465,687-04	668,573-12
Maracaibo	525,706-82	445,325-07	971,031-89
Cumaná	77,107-33	41,769-48	118,876-81
Barcelona	123,864-01	79,691-64	203,555-65
La Vela de Coro	106,001-85	121,161-85	227,163-70
Juan Griego	1,981-87	26,760-10	28,741-97
Pampatar	617-81	6,737-00	7,354-81
Caripao	23,824-47	70,289-90	94,114-37
Maturin	101,641-57	171,083-57	272,725-14
Gáira	8,531-20	55,484-98	64,016-18
Rio Caribe	4,420-48	39,722-90	44,143-38
Higuero . . . . .	..	40,062-82	40,062-82
Cumarebo . . . . .	..	32,069-87	32,069-87

4,302,548-19 5,371,188-34 9,673,736-53

The following table exhibits the number of vessels employed in the commerce of Venezuela, their tonnage, and the harbours which were visited by them.

Education.—It appears that the inhabitants of Venezuela begin to be aware of the advantages of education. According to Codazzi, there existed, in 1839, 133 public and 86 private schools. The first were attended by 5508 boys and 338 girls, and the second by 1267 boys and 892 girls.

History and Constitution.—The most eastern part of the coast, and the island of Margarita, were discovered by Christopher Columbus in his third voyage, 1498, and the following year the whole northern coast of South America

Names of Harbours.	Number of Vessels belonging to Venezuela.			Tonnage of Vessels belonging to Venezuela.			Number of Foreign Vessels.			Tonnage of Foreign Vessels.		
	Inward.	Outward.	Total.	Inward.	Outward.	Total.	Inward.	Outward.	Total.	Inward.	Outward.	Total.
Guaira	31	19	50	2,931	2,237	5,168	136	136	272	23,008	22,239	45,247
Puerto Cabello	25	31	57	1,541	1,544	3,085	83	102	185	11,573	13,470	25,043
Angostura	78	142	220	4,609	7,496	12,065	8	45	52	1,256	5,390	6,636
Maracaibo	26	29	55	2,277	2,230	4,516	29	42	71	4,301	5,961	10,262
Cumaná	24	5	29	1,334	301	1,635	7	13	20	403	626	1,029
Barcelona	16	14	30	863	909	1,772	7	7	14	403	377	780
La Vela de Coro	74	26	100	3,125	1,262	4,387	17	5	22	520	170	690
Juan Griego	11	46	57	223	317	540	1	15	16	43	511	556
Pampatar	5	22	27	18	123	141	..	..	..	..	..	..
Caripao	34	76	110	608	918	1,526	65	8	73	408	190	598
Maturin	20	182	212	330	2,497	2,827	6	32	38	109	1,427	1,536
Gáira	26	221	247	402	1,240	1,692	2	9	11	68	162	230
Rio Caribe	7	17	24	249	436	685	3	1	4	94	87	181
Higuero . . . . .	..	3	3	..	234	234	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cumarebo . . . . .	..	49	49	..	395	395	..	12	12	..	217	217
	378	892	1270	18,556	22,168	40,724	304	427	731	42,368	50,817	93,185

from the Gulf of Paria to Cape de la Vela in New Granada was discovered by Ojeda and Vespucci. In the same year Christobal Guerra made a voyage for the purpose of ascertaining the commercial wealth of the country.

The inhabitants of these countries were found to possess pearls, and gold ornaments in abundance: the pearls were obtained from the sea surrounding the island of Cabaqua or Cuagua, situated in the strait between the island of Margarita and the continent, and it was supposed by the discoverers that there must be rich gold-mines in the interior. The pearl-banks situated near the island of Cabaqua or Cuagua were visited by some adventurers in the first years of the sixteenth century, and in 1515 the town of New Cadiz was founded on the island, and in 1525 the first settlements were formed on Margarita. The first settlements on the continent were at Cumana, which was built in 1520, and at Coro, which was built in 1527. About this time the emperor Charles V. gave up the whole northern coast as far west as Cape de la Vela to the Welers, a family of merchants in Augsburg, to be held as a fief of the crown of Castile; but being unacquainted with the true means of colonizing a country, and only intent on finding gold-mines, and accumulating wealth, the agents of the Welers did nothing but take the aborigines from their homes and sell them as slaves. In 1542 the emperor took the country into his hands. Several places in the Coast-range had been discovered where there were indications of gold. The Spaniards began to form their settlements. Tucuyo was established in 1546, Barquisimeto in 1552, Valencia in 1555, and Caracas in 1567. The gold-mines however were to be found too poor to be worked. Spain did not derive any advantage from these settlements, but the means of subsistence were greatly increased by the introduction of the grains grown in Europe, and also by that of all the domestic animals of Europe. Meanwhile the pearl-banks, which during the sixteenth century had continued to yield a good produce, began to fail, especially after 1600, and the country had not yet supplied a single article for the market. But in 1634 the Dutch took possession of the island of Curaçao, and from that time Venezuela began to rise. The continually increasing demand for cacao on the part of the Dutch induced the Spanish settlers to attend to its cultivation, and in a short time a considerable quantity of cacao was exported. This excited the jealousy of the Spanish court and of the Spanish merchants. Several means were employed to direct this branch of commerce to Spain, but with little success. In 1700 the company of Guipuzcoa was established, in which was vested the exclusive right of carrying on the commerce with Venezuela; but the cultivation of cacao, as well as of indigo, was more promoted by the smuggling trade with the Dutch, than by that of the company, and in 1778 the company dissolved, and the trade was opened to all the ports of Spain. In 1731, Venezuela, which up to that time had formed a part of New Granada, was separated from that country and received a captain-general. It remained under the sway of Spain to 1808, when Napoleon, having deposed the royal family, made his brother Joseph king of Spain. Venezuela, like all the American colonies of Spain, declared for the antient dynasty, but being dissatisfied with the measures of the regency of Spain, it proclaimed its independence in 1810. The great earthquake of 1812 and some efforts on the side of the Spaniards however brought it back again to its antient political condition. In 1813 Bolivar, a native of Venezuela, made an unsuccessful attempt to liberate his native country from the yoke of Spain; in 1816 he was more successful. In that year a war began between the Spaniards and the inhabitants, which lasted till 1823, when the Spaniards who had remained in the country gave up Puerto Cabello, their last place of refuge. As Bolivar, in 1818, had succeeded in driving the Spaniards out of New Granada, that country and Quito united with Venezuela, and formed one republic under the name of Columbia. [COLUMBIA.] This union was effected by the deputies of the three countries at Cúcuta in 1821; but the inconveniences with which this union was attended after the countries had got rid of the Spaniards were so great, that in 1830 they separated amicably, and since that time they have constituted the three republics of Venezuela, New Granada, and Ecuador. In the year to which the union was dissolved Venezuela formed a new constitution. The provinces of Venezuela

do not, like the United States of America, form separate and independent states united by a federal government. The government of Venezuela is a central government, the legislature of which is invested with the power of making laws on all subjects. The legislative power is vested in a Congress, which consists of a house of representatives and of a senate. Each province sends two members to the senate, and one member to the house of representatives for every 25,000 inhabitants. The senate consists of twenty-six members and the house of representatives at present of forty-six members. They are chosen for four years, and every two years a new election takes place, by which half the members in each house are changed. The executive power is vested in the president, who, like the vice-president, is chosen for four years. The election of all these persons is effected by the electoral meetings (colegios electorales) in each province, which consist of members chosen by the people in the assemblies of the parishes (assemblies parroquiales). The electoral meeting also chooses the provincial deputations (deputaciones provinciales), which look after the interests of each province, and are empowered to propose to the president of the republic three persons for the place of governor of the province, and to the supreme court of justice the inferior judges and magistrates. They have also to watch over the conduct of all persons employed in administering the province, and to inform the house of representatives of every breach of the laws or other abuses. They can also impose taxes for defraying the expenses of the province.

(Humboldt, *Voyage aux Régions Équinoxiales du Nouveau Continent*; Dépons, *Voyage de la Partie Orientale de la Terre Ferme*; Larousse's *Statistical, Commercial, and Political Description of Venezuela*; Chesterton's *Narrative of Proceedings in Venezuela*; Hall's *Columbia, its Present State, &c.*; Letters from Columbia; Campaigns and Cruises in Venezuela; Codazzi's *Resumen de la Geografía de Venezuela*.)

VENICE, the Town of (*Venétia*, in Italian), once the capital of the Republic of the same name, and now the head town of the Venetian division of the Lombardo-Venetian kingdom subject to the crown of Austria, is situated in 45° 20' N. lat. and 12° 21' E. long. The town is built on a cluster of islets, between 60 and 70 in number, which rise in the middle of the lagoons. These islands are divided from each other by narrow canals, which serve for the purpose of communication, as streets in other towns. Numerous bridges connect the various islands. Narrow streets and lanes, alleys and courts, separate the buildings of each island from one another, and there are also narrow quays in some places along the canals. Carriages and horses are useless, and therefore not seen in Venice, and their place is supplied by boats called 'gondole,' which are continually plying in all parts of the town. The form of Venice is something like that of a flatfish, with its head towards the mainland, from the nearest point of which it is about two miles distant. The circumference of the town is nearly eight miles. There is a tide from the Adriatic, which rises a few feet over the lagoons, part of which are left nearly dry at the ebb, excepting the seven large canals, which intersect the lagoons, and keep up the communication between the town of Venice and the ports of Malamocco and Chioggia on the Adriatic, and between the town and the landing-places of Mestre, Fusina, and others on the mainland.

The town itself is divided into two parts by a canal broader than the rest, called Canal Grande, over which there is only one bridge, the Rialto. Another and much broader canal, or rather arm of the sea, bearing the names of Canal della Giudecca and Canal di San Marco, divides the town properly so called from the long island and suburb of La Giudecca and from the neighbouring island of S. Giorgio.

Venice contains 149 canals, 386 bridges, about 2000 streets, lanes, and alleys, 28,000 houses, and 104,000 inhabitants. In 1780, before the fall of the republic, the population of Venice was 139,000. (Quadri, *Prospetto Statistico delle Provincie Venete*.)

The finest part of the town is the district of S. Marco, which contains the splendid cathedral dedicated to the patron saint of Venice, with its lofty detached belfry, the handsome square before it, with its arcades and numerous coffee-houses—the fashionable place of resort of the Venetians, and the vast and massive ducal palace, which was

the seat of the ancient government, and contains the halls of the various councils of the administration. The hall of the Senate, or Pregadi, is still in the same state in which it was before the fall of Venice; that of the Council of Ten has been made into a gallery of paintings. The vast hall in which the Great Council used to assemble is now the repository of the library of St. Mark. All these apartments are adorned with numerous paintings by Titian, Tintoretto, Paul Veronese, and other masters of the Venetian school, which commemorate the great events in the history of the republic. The series of the portraits of the doges has two omissions in it: that of Marino Faliero, whose place is filled up by the inscription, on a black ground, 'Hic est locus Marini Falieri, decapitati pro criminibus'; the other is that of the last doge, Manin, who survived the fall of the republic. The library of St. Mark contains 65,000 volumes, and about 5000 MSS. Petrarch gave some MSS. to Venice, though not his own library, as has been said; but Cardinal Bessarion was the principal contributor to the library of St. Mark. The French traveller Valéry visited the 'pomi', or state prisons of Venice, in the attics of the ducal palace, which had been already described by Casanova, who was for some time an inmate of them, and which he says are not worse than most prisons are, and also the 'pozzi', or dungeons, which had been once used as state prisons in the middle ages. The pozzi are on the ground-floor of the ducal palace, and not under the neighbouring canal, as it has been stated. They are damp and dismal; but Valéry observes that in our own times some of Napoleon's state prisons, especially that of the Castle of Joux in the Jura mountains, in which the negro Toussaint l'Ouverture died, and where the Marquis de Rivière was long imprisoned, were no better than the famous 'pozzi' of old Venice. (*Voyages Littéraires en Italie*, li. vi., ch. 6.)

The piazzetta, or lesser square of St. Mark, which is open on one side to the sea, has two handsome pillars of granite brought from Greece in the twelfth century. Upon one is the winged lion, of brass, the ancient emblem of the republic, known by the name of the Lion of St. Mark; and upon the other is a statue of St. Theodore, a patron saint of the republic.

Among the many remarkable churches of Venice, besides St. Mark, for whose description we must refer to the guide-books, the following deserve especial mention:—1. S. Giorgio Maggiore, constructed by Palladio [PALLADIO, ANDREA]. It has the sepulchral monument of the Doge Domenico Michiel, the conqueror of Jaffa, Tyre, and Ascalon, he who afterwards, being attacked by the Byzantines, sailed with his fleet through the Archipelago and ravaged many of the islands, so as to deserve the title of 'Terror Græcorum,' which is on his epitaph. 2. Il Redentore, also by Palladio, one of the handsomest churches in Venice, situated on the island of La Giudecca, is, like most other Venetian churches, rich in paintings. 3. S. Giovanni e Paolo, the Westminster Abbey of Venice, has numerous and splendid monuments of doges, senators, commanders, and other illustrious men. Those of three doges of the Mocenigo family; of the Doge Vendramini, a 'new man,' made a patrician in consequence of his services in the war of Chioggia; of Alvise Michiel, who died in 1589, whilst speaking in the senate; of Nicola Orsini, count of Peligiano, captain-general of the army of the republic; of the gallant and unfortunate Bengadino, the defender of Famagosta, who was barbarously put to death by the Turks; and of the Admiral Carlo Zeno, the saviour of Venice from the Genoese, are most deserving of notice. The church is also adorned with paintings, some of which are historical. On the square by the side of the church is the monument of Bartolomeo Colleoni of Bergamo, a celebrated general of the middle ages, with his equestrian statue. A bust of Titian above the door of the vestry-room is the only monument to the memory of that great master. 4. I Frari, a splendid church with numerous monuments, among others that of Canova raised by subscription, and several good paintings. In the suppressed convent of the Frari are deposited the archives of the old republic, which were taken to Paris and have been since restored. Many of these documents, which had been closed to the public before, were used by Dauri for the compilation of his 'History of Venice.' They fill a great many rooms of the convent. Those belonging to the Council of Ten were partly destroyed by a fire in 1509; and of those of the

State Inquirers only fragments remain, a part having been destroyed by themselves from state policy, and the rest being dispersed or mislaid at the fall of the republic. Dauri has been led into error by some pretended statutes of the State Inquisition of Venice, which he found in the National Library at Paris, and which are now generally considered apocryphal. (Valéry, *Voyages en Italie*, vi. 4.) Valéry saw in the archives a copy of the statistical description of the Venetian states, compiled by order of the senate, 'Anagrafe dello Stato della Repubblica,' which was printed but not published in 1770, in 5 vols. fol., only seven copies being worked off for the use of the government. It was also shown the autographs of the consultations of Fis Paolo Sarpi, theologian of the republic in its controversies with the court of Rome, and the correspondence of Villettard, French secretary of legation at Venice at the fall of the republic, who was instrumental in effecting the revolution, thinking all the time that he was helping to restore Venice to its original independence, until he was undeceived by Bonaparte's famous letter, in which he told him that the Venetians were not fit for liberty.

The banks of the Canal Grande are lined with splendid marble mansions of the nobility, whose historical family names have in many instances outlived the fortunes of their former possessors. Some of them are used as government offices, others are let to foreign consuls and other strangers. Some, such as the palaces Giustiniani, Pisani, Barbarigo, Grimani, Michiel, Contarini, Vendramini, Manfrin, still possess valuable paintings and sculptures, especially the last named, which has a rich gallery, containing among others the painting of the three portraits by Giorgione, which Byron in his 'Beppo' has so highly extolled. Count Cignarara, assisted by other members of the Academy of the Fine Arts, has published a splendid work, 'Le Fabbriehe più copiose di Venezia,' which will perpetuate the memory of the great structures of that city when most of them shall have crumbled into dust. Another Venetian, Cignarara, has published the inscriptions of Venice, 'Le Iscrizioni Venetiane raccolte e illustrate,' 3 vols. 4to, Venice, 1824. Lastly, a Venetian lady, Michieli, has collected the memorials and traditions of the old festivals, ceremonies, and pageants of the Venetians, from the oldest times of their history, and has given a very interesting account of them—'Origine delle Feste Veneziane,' 6 vols. 12mo, Milan, 1829. The Academy of the Fine Arts, of which the patriotic Cignarara was the originator, has been the means of saving many masterpieces of the Venetian school, which otherwise would have been lost to Venice. Many of them belonged to the suppressed monasteries; others were restored from Paris in 1815; some, such as the famous Assumption by Titian, were discovered in a corner of a church, where they lay forgotten, covered with dust and filth. A painting by Gentile Bellini represents a procession passing through the square of St. Mark in the fifteenth century, with the costumes and localities of that age. The Slaves emancipated by St. Mark is a master-piece of Tintoretto. The academy has altogether about 400 paintings, besides models of the Egin and Ægina marbles, a model of the statue of Theseus conquering the Centaur, by Canova, which is in the Volksgarten at Vienna, and a collection of original drawings of Leonardo da Vinci, Michel Angelo, and Raphael.

The Arsenal or dockyard of Venice, begun in 1304, celebrated in the verse of Dante (*Inferno*, canto 21), long the main instrument of the power of the republic, remains a sad monument of its former greatness and present decay. Formerly employed 16,000 workmen, a number which was reduced in the last century to 1500; it employs now about 1000 workmen, of whom one-half are convicts. The arsenal is situated at the eastern extremity of the town, is surrounded by a high wall, and occupies an area of about three miles in circumference. When the Abbé Richard saw it (1761-2), there were about forty ships of war, of which twelve were three-deckers, in the docks ready for sea, independent of the fleet stationed in the Adriatic and at Corfu; arms for 150,000 men, 2500 pieces of brass ordnance, besides 1500 iron cannons, and vast stores of biscuit, salt-meat, and other provisions for sea; cables, sails, timber for ship-building, brought from the forests of Istria and Dalmatia, and all other appurtenances to such an establishment.

The arsenal of Venice is now the dockyard for the Austrian navy, which consists of three ships-of-the-line in ordinary, eight frigates, and about twelve armed brigs and

schooners. The expense of the navy is about 3,200,000 francs annually. A naval college with thirty boarders is established at Venice. A body of artillery 350 strong, and a battalion of marine infantry 1200 strong, are attached to the service of the navy. The arsenal contains a number of docks and basins, foundries for cannon, forges, a ropewalk above 1000 feet long, a vast timber-yard, and an armoury with arms for 10,000 or 12,000 men. The armour of Henri IV. of France, given by him to his ally Venice, accompanied by a letter which he wrote to the senate, is preserved in the arsenal; but his sword which he wore at Ivry disappeared in 1797. (Valéry, *Voyages en Italie*.) There is also a monument in relief to the memory of Angelo Emo, great admiral of Venice, who died in 1792, and was the last who caused the Venetian flag to be respected in the Mediterranean. Emo, unlike many other patriots of latter times, was a real patriot. When a storm dispersed his fleet and sunk several of his ships in the Egean Sea, he wrote to the senate offering his private property 'to repair part of the loss which the republic had sustained.' This monument to Emo was one of the first works of Canova. The artist had made no bargain as to his remuneration; but the senate, after the completion of the work, settled upon him an annual pension of 100 ducats for life, besides giving him a gold medal of 100 sequins value. The pension was suspended at the fall of the republic, but was afterwards continued by the Austrian government. At the land entrance of the arsenal, which is a gate adorned with several statues, are two marble lions, brought from Athens by Morosini in the latter part of the seventeenth century.

Venice has several theatres; that of La Fenice is one of the largest in Italy. The Venetians are as fond of music as ever; and the songs in their dialect, set to music by native composers, are very pretty. The Carnival at Venice is still very long; but masks are not used now except by the lower orders. The people are naturally lively and light-hearted; their festivals and public rejoicings, however noisy, are unattended by quarrels or disorderly conduct. The educated classes have a social affability and ease of manners which are very fascinating.

Venice has a gymnasium, a lyceum for scientific instruction, a patriarchal seminary for clerical students, two colleges for female education under the direction of nuns, an Athenæum of Sciences and Literature, and the Academy of the Fine Arts already mentioned. Besides the library of St. Mark or Marciana, there are libraries belonging to the different colleges and academies, as well as to several convents and palaces of the nobility. The printing-press of Venice, though not so flourishing as it was in the time of the Aldi, is still active, especially the printing esta-

blishment of Alvispoli, which has published many useful works of late years.

The charitable institutions are numerous, but not more so than what is absolutely required by the decayed condition of Venice. When the French evacuated the town in 1814, nearly one-half of the population was in want of charitable assistance. The misery was frightful. The violent subversion of the old government, the anarchy which followed the transition from the condition of the head of a powerful state to that of a mere provincial town, the loss of private property in consequence of the revolutions in Europe, the consequent ruin of most of the patrician families, many of which depended upon their official employment and emoluments—all this was followed by Napoleon's Continental System, which annihilated the maritime trade of Venice. Napoleon, in a visit which he made to Venice in 1807, gave orders for the relief of the suffering population, but they proved insufficient; and some of them, dictated in his usual hurry, were never executed. The Austrian administration since the restoration has applied gradually, but effectually, to alleviate the distress of Venice. Pecuniary assistance from the treasury of the kingdom, a better administration of the communal revenue, a great diminution of local taxation, the establishment of a free port, and important public works undertaken at the expense of the government, have in great measure answered the intended purpose. Fifty-three millions of livres have been spent since the restoration by the treasury of the Austrian administration of the Lombardo-Venetian kingdom for the relief of the city of Venice. (*Semplice Verità opposta alle Menzogne di Enrico Mioty*, Paris, 1834.) The mercantile shipping of Venice has assumed a new activity; it now trades all over the Mediterranean. Venice with Chioggia have about 125 large merchant-vessels and above 700 coasting-vessels. The number of vessels which enter the port of Venice yearly is between 1200 and 1300, including small craft. (Serristori, *Statistica*; Quadri, *Prospetto Statistico*.)

Venice is necessarily a decayed city, and no change of government could restore it to its former prosperity. The continental provinces may have improved since the fall of the republic, and may improve still more, but Venice itself has sustained a loss which is irreparable. Its decay was for a time gradual; it resulted from many causes, one of which was the stream of commerce running into other channels. But the final blow was given by Bonaparte, with whose name the history of the catastrophe of Venice will remain for ever associated. 'Venice,' observes Valéry, 'began with Attila and it ended with Bonaparte; the terror of two conquerors produced its origin and its fall.'

Table of Principal Buildings.

	Date.	Architect.	Remarks.
San Marco, or Duomo	976	Artists from Constantinople	Style Byzantine. Grotesque in design, but rich in materials and details. Numerous domes of uncommon form.
Campanile	Began 1148	B. Buono, finished	A square tower, 320 feet high. The loggia on one side below, by Sansovino.
Church, S. Giovanni e Paolo	1240—1430	Niccolo da Pisa ?	The oldest and largest church after St. Mark's: 300 feet in length; a great many splendid monuments.
Santa Maria de' Frari	13th century.	Calendario, &c.	Tedesco-Gothic, or Pointed style.
Palazzo Ducale	14th century.		A singular structure, of Sarnese style character.
Madonna del Orto	1350		The facade an interesting example of Tedesco-Gothic. Campanile, 175 feet high.
Cà d' Oro	13th century.	Unknown	Facade never completed, but what is executed is extraordinarily rich and picturesque.
Arsenal	1304	Pisano, Andr.	The portal by Pisano, 1400. *
Palazzo Pisani	About 1400	Unknown	This and the Foscarini the two finest specimens of their class of this period.
Palazzo Foscari	About 1400	Unknown	
Palazzo Venier-Minini-Calergi	1484	Lombardo, Pietro	A fine specimen of the cinquecento or mixed style.
Palazzo Cornaro, presso Teatro S. Angelo . . . . .	..	..	Of same character as preceding, but less elegant; arrangement of windows in basement singular.
San Zaccaria	1457	Lombardo, Martino	Facade lofty and rich, in a mixed style of Lombardo and cinquecento.

	Date.	Architect.	Remarks.
Scuola di S. Marco . . .	1485	Lombardo, Martino	Exceedingly rich and picturesque.
Palazzo Contarini à S. Luca .	..	Lombardo?	Admired for beauty of execution. "
Capella Emiliana, S. Michele di Murano .	1530	Bergamasco, Gugl.	As hexagonal plan, with circular dome.
Procuratie Vecchie . . .	1500	B. Buono	Internal diameter 28 feet.
San Salvatore . . .	1500—1534	Lombardo, Tullio; Sansovino, Scamozzi.	North side of Piazza di S. Marco. Three tiers of arcades; the two uppermost with two arches over each of those in first tier.
Palazzo Trevisano . . .	1530	Bergamasco, Gugl.	A large church, on plan of a patriarchal cross, or with three transepts.
Scuola di S. Rocco . . .	Began 1517	B. Buono, and Sante Lombardo.	A lofty and extensive façade.
Palazzo Contarini à S. Samuele	About 1504	Lombardo?	A picturesque example in a mixed style.
Palazzo de' Camerlinghi . .	1525	Bergamasco	
Castel S. Andrea al Lido . .	1541—1571	Stomichali	
Palazzo Grimani à San Luca .	..	Sanmicheli	Very rich architecture.
Palazzo Grimani à S. Maria Formosa .	..	Sanmicheli?	A fine specimen of rusticated style, with very rich Doric entablature.
Palazzo Cornaro à S. Polo . .	..	Sanmicheli	Now the Post-office. A noble façade of three orders, all Corinthian; the lower one with fluted pilasters, and including a sub-order.
Palazzo Manin . . .	..	Sansovino	Basement bold and good; upper part meagre in style, and cut up by mezzanine windows.
Palazzo Cornaro à S. Maurizio	1533	Sansovino	Restored by Selva, eighteenth century.
San Francesco della Vigna . .	1534	Sansovino	Three orders.
Zecce, or Mint . . .	1535	Sansovino	Two orders; Ionic and Corinthian coupled columns, on a noble rusticated basement.
Biblioteca Vecchia . . .	1536	Sansovino, fin. by Scamozzi	The façade by Palladio, and, like those of S. Giorgio and Redentore, with a principal order, flanked by a smaller one and half pediments.
S. Giorgio de' Greci . . .	1532	Sansovino	
Fabbriche Nuove di Rialto . .	1555	Sansovino	Remarkably rich in details.
La Carità . . .	1561	Palladio	The first order, or lower part of façade, good, but the rest heavy.
Il Redentore . . .	1576	Palladio	Two orders, Doric and Ionic, above a rusticated arcade of 25 arches.
S. Giorgio Maggiore . . .	1556—1579	Palladio	A much-admired work of Palladio's, but chiefly remarkable for the cortile, or cloister. Converted into Academy of Arts and Pinacoteca, 1827. Interior remodelled and improved by Lazzari.
Procuratie Nuove . . .	1584	Scamozzi, &c.	Facade Composite, with a lesser Corinthian order. Fine interior.
Pubbliche Prigioni . . .	1589	Da Ponte	Facade Composite, with a lesser Corinthian order. Fine interior.
The Rialto . . .	1580—1591	Da Ponte	South side of St. Mark's Piazza.
Palazzo Balbi . . .	1582	Vittoria, A.	A Doric order, with a single row of windows, on a rusticated basement.
S. Nicolo de' Tolentini . . .	1595	Scamozzi	A single arch, 98 feet span.
Palazzo Bataglin . . .	..	Longhena, Bald.	The portico (Corinthian, hexastyle, diprostyle) added by Andrea Tirali, in 18th century.
Spota Marin della Salute . .	1630	Longhena, Bald.	Singular façade.
Palazzo Pesaro . . .	..	Longhena	A magnificent octagonal mass, with very large cupola, but with much in bad taste.
Palazzo Rezzonico . . .	..	Longhena	A very stately façade; rich and lofty rustic basement, and two orders, Ionic and Composite.
La Dogana, Custom-house . .	1682	Bennoni, Gius.	Of similar character.
San Eustachio, or S. Stac. . .	1709	Scalfarotto, Gior.	Facade added by D. Rossi.
SS. Simeone e Giuda . . .	1718	Scalfarotto, Gior.	A very large dome. A prostyle Corinthian portico, four columns, the end ones coupled with pilaster piers.
Palazzo Corner della Regina .	1724	Rossi, D.	A rich façade, in style of that of Palazzo Pesaro.
Church of the Jesuits . . .	1728	Rossi, D.	
La Maddalena . . .	..	Temanza, T.	Exterior poor and tame. Interior a rotunda, with low coffered dome, 50 feet in diameter.
San Toma . . .	1742	Bognolo, Fr.	
Teatro Fenice . . .	1789	Selva, Giannantonio	Burnt 1835, since rebuilt.
Public Gardens, Buildings, &c.	1810	Selva, G.	
Fabbrica Nuova . . .	1814	Soli, Giuseppe	A handsome line of building, forming the west end of St. Mark's Piazza, in continuation of the Procuratie Nuove.

Among the islands in the neighbourhood of Venice the following deserve notice:—1. Murano, about a mile to the north of Venice, is a town of about 6000 inhabitants, and has manufactories of glass and plate-glass, which were once of greater importance than they are now; and also of mock pearls and beads called 'conterie,' which are exported in considerable quantities. The remains of Fra Paolo Sarpi were transferred from the church of the Serviti, where they lay forgotten, to that of S. Michele in Murano, a few years ago, and a marble tomb with an inscription was raised to him at the expense of the community of Venice. Morelli, the late learned librarian of St. Mark, is buried in the same church, which is remarkable for its ornaments. The church of S. Donato, called il Domo di Murano, is of Byzantine architecture of the twelfth century, with mosaics and columns of Greek marble. The church of St. Peter and Paul is rich with paintings. 2. Torcello, further distant to the north-east, is remarkable for its ancient and splendid church, built A.D. 1008, by the bishop Orsuelo, and is covered with mosaics, and adorned with marble, a testimonial of the wealth of Venice in that remote age. The neighbouring church of Santa Fosca, of the ninth century, is built with remains of structures of the Roman times. These islands were peopled by the fugitive inhabitants of the neighbouring towns of Altinum and Julia Concordia, on the mainland, which were devastated by the northern barbarians. Martial (iv. 35) speaks of the shores of Altinum as rivaling in his time those of Baiae in attractions. 3. Burano has manufactories of lace and straw-hats, 4. Sant' Elena, with a church dedicated to the mother of Constantine, whose remains were carried thither from Constantinople in the twelfth century. 5. Lazzaretto Nuovo and Vecchio with the quarantine establishment. 6. Malamocco, the residence of the doges in the early ages of the republic: it gives its name to the port of Malamocco, one of the principal entrances from the sea into the lagoons. 7. S. Lazzaro, an island south of Venice, with a celebrated monastery of Armenian monks, who are not schismatic, like most of their countrymen, but are in communion with Rome and acknowledge the pope. They have a library of 10,000 volumes and about 400 MSS., mostly in the Armenian language, a printing-press for works in the same language, and a college for clerical students. [ARMENIA.] 8. S. Andrea del Lido, with a fortress, which is considered a masterpiece of the architect and engineer San Michel, and which commands the entrance into the lagoons on that side. 9. Palmaria, a small town south of Malamocco, on the Litorale, or natural dyke of the lagoons. Near it are the 'Mura di', or breakwater, made of large blocks of marble laid on piles driven into the sand: it rises ten feet above high-water. 10. Chioggia, a well-built town, and a bishop's see, situated at the southern entrance of the lagoons, has a good harbour, a fine cathedral, a theatre, and about 16,000 inhabitants. The saline, or salt-pan, in the neighbourhood are very productive. To the south of Chioggia is the port of Brondolo, at the mouth of the Adige.

The metropolitan province of Venice, formerly called il Dogado, reckons 240,000 inhabitants. (Serristi, *Statistica*.) It comprises, besides the islands in the Lagoons, a long strip on the mainland from the estuary of the Po to that of the Tagliamento, with the small towns of Ariano, Lureo, Doia, Fasina, Mestre, San Donà, and Pieve Grano. The fine country extends along the banks of the Brenta on the road to Padua are in this province. [Brenta.] Of the whole of the dioceses in the old Venetian states the archbishop of Venice, who is styled patriarch, is metropolitan.

Topographical descriptions of the Lagoons are given by Bernardo Trevisano, 'Della Laguna di Venezia,' 1715 and 1718; Cristoforo Tentoni, 'Della Legislazione sulla preservazione della Laguna,' with a map, 1792; Bernardo Zendrini, 'Memorie Storiche sullo Stato antico e moderno delle Lagune,' 1811, and 'Le Isole della Laguna di Venezia rappresentate e descritte,' in quarto, Venice, 1826, and folio.

For descriptions of the city of Venice we must refer to the numerous guide-books and tourists. Venetian literature has been treated by Marco Foscarini, in his elaborate work 'Della Letteratura Veneziana,' which however death prevented the author from completing. Moschini has published a history of Venetian literature in the eighteenth

century, 'Della Letteratura Veneziana del Secolo xviii. fino ai nostri Giorni,' 4 vols. 4to., Venice, 1806-8.

VENICE, REPUBLIC OF (LA SERENISSIMA REPUBBLICA DI VENEZIA), a state politically extinct within our own times, but which figured for more than a thousand years among the independent states of Europe, and acted a considerable part in modern history. It is proper therefore to give a brief sketch of its territory, institutions, and political vicissitudes.

The continental territory of Venice in Italy was much more extensive than what is now called the Venetian States, 'Stati Veneti,' which constitute part of the Lombardo-Venetian kingdom. It included the three provinces of Brescia, Bergamo, and Crema, called 'Oltro Minicio,' 'beyond the Minicio' with respect to Venice, which formed about one-third of the whole Venetian terra firma, besides the peninsula of Istria, which, although beyond the geographical limits of Italy, was also included within the denomination of terra firma, or continental territory of Venice. These provinces were detached from Venice by Bonaparte in 1797, when he annexed Bergamo, Brescia, and Crema to the Cisalpine or Italian republic, and gave the rest of the Venetian territories to Austria. In 1810, after having retaken the whole Venetian territory from Austria and united it to the new kingdom of Italy, he detached Istria from it, and joined it to Dalmatia and Croatia, to form the separate government of the Illyrian provinces. At the restoration of 1814 these administrative arrangements were maintained, and the division of the newly constituted Lombardo-Venetian kingdom under Austria, which retained the name Venetian States, was made to embrace only the old Venetian provinces; Brescia, Bergamo, and Crema remaining attached to the Lombard division. [LOMBARDO-VENETIAN KINGDOM.] Istria was made a part of the kingdom of Illyria, likewise subject to the crown of Austria.

Government of the Venetian Republic.—The Venetian government during the last five centuries of its existence was a close aristocracy, being entirely in the hands of a certain number of families. As in the other Italian republics of the middle ages, or in the town-cantons of Switzerland, the head town ruled over the subject provinces, because the commonwealth originated in the town and with the town; a very different origin from the democracies of the Swiss mountain-cantons, or those of the United States of America, in which the whole population participated in the declaration of independence and in the struggle that followed. But within the city of Venice itself, which was in fact the state, several changes took place in the course of ages in the constitution. Venice was in its origin a city of refugees: the first inhabitants were fugitive citizens of various towns of the neighbouring 'terra ferma,' Aquileia, Opitergium or Oderzo, Concordia, Altino, and Padua, who, scared by the devastations of the Goths and other northern tribes in the early part of the fifth century of our era, took refuge in various small islets and strips of land which rose just above high-water, in the middle of the lagoons or shallow seas that extend from the mouth of Adige to that of the Piave. The lagoons are separated from the open sea by a natural dyke or strip of land, called Lido, or Litorale, about 35 miles long, which extends from Brondolo on the south to the mouth of the river Piave on the north. This dyke is intersected by several cuts or channels, through which ships from the Adriatic reach Venice, many of which are called ports. The principal are those of Chioggia, about 20 feet deep at high-water; Malamocco, which is about 17 feet; and S. Niccolò del Lido, which is about 10 feet deep. The lagoons cover an area of about 200 square miles: they are very shallow in most parts, but are intersected by deeper canals, which are kept open by art, and by which vessels reach the town.

The first emigrants assembled on the islands of the lagoons after the devastation of the Venetia by Alaric, A.D. 407-13. In 421 the first church, dedicated to S. Giacomo, was built on one of the most elevated of the islands, called Riva alta, afterwards Rialto. The emigrants increased in number and formed a community, which was administered by consuls sent from Padua, which was their metropolis. The names of some of those early magistrates have been preserved, and we find among them Faliero, Candiano, Fosco, and Dandolo, whose posterity became afterwards distinguished in the annals of Venice. When Attila destroyed Aquileia and other towns of the Venetia, A.D.

451-2, a second emigration took place to the lagoons, and this time it is said that many of the higher families of the country were of the number. Some of the Venetian historians insist not a little on their town being peopled from the beginning by men of the higher ranks of society; but Cassiodorus, who wrote about a half a century after the destruction of Aquileia, speaking of the Venetians, describes them as having no wealth but their boats, no food but fish, and no merchandise but salt, which they exchanged for other provisions.

The inhabitants of the Lagoons, being left to themselves, among the general anarchy and desolation which prevailed on the mainland of Italy, began to act as an independent community; for this purpose each of the principal islands elected a magistrate styled Tribune, who was renewed yearly. The number of these tribunes is said to have been twenty-four, and they met, on certain days, in council, to discuss and regulate public matters. In cases of importance however they convoked a 'concilio,' or general assembly of the people, which decided by acclamation on the questions proposed by the tribunes. This is all that is known concerning that early form of government. The number of tribunes seems to have varied,—sometimes twelve, sometimes ten, sometimes seven, all however chosen annually by the people. They formed the executive, and are said by some to have been assisted by a council of forty persons, likewise chosen by the people, who performed also the functions of judges; but the institution of this council of forty is generally considered to be of a much later date. The government of the tribunes lasted about two centuries and a half, till A.D. 697. During this obscure period, we find that the Gothic kings of Italy, and afterwards the Eastern emperors, although they did not interfere in the local government of the inhabitants of the Lagoons, nor appoint rectors or judges over them, yet seem to have considered them as their subjects, and required at times their services. In one of his letters Cassiodorus, minister of king Theodoric, orders the Venetians to bring to Ravenna, in their vessels, the wheat, wine, and oil which the Istrians paid as tribute. It ought to be observed however that Cassiodorus addressed this letter to the 'Veneti Maritimi,' distinguishing them from the other 'Veneti' inhabitants of the mainland, to whom he addressed several other letters about affairs of finance and administration. This distinction, not having been noticed, may have led to erroneous inferences concerning the degree of dependence of the Venetians of the islands upon the rulers of Italy. When Belisarius was besieging Ravenna, where Vitiges was shut up, he requested the Venetians to assist him with their ships to blockade the mouths of the Po, by which the besieged might receive provisions. When Narses marched against Totila, the Venetians transported part of his troops through their lagoons to the mouths of the Po. It is reported that Narses on this occasion visited the new city of the lagoons, and made a vow to build two churches there, if he were successful in the war, which he afterwards fulfilled.

The Lombard invasion of North Italy occasioned fresh immigrations from the mainland of the Venetia to the islands of the Lagoons. The people of Opitergium, with their bishop Magnus, took shelter in an island at the mouth of the Piave, where they built a town or village, which was called Eraclea, from the name of the then reigning emperor Heraclius. Another band of fugitives settled upon another island, farther south, called Equilum. The bishop of Altinum repaired with his flock to the island of Torcello. Lastly, the bishop of Padua took refuge at Malamocco. All these islands and places assumed the plural name of Venetia, which has continued to be the Latinized name of the city. But at that time the population was scattered among islands distant from each other. Eraclea and Rialto seem to have been the two principal places. Many of the smaller islands, which afterwards formed part of the city of Venice, were not yet built upon. It appears that during this period of the tribunate, democracy did not work well among the Venetians: there were intrigues and turbulence at the annual elections; aspiring men headed their respective factions; and as population increased, and wealth was accumulated by commerce, the influence of the property of the few was felt among the many. Sanudo, in his 'Chronicle,' says that the tribunes were quarrelling among themselves about precedence.

The republic was bordering on a state of civil war, and this too at a time when the attacks of foreign enemies rendered union and firmness of council most necessary. Slavonian and Istrian pirates from the Adriatic were lurking about the lagoons, and plundered the vessels by night, whilst land robbers made incursions from the side of the mainland. The son of the Longobard duke of Friuli attacked the island of Eraclea. Fortunatus, schismatic bishop or patriarch of Aquileia, went with an armed party by night to assail the rival see of Grado, an island which, although far to the northward, seems to have been included, together with the other islands and lagoons all along the coast of the Venetia, under the jurisdiction of the republic,—and he plundered the church and episcopal residence. The general discontent produced by this state of insecurity induced the principal citizens and the clergy, with the patriarch of Grado at their head, to propose the appointment of a single chief-magistrate for life, which took place by acclamation in Eraclea, A.D. 697, in the person of Paul Anafesto, a citizen of Eraclea, who was saluted by the title of Doge, or Dux. His duties were proclaimed by the tribunes and the people in the following words:—'Let the doge alone preside over the government of the people with justice and moderation; let him appoint the tribunes and the judges, who shall administer justice both to alergy and laity, and if any one think himself aggrieved, let him appeal to the doge.' (And. Dandolo, lib. vii., c. 3.) The doge swore before the patriarch of Grado to obey the laws. The doge was commander of the forces of the republic; he appointed the military tribunes, or subordinate officers. The conciones of the people on important occasions were convoked by the doge. The doge convoked all meetings of the inhabitants of the various islands or parishes for the election of their respective pastors. From the first the Venetians placed their clergy under subjection to the state. Doge Anafesto governed with wisdom; he made a convention with Liutprand, king of the Longobards, by which the boundaries of Maritime Venice were defined. These boundaries embraced not only all the islands and lagoons from the mouth of the Po to that of the Lomo, but likewise a strip of the coast of the continent for about a mile inland. This was the origin of the metropolitan territory or province called Dogado, which for centuries constituted the only continental possession of Venice. This convention with Liutprand was concluded A.D. 711, and it established the political independence of Venice from the kingdom of Lombardy. The historian Morosini records a maritime expedition of the Venetians against Felix, archbishop of Ravenna, who was at variance with the see of Rome, as well as with Theodorus, patriarch or governor of Ravenna for the eastern emperor Philip Bardanes. The result was that the archbishop was defeated, taken prisoner, and sent to Constantinople. Doge Anafesto died A.D. 717, after having governed about twenty-one years. He was succeeded by Marcellus Tegallanus, likewise of Eraclea, which was then the head place of the community. Marcellus governed nine years; he was often at variance with the Longobards and with the patriarch of Aquileia. The latter was in continual disputes with the bishop or patriarch of Grado, who was metropolitan of the Lagoons. Doge Marcellus died A.D. 726, and was succeeded by Unus of Eraclea, a warlike man, who encouraged the youth to military exercises, built new and larger ships, and extended the navigation of the Venetians. About this time, Liutprand having taken Ravenna, the exarch requested the assistance of the Venetians, who sent a fleet of eighty ships, under their doge Unus, which, joined to the Byzantine forces, retook Ravenna, and restored it to the Byzantines. Reasons of neighbourhood and the interests of their commerce caused the Venetians to cultivate the friendship of the emperors, without acknowledging their supremacy. It is said that Pope Gregory II., who was afraid of the encroachments of the Longobards, urged the Venetians to assist the exarch.

About A.D. 736 a quarrel broke out between the inhabitants of two of the principal islands, Eraclea and Equilum. The doge, a haughty man, instead of calming the tumult, took the part of the Eracleans, and a civil war followed, in which both populations were nearly destroyed, and the doge himself was killed, A.D. 737. Some say that his pride and ambition made him obnoxious to the people in general, who killed him tumultuously in his own residence. The Venetians showed themselves from the first jealous of the

government of one man, and this feeling is perceptible throughout the long period of their history. The tribunes having met in council and convoked the assembly or assemblies of the people, the office of doge was declared to be abolished; and a 'magister militum' renewed annually, was appointed instead. The seat of government was transferred from the now depopulated Eranon to the island of Malamocco, vulgarly Malanocco, an island near the mouth of the Brenta, which has since been partly submerged by the sea, but the name of which is retained on a neighbouring strip of land.

The administration of the 'master of the militia' lasted only five years. The fifth master, Ziano, or John Fabricius, before he terminated the year of his office, was seized in a popular tumult and deprived of his sight by the infuriated people, A.D. 741. The office of doge was then re-established by common consent in the person of Deodatus, son of the late doge Ursus, and his residence was fixed at Malamocco. Deodatus entered into new arrangements with Astolphus, king of the Longobards, about the boundaries at the mouth of the river Piave near Eranon. He afterwards repaired to Brondolo, near the mouth of the Adige, and built a castle there for the protection of the southern extremity of the lagoons. This gave rise to a report that the doge wished to make himself absolute. Galla, an influential citizen of Malamocco, at the head of a faction, seized the doge and blinded him, and had himself elected in his place, A.D. 755; but he did not remain in office two years, for he was himself deprived of sight and then killed by the people. He was succeeded by Domenico Monegario, A.D. 756; but in order to restrain his authority, two annual tribunes were appointed to be his assessors. The prerogatives of their office are not clearly stated, but it appears that the doge Monegario ill brooked the check: he came to an open rupture with his assessors, and was seized, and deprived of his sight and of his office, A.D. 764. Mauritius Galasio was appointed in his stead, and was so popular, that no tribunes were appointed to watch him, and he was even allowed to choose his son John for his colleague, who, after his death, succeeded him in his office. This example was followed by several doges after him, and was the occasion of many tumults, the people every now and then resenting any attempts at establishing an hereditary succession in the first dignity of the state. Out of about forty doges who succeeded each other during a period of four centuries, nearly one-half were either killed or had their eyes put out, or were compelled to abdicate, and banished to some convent. The legal form of the election of the doge continued to be the same till towards the end of the twelfth century. At the death of a doge the tribunes met and proposed a candidate, and the 'concilio,' or 'general assembly of the people,' voted by acclamation. The choice of one or more colleagues by the doge was also subject to the popular approbation. Meantime there was being formed at Venice a kind of hereditary aristocracy of those families who had given doges to the republic, and the more numerous class of those who had had tribunes among their members, and who were styled 'familie tribunicie.' The office of tribune continued till the end of the tenth century, after which it is mentioned no longer, its place having been supplied by the judges of the palace and other magistrates instituted about that epoch. Till then we find three powers constituting the government, namely, the doge with his colleagues; the tribunes, who were civil and political magistrates, one for each island, and who met to deliberate on important occasions; and the 'concilio,' or general assembly of the people. (*Sandi, Storia Civile della Repubblica di Venezia*, b. ii.)

When Charlemagne, having conquered the Longobards and founded a new Western empire, settled with Nicephorus, emperor of the East, about the limits of their respective dominions, the provinces of Treviso, Forum Julii, Istria, and Luburnia were assigned to Charles; but the Dogado, or jurisdiction of the Venetian lagoons, was not specified as being included among them: it was left to its own independence as a neutral district between the two empires. (*Sigonius, De Regno Italiae*, b. iv.; *Ulric. Matius, De Rebus German.*, b. ix.; *Paul. Aemil., De Rebus Francie.*, b. ii.) But Pepin, son of Charlemagne, being appointed by his father king of Italy, wished to extend his dominion over the coasts of Venice and of Dalmatia, which last was in possession of the Byzantines. There were at the time two

factions among the Venetians, one favourable to the new Western empire, and the other attached to the old connection of the republic with the Byzantine emperor. The latter prevailed, and envoys were sent to Constantinople to concert measures of defence against Pepin, who, in the year 806, having assembled a fleet at Ravenna, sent part of it to scour the coast of Dalmatia, and another part to blockade the Venetian lagoons, whilst his troops assailed by land the fort of Brondolo, which they took. Following the strip of land called Littorale, they captured Chioggia, Pelestrina, Albisola, and lastly Malamocco, which had been hastily abandoned by the doge and other members of the government, who removed to the island of Rialto, which was safer, being in the centre of the lagoons. Thus the seat of government was transferred to Rialto, A.D. 809, which, with the cluster of sixty or seventy islands around it, being gradually built upon and joined by bridges, became the city of Venice, although the town for a long time continued to be called Rialto. Pepin attempted to cross over to Rialto by means of a floating-bridge, but in so doing he was attacked by the light boats of the Venetians, who were well acquainted with the soundings of their lagoons, and was defeated with great loss. It is said that it was in memory of the numbers of the enemy who were either drowned or cut to pieces that one of the canals of Venice was called 'Canal Orleano.' Meantime the Byzantine fleet having made its appearance off the coast, Pepin, after burning Chioggia, Pelestrina, Albisola, and other places, withdrew to Ravenna. Soon after peace was made between the two empires, and the Venetians were left to their independence; for although Charlemagne and his successors considered them as being within the boundaries of the Western empire, they exercised no act of sovereignty within the islands, but acknowledged repeatedly the rights of the doge to govern the dogado, or duchy of Venice, and confirmed the boundaries settled between Doge Anastaso and King Louisrand.

The first doge elected in the new residence of Rialto was Angelo Participazio, who took for his colleague his son Giustiniano, who, after his father's death, succeeded him, A.D. 827. It was under Giustiniano that the body of St. Mark is said to have been brought from Alexandria in Egypt to Venice by a Venetian ship, and a chapel was built in honour of the Evangelist, which was the beginning of the magnificent cathedral of St. Mark.

About the middle of the ninth century the Saracens made their appearance in the Adriatic, and the Venetians began to encounter at sea this new enemy, whom they were instrumental in keeping away from the coast of Dalmatia. In the same century the Narentani, a Slavonian tribe from beyond the Danube, having occupied a part of the coast of the Illyncum, with the neighbouring islands, began to scour the sea as pirates. The Venetians sent a squadron of twelve galleys under the doge Pietro Candiano I., who attacked the Narentani near the coast of Dalmatia, but was killed in the fight, A.D. 867. Frequent fights between the Venetians and the Narentani occurred at sea during the whole of the following century, until the doge Pietro Orseolo II., who governed from A.D. 991 to 1008, having sailed with a strong armament for the coast of Dalmatia, the towns of Zara, Trau, Sebenico, Spalato, and others, which, being left without protection by the weak Byzantine court, were continually exposed to the attacks of the pirates by sea and of the half-wild Croats by land, placed themselves under the protection of Venice, and swore allegiance to the republic. The towns of Parenzo and Pola in Istria did the same. Orseolo then attacked and took the islands of Curzola and Lesina, two nests of pirates; after which the Narentani obtained peace on condition of forsaking piracy. The doge on his return home assumed, with the consent of the people, the title of duke of Dalmatia. This was the first possession acquired by the Venetians beyond the boundaries of their lagoons, more than five centuries after the foundation of their sea-girt community.

The Byzantine court, distracted by other cares on its northern and eastern territories, did not object to this protection of a friendly people being extended over its western borders; and when the doge Orseolo sent legates to the emperor Basilus for commercial purposes, they obtained from that emperor ample privileges and exemption from duties for the Venetian traders throughout his empire. Similar, though not so ample, privileges were granted to

the commerce of Venice with the Italian mainland by the German emperor Otto III.

The period of office of the doge Domenico Flabianico, A.D. 1032-42, is important in the civil history of Venice. Flabianico was at the head of a party of powerful citizens, who had driven away and banished some years before the doge Otto Orseolo, son of Pietro above mentioned, on suspicion of ambitious designs. Pietro Centranico, Otto's successor, after being a few years in office, was likewise expelled, and retired to a convent. Domenico Orseolo, a relative of Otto, was then installed, but after a few days was driven away. At last Flabianico himself was elected by acclamation. Having obtained his office as a popular leader and a defender of the liberties of the people, he proposed a resolution banishing for ever the whole of the Orseolo family as dangerous to the republic on account of its wealth, its ambition, and its alliance by marriage with an Hungarian or Slavonian prince. The resolution passed the assembly of the people, which also sanctioned two other resolutions, which, if not promoted, were at least not opposed by the doge—one abolishing the practice of having colleagues to the ducal dignity; the other re-establishing permanently the office of the two assessors of the doge, to be renewed annually, which had been before enforced for a time under the doge Monagregio. Another custom was introduced by Flabianico himself, and this was that the doge should in grave and important emergencies solicit the advice of some of the best informed and most esteemed citizens. The choice and number of these advisers were left to the discretion of the doge.

This was the origin of the Council of the 'Pregadi,' or 'solicited,' which long after became permanently established as the Venetian senate. About A.D. 1094, under the doge Vitale Faliero, was established a supreme court of justice of three judges for the city of Venice, called 'Judges of the Palace,' and thus was taken from the doge the judicial power in appeal which he formerly exercised. It would appear that a gastaldus, or protector of the lower classes, attended the sittings of the judges, but further information is wanting concerning those ancient institutions. (Sandi, *Storia Civile*, b. iii.)

In the latter part of the eleventh century the Venetians allied themselves with the emperor Alexius Comnenus against Robert Guiscard or Wiskard, the Norman chief, who, after having driven away the Byzantines from Apulia and Calabria, had seized upon Corfu, and was besieging Durazzo on the coast of Albania. The Venetians, jealous of the encroachments of the Norman adventurers in the vicinity of their Dalmatian possessions, willingly listened to the proposals of Alexius, and sent a fleet of 70 ships under the doge Domenico Silvio to the relief of Durazzo. The Venetians were successful in two actions, but the Normans afterwards obtained possession of Durazzo by secret intelligence with some of the garrison. A fresh Venetian force was sent to attack the place by sea whilst the Byzantines besieged it by land, but this time the Venetians were defeated and lost many ships. Doge Silvio on his return home was deposed and imprisoned, A.D. 1084. His successor Vitale Faliero sailed with a new armament, and completely defeated the Normans near Butrintum. The emperor Alexius, as a reward for the timely assistance of the Venetians, gave to the doge the title of Proto-Schastos; assigned annual pensions to the church of St. Mark and other churches of Venice; gave to the Venetians factories and houses and lands at Constantinople and other parts of the Levant; exonerated their vessels and goods from all duties and charges for ever; allowed their traders and merchants to live under the jurisdiction of their own consuls; and lastly, formally recognised their possessions in the Illyricum with the title of duke of Dalmatia, which had been already assumed by the doge.

At the epoch of the first Crusade Venetian vessels were employed from the first as transports to carry provisions to the coast of Syria. But afterwards, while the Crusaders were engaged in military operations in Palestine, the Venetians resolved to send a large armament to their assistance, and probably also with a view of extending their commerce in those parts. Two hundred vessels were equipped at the public expense, and many ship-owners lent their vessels for the common object, and they were manned partly by sailors of Venice, and partly by men enlisted for the purpose in Dalmatia. The command was given to the son of the doge Vitale Michieli, and to Enrico

Contarini, bishop of Castello. The fleet touched at Rhodus, where they found a Pisan fleet of 50 sail, bent on a similar errand. A dispute arose between the two people, jealous of each other, and they came to blows. The Venetians had the superiority: they took 28 Pisan galleys with thousands of prisoners, whom however they released, all except 100, whom they retained as hostages, and then continued their voyage to Jaffa, where they met Godfrey of Bouillon. He required the Venetians to co-operate in the reduction of Keila, which was taken, as well as Ptolemais or Acre, and Sidon. After these successes the Venetian armament returned home. Andrea Morosini has written an account of those early Venetian expeditions.

In the early part of the twelfth century Caloman, or Carloman, king of Hungary, invaded Dalmatia and took Zara, Spalato, and other towns. The Venetians sent an armament under the command of the doge Ordelaaffo Faliero, who retook Zara about A.D. 1116, as well as Sebenico, Spalato, and Tran. He likewise occupied part of Croatia beyond the mountains; but a fresh body of Hungarians came, by which the Venetians were defeated, and the doge died in the fight. A truce however was made with the king of Hungary, and Venice retained its dominion over Dalmatia and part of Croatia. Muratori (*Antiq. Ital.*, i. dissert. 17) registers a diploma of Ordelaaffo Faliero, in which he styles himself 'Dux Venetiarum, Dalmatie, et Croatiae.'

At the time of the second Crusade the Venetians sent an armament under the doge Domenico Michieli, who took Tyre, A.D. 1124. According to a convention between the Venetians and the king of Jerusalem, one-third of the town was given up to the Venetians as a settlement with full jurisdiction. The same arrangement was made with regard to Ascalon. The Venetians accordingly sent two magistrates to Tyre: one, called Bailo, with judicial authority; the other, styled Viscount, who was political and military governor. In other towns of Palestine they had a street for commercial purposes, with a church, a bath, and an oven. These privileges were retained by the Venetians as long as Palestine remained in the hands of the Christians.

Some time after a fresh war broke out in Dalmatia. The emperor Manuel Comnena, dissatisfied with the Venetians for the assistance they had given to the Latins in Syria, and perhaps also jealous of their increasing commercial and maritime prosperity, sent a force to the borders of Dalmatia, when the cities of Zara, Spalato, and others revolted against Venice. At the same time the emperor seized the persons and property of the Venetian merchants in his dominions. This was the first open rupture between the Venetians and the Eastern empire, and the news created great alarm at Venice. The doge Vitale Michieli was sent to sea with a large fleet: he retook Trau, and, sailing into the Archipelago, seized upon the islands of Lesbos, Samos, and Chios, and attacked Euboea, the governor of which, in order to gain time, persuaded the doge to send ambassadors to Constantinople in treaty with the emperor himself. But while Manuel was purposely deferring the negotiations, the Venetian fleet in the Aegean sea was attacked by a pestilence, which common report attributed to the Byzantines having poisoned the springs when the crews went for water. At last the doge, having lost most of his men, returned home with only seventeen galleys, being obliged to abandon the others. Meantime Enrico Dandolo, who was afterwards destined to act a great part in the destinies of the Eastern empire, remained at Constantinople as envoy of Venice.

It seems that on the doge's return the pestilence spread from the fleet to the town of Venice, and the people threw all the blame upon the unlucky doge. However no proceedings were instituted against him; but one day, while he was out on some public ceremony, he was assassinated by a private hand near the church of St. Zacharias, A.D. 1172. This was the immediate cause of a great and lasting change in the Venetian government. The frequent popular tumults, the assassinations of many dogs, the summary mode of electing and deposing those magistrates by popular acclamation, and the disorders that accompanied these violent movements, made all those who had property (and in a thriving mercantile community like that of Venice they must have been a very numerous class) wish for a system of government that might ensure order and security. It was then in some manner or other agreed

upon by the principal citizens during the six months of interregnum which elapsed between the death of Michiel and the appointment of his successor, to effect an organic change in the constitution of the republic. A great council was in future to take the place of the tumultuary assemblies of the people. This council was to consist of 480, some say 470 citizens, to be renewed annually on the last day of September. This great council, which became the representative assembly of the Venetian people, was appointed not directly by the people, but by twelve electors, two for each of the *sestieri*, or districts of Venice; for the town, being now built on the cluster of islands round the Rialto, had assumed a compact form, and was divided into six districts. The members of the new council were chosen in equal numbers from each district. No more than four individuals of any one family could sit in the council together. It is not stated that the more distant islands scattered about the lagoons were represented; it would rather seem that they were not. How the first electors were themselves elected, whether by the tribunes or by the people, does not appear; but afterwards every year at the end of the session the council before separating appointed twelve electors, who proceeded to choose the members of the new council. The doge was by right president of the great council.

Another contemporary innovation was this: four more assessors or counsellors were added to the two who assisted the doge from the time of Flaminio. These six counsellors were chosen in the proportion of two for each *sestiere* or district of Venice: they constituted the 'minor council,' or Council of the Doge, which in after times, having undergone some alterations in its constitution and powers, was called 'La Signoria.' With the doge and his council originated all laws and ordinances, which were by them laid before the Great Council ('*Consiglio Maggiore*') for its acceptance or rejection. They also nominated the judges and other magistrates and officers of the administration, subject to the approval of the Great Council. It was also made imperative upon the doge and his council in cases of importance to call other citizens, '*Pregadi*,' to consult with them upon the matters to be proposed to the Great Council. Some time after however, in the first part of the thirteenth century, a permanent council of sixty was instituted, with the title of *Pregadi*, the members of which were appointed by the Great Council and renewed annually, and thus the faculty of the doge to solicit extemporaneous advisers was abolished. The council of the *Pregadi* became in course of time a most essential part of the Venetian state, and was by foreigners called the senate.

Lastly, the form of the election of the doge was also changed by the new constitution of 1172. The choice of a candidate had been till then vested in the council of the Tribunes, some say in an assembly of Seniors, which some have called, but it seems erroneously, the Council of Forty, and the chosen candidate was announced to the '*Concio*,' or general assembly of the citizens, who decided by acclamation. The election of the doge was now made to emanate from the Great Council in the following manner:—The Great Council chose twenty-four individuals, from among whom eleven were chosen by themselves, and these eleven proceeded to the church of St. Mark, and there in public elected the new doge by plurality of votes. The new doge was then presented to the people for their approbation, with the announcement, 'This is the doge elect, if you approve of him.' Some years after the number of electors was increased to forty, who were themselves chosen by four persons appointed by the Great Council. These forty must not be confounded with the judicial council of forty instituted afterwards.

Whether the new constitution, being thus framed, was laid before the assembly of the people and by them approved, is a matter of uncertainty, but it is supposed that some such formality took place. The Great Council being installed, the election of the new doge, after an interregnum of six months, took place. The choice fell upon Orin Malipiero, a citizen bearing an excellent private character, who however refused the dignity and pointed out to the electors Sebastiano Ziani, a wealthy and wise citizen. Ziani was elected amidst the acclamations of the people, A.D. 1173. He was carried in procession through the city seated on a throne, and introduced the custom, which was ever after observed at every new election, of throwing gold and silver among the populace. Ziani's

government was prosperous. This was the time of the contest between Frederic Barbarossa on one side, and Pope Alexander III. and the Lombard cities on the other. The Venetians took the part of the pope and defeated the fleet of Frederic. In the year 1177 Pope Alexander repaired to Venice with the deputies of the Lombard cities, and the envoys of the emperor and of William, king of Sicily, and there a truce was concluded which led to the general peace of Constance. In July of the same year the emperor Frederic himself repaired to Venice, and was reconciled with the pope in the church of St. Mark. The doge Ziani acted the part of a wise mediator in these transactions. It was then that the pope, in token of gratitude, is said to have presented the doge with a ring, saying, 'Take this as a pledge of authority over the sea, and marry her every year, you and your successors for ever, in order that all may know that she is under your jurisdiction, and that I have placed her under your dominion as a wife under the dominion of her husband.' From that time the doges annually wedded the Adriatic, by throwing a ring into it, a ceremony which may appear to us absurd, but which was both impressive and important in those ages.

The Venetian navy, together with that of Pisa, shared in the third Crusade, and reconquered Ptolemais. But the Venetians acted a much more important part in the fourth Crusade, A.D. 1203. The Crusaders assembled at Venice, and borrowed the vessels of the Venetians to carry them to the East, on condition that they should first assist in reducing Zara, which had again revolted against Venice. The doge Enrico Dandolo, who during his residence as envoy at Constantinople had been cruelly used and had his eyes seared out by the emperor Manuel, contrived, after the taking of Zara, to lead the Crusaders to an expedition against Constantinople, which ended with the overthrow of the Byzantine empire, of the territories of which the Venetians had one-third for their share, and Dandolo bore the title of despot of Romania. [BALDWIN I., EMPEROR.] The Venetians had the Peloponnesus, Euboea, Andros, Argina, Salamis, and other islands of the *Egean*, Sestos and Abydos on the *Dardanelles*, several towns of Thrace, the Ionian Islands, the coast of Epirus and Acarnania, and the province of Durazzo, and lastly, the important island of Crete. To all these new possessions Venice sent governors and magistrates, with the titles of *bailli*, *consiglieri*, and *emmeraglio*, chosen by the Great Council. Several Venetian families, as Sanudo, Pisani, &c., obtained the investiture of some of the islands of the Archipelago as fiefs of the republic.

Under the doge Pietro Ziani, who succeeded Dandolo, A.D. 1205-28, the first war between Venice and Genoa broke out, in consequence of the Genoese having assisted a petty Greek feudatory, styled count of Malen, in attacking the Venetian possession of Crete. The Venetians were obliged to employ a large force in the recovery of that important island. In order to strengthen their dominion of it, they sent thither a numerous colony of citizens chosen from the various *sestieri*, or districts of Venice, to whom lands were given in fief. A noble with the title of duke, assisted by counsellors, was appointed to administer the island, the internal government of which was constituted in imitation of that of the mother-country. Similar colonies were sent afterwards to the Ionian Islands, to Cyprus, and to Corin and Modon in the Morea. The Venetians and the Genoese, after some desultory fights at sea, made peace through the mediation of the pope, A.D. 1288, and it was agreed that both republics should keep a certain number of armed vessels at sea, bearing the flags of both nations, to repress piracy.

A disputed election after the death of Pietro Ziani, in which the electors, being equally divided between Renier Dandolo and Jacopo Tiepolo, were obliged to draw lots, when the chance fell upon Tiepolo, gave occasion to new devices which served to restrict the dual power. A board was instituted of five '*correttori*,' to be elected by the Great Council at every interregnum between the death of one doge and the election of another, whose duty it was to see that the regulations concerning the election of the new doge, and the form of the oath, or rather oaths, which he was to take at his installation, should be observed, and to suggest such modifications in the form of election as they thought expedient. Another board was appointed of three inquisitors, to inquire into the public conduct of every delinquent doge, whether he had exceeded his powers, or had

acted in any instance contrary to his oaths, or had favoured his relations at the expense of others, and the inquisitors had the power of fining the heirs of the doge or sequestrating his property.

On the death of Doge Tiepolo, A.D. 1248, a new form of election was proposed by the Corvettori and adopted by the Great Council. The form was very complicated, and it is difficult to explain it intelligibly. Out of thirty members drawn by lot from among those of the Great Council who had completed their thirtieth year, a second ballot drew out nine. These nine elected forty members likewise of the Great Council, every one of whom must have the votes of seven among the nine electors. Then out of the forty, twelve were drawn by lot, who elected twenty-five, who were reduced by lot to nine, and the nine elected forty-five members. The forty-five were reduced again by lot to eleven, who chose forty-one electors of the doge. These forty-one, being shut up in the town-palace without communication with any one, proceeded to the election. Twenty-five votes out of the forty-one were required to create a doge. The first doge so elected was Marino Murasini, A.D. 1249, and this form of election continued till the fall of the republic. It was also enacted that the doge should not marry any woman not a native of Venice, and that he should not correspond with or receive letters from any foreign prince or prelate, or from the pope or any foreign community, without the knowledge and participation of his council, A.D. 1266.

Two other laws of importance were also enacted about that time: 1st. That no native of Venice should serve a foreign power either in war or in peace. This law was rigorously observed until the latest times with regard to the patricians, who could not even quit the territory of the republic without permission, under severe penalties; but with regard to plebeians the law fell into disuse. The jealous spirit of the Venetian institutions was wholly directed against the patricians. No member of the aristocracy was allowed to form a matrimonial alliance with foreigners. Consequently we find in several instances that when a king of Hungary, or a king of Cyprus, or a grand-duke of Tuscany wished to marry a Venetian lady, the government assumed the paternal rights, adopted the intended bride as a daughter of the republic, and as such bestowed her on her royal suitor. The second law was that no Venetian should possess landed property on the continent of Italy. In course of time however, as the republic extended its territories on the mainland, it admitted the most powerful families of the conquered cities into the body of the patricians of Venice. These laws were introduced about 1275.

In 1254 war broke out again with Genoa. The quarrel originated in a private dispute between individuals of the two nations on the coast of Syria. The Venetians then attacked the Genoese in the harbour of Ptolemais, and burnt their vessels. The Genoese assisted Michael Palæologus to recover Constantinople from the Latins, and by so doing they shook the power and influence of Venice in the East. The Genoese obtained the possession of Smyrna and Pera, and other places. Several sea-fights took place, with various success, between the fleets of the two republics. In 1271 a truce was made, during which the Genoese attacked and destroyed the maritime power of Pisa. The Pisans had been allies of Venice in the former war. In 1294 the Venetians, who had been secretly preparing for the renewal of hostilities, attacked simultaneously the Genoese at Pera, in the Crimea, and in the Archipelago, and destroyed their factories. But the Genoese admiral Spinola defeated the Venetians in the gulf of Lazzaro, on the coast of Syria. A large fleet of 165 galleys, each carrying from 250 to 300 men, sailed from Genoa, and at the same time the Genoese sent a challenge to the doge of Venice, saying that they would meet the Venetian fleet half-way in the Sicilian sea. The Venetians however not choosing to answer the challenge, the Genoese returned home. In 1291 Lambro Doria sailed up the Adriatic with 78 galleys, and encountered at Curzola the Venetian fleet of 97 galleys under Andrea Dandolo, utterly defeated it, burnt 66 of the Venetian ships, and brought 18 to Genoa, with 7000 prisoners. The Venetian admiral, who was among the prisoners, killed himself on the way to Genoa by striking his head violently against a beam of the Genoese galleys. This defeat of Curzola, one of the heaviest the Venetians had yet sustained, caused great alarm at Venice.

At last, in 1290, peace was made on condition that the Venetians should be excluded from the Black Sea, and should not send armed vessels to the coast of Syria.

In the mean time another organic change had taken place in the constitution of Venice. After the death of Giovanni Dandolo, A.D. 1280, it appears that serious disturbances took place about the election of his successor, and a party, in which were many powerful men, resorted to the former popular method of election by acclamation, and proclaimed Giacomo Tiepolo as the new doge. But the older members of the council, disregarding this tumultuous outbreak, proceeded calmly to elect a doge according to the recently introduced complicated process. Tiepolo, alarmed at the danger of a civil war, and probably also at his own personal risk, renounced all claims to the ducal throne, and fled by night into voluntary exile. The choice of the electors fell upon Pietro Gradenigo, a man of ancient family, in the prime of life, and of undaunted firmness and high military reputation. The announcement of his name was made to the people by one of the electors from a window of the ducal palace, with the usual form, 'The Doge Gradenigo is elected; if you approve of him—' but without waiting for any signs of approbation from the multitude below, the elector withdrew, and Gradenigo was installed. Several years after the Council of Forty, at the suggestion of Gradenigo himself, proposed a decree, to the purpose that the names of all those who had sat in the Great Council in the last four years should be laid before the Council of Forty, which was to choose those whom it thought proper of being admitted into the Great Council at its renewal; twelve votes out of the forty to be sufficient to secure the election. A certain number of seats, determined by the doge and his council, were filled in the following manner:—Three electors had the faculty of proposing candidates among those who had not the requisite qualification of having sat in the council during the four previous years, 'de aliis qui non fuerint de majori consilio,' but some of whose paternal ancestors had formerly held a seat in the legislature. The candidate so proposed by the electors, if he were approved by twelve out of the forty, took his seat in the Great Council. This resolution, having passed the Great Council, became law, and is become a marked epoch in Venetian history by the name of 'La Serrata del maggior Consiglio,' the shutting up of the Great Council. It appears that those who were elected according to this new process in the year 1297, were re-elected the next, without any new members being admitted. But in course of time the electors having widened the door, by proposing candidates belonging to families who had not previously participated in the offices of the republic, several decrees were passed excluding all 'new men,' a phrase then introduced for the first time in Venetian history, meaning those whose paternal progenitors, during the previous century, had not sat in the legislature. Still they were not irrevocably excluded; but the eligibility of a new man was made a favour, to be obtained by a public decree, in consequence of conspicuous services rendered to the republic. This indulgence was sparingly used, except on some great public emergency, such as the wars of Chioggia, Candia, &c., when new families were thus admitted among the hereditary legislators. Successive decrees of 1307, 1310, and 1315 required a candidate of this class to be proposed by five councillors of the Minor Council, approved by thirty out of the Forty, and then to obtain two-thirds of the votes in the Great Council.

Two conspiracies were formed with the view of subverting the new constitution: one, at the head of which was Marino Bosconio, a plebeian, was easily put down, and Bosconio and some of his companions were put to death. The second conspiracy was more serious, having at its head several men of old families, the brothers Marco and Piero Querini, Boncondonio or Baisamonte Tiepolo, Mare's son-in-law, and several of the family of Badoero. The two Querini were labouring under penalties or disabilities in consequence of official misconduct, and Tiepolo was a relative of Giacomo, who had been obliged to renounce the office of doge. They were all irritated against Gradenigo and the other leaders of the late organic change, because, although they themselves belonged to the aristocracy, yet by the new laws many families inferior to theirs were placed on a footing of equality with them, as hereditary members of the legislature. These aristocratic leaders were joined by many plebeians, discontented with the recent changes

by which they were excluded from the Great Council. Having assembled in considerable numbers in the night of the 15th October, 1300, they sallied out from the Rialto towards the square of St. Mark. The doge Gradenigo, having collected some friends and armed men in haste, encountered Marco Querini, who had just entered the square, and killed him with his own hand; and Marco Giustiniani killed Bernardo Querini, the son of Marco. The doge and his friends, who were joined by many of the people, then turned against Tiepolo, who was coming up a narrow street with another band of followers, but was on his way saluted by the inhabitants of the adjoining houses with a shower of stones, tiles, and other missiles: Tiepolo, finding his progress stopped by a host of enemies, retraced his steps to the Rialto, where his friends dispersed and he ran away. The story of his being killed by a flower-pot let fall by an old woman is not mentioned by Sandi, Muratori, and other historians, who say that he escaped, retired to Treviso, and was afterwards put to death. Several other leaders were seized and executed at Venice. The tumult being quieted, a commission of ten members was appointed by the Great Council, for two months, to inquire into the ramifications of the late conspiracy, and to try the guilty. At the expiration of the two months the commission was continued for two months longer, and so on till January, 1311, when it was confirmed for five years as a supreme court for offences against the state, and it was afterwards perpetuated till the last period of the republic by the name of the Council of Ten. The members were renewed yearly by the Great Council. The council took cognizance of the crimes of treason and sedition, of the murders of patricians, of malversation committed by magistrates and other officers under the republic, of the crime of coining, and of grave offences against morality or religion. Its principal business was to watch the conduct of the patricians. Its proceedings were secret, and its sentences were executed in secret. Two members of the Council of Ten, and a counsellor of the Signoria, or executive, renewed annually, under the title of State Inquisitors, exercised the secret police of the state, ordered arrests, and reported to the Council of Ten.

In 1315 a book was opened by the name of Libro d'Oro, or the golden book, which was kept in the custody of the Council of Forty, and in which all those who were entitled by the preceding decrees to be candidates for seats in the Great Council were to have their names inscribed by the secretaries, as soon as they attained the age of eighteen. This book became the register of the whole class of the patricians or nobles of Venice, who alone constituted the political body. Their claims were severely scanned before being inscribed in the golden book. They were not however admitted to vote in the Council until they were twenty-five years of age. By a subsequent decree of 1319 the office of the electors was abolished, no more elections of new men being allowed; all those whose names were inscribed on the book were declared, they and their legitimate male descendants, to be 'de jure' members of the Great Council as soon as they had completed their twenty-fifth year. The number of such is said to have been at that period about 4000; about two centuries later, when the Florentine Giannotti wrote his dialogues 'Della Repubblica e Magistrati di Venezia,' the number of individuals qualified to sit in the Great Council was reduced to about 3000 in consequence of many families having become extinct in the interval. From out of this number the Great Council chose the members of all the other councils and boards of administration, political and judicial, the magistrates sent to govern the subject provinces, the ambassadors to foreign courts, and all other officers of importance under the state. The subordinate officers of the republic, as those of secretaries to the chancellors of the various councils and tribunals, consuls, and residents abroad, were filled by natives of the city of Venice, who, though not qualified to sit in the Great Council, belonged to some of the liberal professions, or to the higher trades, such as are now styled the middle classes. Situations in the church were also filled mostly by citizens.

Having brought this sketch of the internal history of Venice down to the complete establishment of its aristocratic constitution at the beginning of the fourteenth century, which underwent no essential variation till the fall of the republic, we can only now register the dates of some of the principal events of its general history.

A.D. 1308. Conquest of Treviso, the first town on the Italian mainland occupied by the Venetians, and formally ceded to them by Mastino della Scala, Lord of Verona.

1346. First symptoms of the third war with Genoa; mutual attacks upon each other's vessels in the Archipelago. The Byzantine emperor, offended at the overbearing conduct of the Genoese settlers in his own suburb of Galata, made an alliance with the Venetians. The Genoese under Filippo Doria assailed Negroponte, and plundered the town, and burnt it. The Venetians made an alliance with Peter of Aragon, who sent upon his ships manned by Catalonian sailors, and the united force sailed into the Sea of Marmara, where it was joined by the Byzantine ships. The Genoese under Paganio Doria gained a victory, though dearly purchased. In the following year, 1353, the Venetians and Catalonians, having recruited their forces under Niccolò Pisani, met the Genoese fleet off the coast of Sardinia, and completely defeated it. The Genoese admiral Grimaldi escaped with 19 galleys. It is said that the victors purposely scuttled and sank a number of Genoese galleys with all their crews. In 1354 Paganio Doria with 34 galleys, sailed into the Adriatic, plundered the town of Parenzo in Istria, spread alarm within the Lagoons of Venice, then sailing to the Morea met his old antagonist Pisani, and defeated him, taking almost all his ships, and 5000 prisoners, among them Pisani himself, with whom Doria returned to Genoa, dragging behind his admiral-ship the great standard of St. Mark. The following year, 1353, peace was made, the Venetians paying the expenses of the war, their vessels being excluded from the ports of the Black Sea, with the exception of Theodosia, where they were allowed to have a factory.

1355. Conspiracy of the doge Marino Feliero, who out of revenge for a private insult engaged a number of desperate persons and men of the lower orders to revolt and kill all the patricians. The conspiracy being discovered, sixteen of the leaders were hung, and the doge was beheaded.

1376. Beginning of the fourth war with Genoa. It was a deadly struggle between the two rival republics, and Venice was ill-prepared for it. She was surrounded by enemies; Francesco di Carrara, lord of Padua, and the king of Hungary, had resolved her ruin. The king of Hungary had seized upon Delmatia. The Della Scala of Verona, the city of Ancona, the patriarch of Aquileia, were also among the enemies of Venice. The Venetians had for their ally Bernabò Visconti.

1379. Naval fight near Pola, on the coast of Istria, between the Genoese admiral Luciano Doria, and the Venetians commanded by Vettor Pisani, who was obliged to give battle by the importance of his subalterns, against his better judgment. The Venetians were completely defeated, and Pisani on his return to Venice was put in prison. The Genoese admiral having been killed in the fight, his brother Pietro Doria was sent from Genoa to replace him: with the victorious fleet he sailed for Venice, burnt Pelestrina, and took Chioggia by storm. The Lagoons lay open before him. The Venetians in extreme alarm sent envoys to Doria, who told them insultingly that he should not grant them peace until he had put bridges on their brass horses which stood on the square of St. Mark. Despair saved Venice. Ships were equipped, and everybody, even the women, assisted in the preparations for defence. The sailors called loudly for Vettor Pisani, who was released and intrusted with supreme command. The Genoese attempted to sail up near to Venice; they could already distinguish the people on the quays, but their ships drew too much water, and their pilots were not acquainted with the soundings of the lagoons, while the Venetians with their light barks hovered around them, and attacked them at every favourable opportunity. They also employed for the first time 'bombarde,' a kind of mortars or howitzers, which did great execution among the assailants. The Genoese withdrew to Chioggia, and contented themselves with blockading Venice in concert with the troops of Carrara. The Venetians, being in danger of famine, resolved to recover Chioggia. The doge Contarini, an old man eighty years of age, led the attack at the head of the troops. At this moment the admiral Carlo Zeno returned from the Levant with a large booty taken from the Genoese. He and Pisani sank one night some large ships filled with stores at the

mouth of the harbour of Chioggia, and the Genoese squadron found itself hemmed in. The Venetians besieged Chioggia by sea and by land. Pietro Doria was killed in fighting, and at last the Genoese were obliged to surrender. Four thousand of them were taken prisoners to Venice, A.D. 1380. In the following year peace was concluded between the two republics at Turin, by the mediation of Amalieu VI., duke of Savoy. Fifteen hundred Genoese prisoners were released, the rest having died in the prisons of Venice, and the Venetian Indies clothed them and provided them with money to return home. Thirty plebeian families among those who had rendered eminent services in the late war were inscribed in the golden book among the patricians of Venice. This example was afterwards imitated on other occasions, especially during the Turkish wars.

1386. The Venetians obtained permanent possession of the island of Corfu, by a convention with the inhabitants, who had some time before driven away the Neapolitan garrison. Soon after Argos and Napoli di Romania were given up to Venice by the widow of Pietro Cornaro, the former lord of those towns.

1392. The republic, together with the marquises of Ferrara and Mantua, assisted Francesco II. da Carrara, called Novello, son of old Francesco the inveterate enemy of Venice, to recover possession of Padua, of which he had been deprived by Gian Galeazzo Visconti, duke of Milan. Francesco Novello afterwards repaired to Venice, when he swore perpetual friendship to the republic, and was inscribed among the nobility.

1404. After the death of Gian Galeazzo Visconti, whose ambition had alarmed all Italy, his dominions were attacked by his neighbours; Francesco Novello seized upon Verona in the name of Guglielmo della Scala, the heir of the former lords of Verona, whom he soon after put to death, and imprisoned his sons, remaining himself in possession of the town. He next attacked Vicenza, which also was in possession of the Visconti. The dowager duchess Catherine Visconti, unable to resist, made over to the Venetians her rights upon Vicenza, the citizens of which sent legates to Venice with the town keys. The republic then sent a herald to Carrara requesting him to abstain from molesting a town subject to Venice. Francesco replied by advising the Venetians to content themselves with fishing in their lagoons, and he had the ears and nose of the herald cut off. Venice declared war against Carrara. In 1405 the troops of Venice, commanded by Francesco Gonzaga and the Provveditore Emo, laid siege to Verona, the citizens of which by a capitulation gave themselves to Venice, retaining their municipal privileges and franchises. Belluno and Feltre, likewise forsaken by the duchess Visconti amidst the wreck of her late husband's possessions, gave themselves up to Venice. Lastly, in November, 1405, the important city of Padua was taken by the Venetian forces. Francesco da Carrara with one of his sons escaped to the citadel, which he surrendered to Galeazzo da Mantua on promise of being leniently treated. Galeazzo gave a safe-conduct to the envoys whom Francesco sent to Venice, but they could not obtain an audience of the doge. At last Francesco went himself in November, 1406, was admitted to the presence of the doge Steno and the Signoria or Council, who reproached him with his ingratitude towards the republic. Francesco and his son and namesake were sent to prison, where they found the other son Jacopo, who had been taken prisoner at Verona. After some deliberation the Council of Ten passed sentence of death on them all. On the 17th of January, 1406, Francesco Novello was strangled in prison, and two days after his two sons were likewise put to death.

1412-20. After a long war and internal factions in the province of Friuli, between the Hungarians, the Patriarch of Aquileia, and the citizens of Udine, some of whom asked for the assistance of the Venetians, the town of Udine surrendered to Venice, and the rest of the province followed its example. Thus in the course of a few years Venice established her dominion over a large part of North Italy, from the Julian Alps to the Adige and the Minio. These were afterwards styled 'the old Venetian Terra-Ferme.' With regard to the character of the Venetian administration in those fine provinces, we will quote, not the Venetian historians, but a modern writer who is generally far from friendly to the Venetian aristocracy. 'The

people of Venice were deprived, almost as much as those of Milan, of all participation in political power. Their suffrages were never demanded; their voice was never heard; they never thought even of questioning the wisdom of their government. But the senate, far wiser in its administration than the tyrants of Lombardy, never allowed its subjects to bear any other burthens than those imposed by itself, and those were always moderate, always equally distributed in a spirit of justice. All that the Venetians paid to the state was employed scrupulously and with economy, either for the common defence or the ornament of their country. . . . The provinces of Terra Ferma were secured from the vexations of the soldier, and as much as possible from the invasion of the enemy. Forgetting all pretensions to independence, the people of those provinces found themselves happy by comparison with their neighbours. The peasantry in particular were ready to give their lives for St. Mark—it was thus that they always designated the state.' (Sismondi, *Italian Republics*, in the 'Cabinet Cyclopaedia,' ch. x.)

The administration of the doge Tommaso Mocenigo, 1413-23, was perhaps the most prosperous period in the history of Venice. The republic possessed Candia, Euboea, the Morea, several of the Ionian islands, numerous islands in the Archipelago; Dalmatia and part of Albania; Istria and the newly-acquired Terra Ferma. It had factories all over the Levant, in Egypt, at Constantinople, and carried on the greatest part of the traffic between Europe and Asia. The statistical reports (for the science, though not the name, existed already at Venice) laid before the Senate by the doge Mocenigo in 1420-21, are a striking evidence of this prosperity. He stated the quantity and quality of the manufactures exported from Venice, of the cotton, spices, dyes, and other articles imported to Venice from the East; the sums of money that were annually remitted to Venice from Milan, Florence, and other places; the value of houses in Venice; the number of sailors and soldiers, and of merchant-vessels. He also stated the number of individuals qualified to command fleets, the number of eminent statesmen; and lastly, those who were qualified for the office of doge. On his death-bed, he called the principal senators to him, and said, 'I leave the country in peace and prosperity; our merchants have a capital of ten millions of golden ducats in circulation, upon which they make an annual profit of four millions. I have reduced the public debt by four millions of ducats. We have forty-five galleys, and 300 other ships of war; 3000 merchant-vessels, 52,000 sailors, a thousand nobles, with incomes varying from 700 to 4000 ducats each; eight naval officers fit to command a large fleet, 100 others fit to command smaller squadrons; many statesmen, jurists, counsellors, and other wise men. One thing only gives me uneasiness. You are about to choose a new doge; you have several men wise, and prudent, and fit for the office; but if you choose Francesco Foscarei, you will have war very shortly, and your fortunes and the fortune of the state will suffer by it.'

1424. Francesco Foscarei was elected, and war broke out with Filippo Maria Visconti, duke of Milan, which was carried on by mercenary troops, and cost Venice seven millions of ducats. (CARMIGNOLA, FRANCESCO BRUSONEXI.) One result of this war was the acquisition by Venice of the three provinces of Brescia, Bergamo, and Crema, by which the territory of the republic became extended to the Adda, and which were styled in administrative language the provinces 'Oltre Minio,' beyond the Minio in relation to Venice. The policy of this increase has been questioned, as it drew Venice deeper into the vortex of Italian politics. It led soon after to a war with Francesco Sforza, who made himself duke of Milan. Foscarei was doge for thirty-four years: he was ambitious and hot-headed, and had many enemies. His son Jacopo Foscarei was accused of treasonable practices, was tortured, and banished to Candia; after some years he entreated to be allowed to return to Venice, and being refused, he be thought himself of the expedient of appearing guiltily again. He wrote to the duke of Milan to intercede for him, which was treason in a Venetian noble. The letter was intercepted and taken to the Council of Ten. Foscarei was brought back to Venice, and although he declared his object in writing the letter, he was again put to the torture, and then sent back to Candia. Shortly after, in October, 1457, his father Francesco Foscarei was deposed,

on the ground of age and incapacity. The old man died broken-hearted at hearing the bell of St. Mark toll for the inauguration of his successor.

1453-78. Wars, interrupted by truces, between Venice and Sultan Mohammed II. The Venetians lost Euboea and Lemnos, and part of the Morea. The Turks overran Friuli as far as Udine, but retired. The Venetian general Mocenigo landed in Asia Minor, to act in concert with the Persians under Husam Cassan, but the Persians were defeated by the Turks. Mohammed conquered Albania, and took Scutari from the Venetians. Peace was made with the Turks in 1478, the Venetians obtaining permission to trade in the Black Sea and to keep a bulio, or envoy, permanently at Constantinople.

1489. Venice makes the acquisition of the island of Cyprus, by a donation of Catherine, widow of the late king James, who was herself a Venetian of the house of Comaro. A colony of 100 Venetian nobles was sent to Cyprus, with a lieutenant-general, councillors, and a chancellor appointed by Venice. Cyprus, Candia, and the Morea were styled kingdoms subject to Venice, and their standards waved for many years on three lofty staffs hoisted in the square of St. Mark.

1508-16. War of the league of Cambrai against Venice. Pope Julius II. required the Venetians to give up Ravenna, Cervia, Faenza, Rimini, and other places of the Romagna, which they had taken possession of at various periods during the preceding century, by purchase or conquest. The Venetians offered to pay allegiance to the See of Rome as feudatories of those places, but Julius required unconditional restitution. Upon this the pope, Louis XII. of France, Ferdinand of Spain, and Maximilian I. of Austria formed a league to spoil the Venetians of all their continental territories. The French defeated the Venetian army under Alviano at Agnadello; the Germans came from the north, and the whole Venetian Terra Firma was overrun, pillaged, and treated in the most atrocious manner. The troops of the republic had withdrawn to Mestre on the border of the lagoons. Suddenly Pope Julius conceived a dislike for his allies; he wished to clear Italy of all foreigners, and having re-conquered the Romagna, he entered into negotiations with Venice. [JULIUS II.] This saved the republic from destruction, though it was greatly weakened by the losses it sustained during the rest of the war. Ultimately the peace of Noyon between Charles V. and Francis I. restored peace to Italy for a while, and Venice recovered its continental dominions, with the exception of the Romagna. From that time the Venetians endeavoured to steer clear as much as possible of the subsequent wars that took place in Italy between the French, Spaniards, and Germans. At the same time they seemed to draw more closely their relations with the house of Austria with respect to their common enemy the Ottomans.

1537-40. A new Turkish war, in which the Venetians lost Neuplia and their other remaining strongholds in the Morea, and all the islands of the Archipelago, Candia excepted.

1570-74. War of Cyprus, in which Venice lost that island. [CYPRUS.]

1618. Conspiracy of the marquis of Bedmar, Spanish ambassador at Venice, against the republic. Venice had long since drawn upon itself the hatred of Spain, because it stood in the way of the ambitious views of that court, because it was the constant policy of the senate to preserve, as much as it lay in their power, a balance in Europe, by drawing nearer to France, by keeping up a good understanding with the other republics, the Dutch, the Grisons, and the Swiss, and by supporting the duke of Savoy against Spain. The Spanish viceroy of Naples and the Spanish governor of Milan encouraged Bedmar to strike the blow. He engaged several desperate adventurers, chiefly foreign mercenaries in the service of Venice, besides a number of artisans and other men of low condition, who were to set fire to the arsenal and other public buildings, and massacre the doge, senators, and nobles, and give up the city to indiscriminate plunder. A Spanish squadron which had sailed from the ports of Sicily entered the Adriatic to be ready. The day of the Ascension, on the occasion of the great solemnity of the doge's wedding the sea, was fixed for the attempt. One of the conspirators however turned informer; the others were seized, tried, and hanged, and their bodies exposed in the square

of St. Mark. The particulars of the trials were, as customary in matters of state, kept a profound secret: the Spanish ambassador was escorted in safety out of Venice. He published, or caused to be published, a political treatise in which he, a minister of despotism and ultra-Catholic Spain, speaks of the Venetian people as oppressed by an oligarchy, which he calls irreligious, because the clergy was subject to the civil power, and he foretells the fall of the republic as imminent. It lasted however about two centuries longer. This book, which made great noise at the time, is entitled 'Squittino della libertà Veneta.'

1645-69. War of Candia, in which the Venetians, under a succession of able commanders, displayed uncommon gallantry, ability, and perseverance. The island at last fell into the hands of the Turks. The capital surrendered by capitulation. Its senate, the reflected image of that of the parent state, returned into the Great Council of Venice, from which it had emanated. [CANDIA.]

1684-99. A new war between Venice and the Porte. The Venetians, under the gallant Francesco Morosini, who had served in the war of Candia, reconquered the Morea and Algina, besides several places in Dalmatia, which were secured to Venice by the treaty of Carlowitz. [MOROSINI.]

1714-18. The Turks again invaded the Morea and conquered it, and Venice renounced its claims to it by the treaty of Passarowitz, in June, 1718. This was the last war between Venice and the Porte. Venice obtained during the whole of the eighteenth century from taking any part in the wars which disturbed Italy. But during this long period of peace she was hastening to decay; her former spirit was dead, her commerce had passed into other hands, many of the nobles had become selfish and licentious, the majority of them were poor and mercenary. The state inquiry had greatly relaxed from its former vigilance. The soundest part of the population was among the lower orders, who were still enthusiastically attached to St. Mark, which with them was synonymous with the republic. We do not quote from any panegyrist of Venice, but from a contemporary writer profoundly and hereditarily hostile to the Venetian aristocracy: 'Social life at Venice was smooth and easy. Things were so ordained that the people were caressed, and all sorts of amusements encouraged. "Semo a Venezia" was the common expression to denote the perfect liberty in which any one might indulge. Commerce was protected; the nobles mixed familiarly with all classes of people, every patrician house having a certain number of persons dependent upon its interest and good offices with the government; this connection of patrons and clients maintained a spirit of mutual good feeling between the various classes; the yoke was thus adorned with flowers, and was rendered less irksome through the long habit of wearing it; its antiquity made it appear venerable. There was no other political constitution in Europe older or better supported by glorious reminiscences and a long course of prosperity. The citizen of Venice, respected and well treated wherever he went, willingly forgave his many sovereigns their aristocratic laws; the aspect of his own thriving country, the activity of commerce, opulence and ease, and pleasure were to him a sufficient compensation for political dependence.' (Dandolo, *Lettere all'Europeo*, 1827.)

The only danger for a person at Venice was that of speaking about internal politics, for the politics of other countries might be freely canvassed; but the people were so accustomed to receive, that any indiscretion was seldom committed. 'De Deo parum, de Principe nihil,' was an old proverb characteristic of Venice. By the word 'prince' the government was meant. The knowledge that there were inquisitors of state who, through their numerous spies, were supposed to be omnipresent, was sufficient to restrain all tongues, and maintain order and respect for the existing institutions. 'Whilst in all other great Italian cities, in all popular festivals or large assemblies, a large attendance of police or military was considered indispensable for the public tranquillity and security, at Venice, a few years before the fall of the republic, only four servants of the inquisitors, with their black staffs in hand, were sufficient to restrain the immense multitude which thronged the square of St. Mark and the adjacent streets and avenues on the day when the government gave a splendid festival and bull-fight in honour of the grand-duke Paul of Russia and his wife, who were travelling in Italy under an assumed name.' (*Ibid.*)

In 1789 the population of the territories of the Venetian republic was as follows: city of Venice, 133,035 inhabitants; the Dogado, or metropolitan province, 100,042; province of Brescia, 288,658; Salò, 41,918; Bergamo, 215,191; Crema, 40,533; Verona, 226,172; Vicenza, 221,186; Padova, 273,371; Pallesine di Ravigo, 63,330; Marca Trevisana, 363,219; Palma, 3721; Patria del Friuli, 325,063; Cividale del Friuli, 30,176; Istria, 92,016; Pinguente, 7367; Dalmatia and possessions on the coast of Albania, 259,966; Isole del Levante, or Ionian Islands, 144,659; Jews scattered on various points, 3237; total, 2,544,212. (Quadri, *Prospetto Statistico delle Provincie Venete*.)

The public revenue was estimated at about nine millions of ducats, or about two millions sterling. The military consisted of 6000 regulars, besides 18,000 Slavonians and Dalmatians, and about 30,000 militia of the Italian provinces. There were twelve ships of the line, besides about fifty galleys and smaller vessels. (*Raccolta Cronologica di Documenti inediti che formano la Storia della Rivoluzione e Caduta della Repubblica di Venezia*.)

When the French revolutionary armies began to threaten Italy on the side of Piedmont, the Venetian government was invited by the emperor of Germany and his allies to join the coalition against France. The question was debated in the Senate, or Council of Pregadi. Francesco Pesaro, one of the most distinguished members of that assembly, spoke to the effect of maintaining the accustomed system of neutrality which the republic had followed for a century past in all continental wars, but he insisted upon its being an armed neutrality in order to make the territories of the republic respected by both the belligerent powers. He advised to call out the 'cerude, or Italian militia, to equip the navy, and to send a body of Slavonian troops to guard the provinces of Terra Firma. The senator Viallascio, one of the 'Savi,' or Elders, spoke in favour of pure and simple neutrality without any warlike preparations. His advice was adopted almost unanimously, and it proved the ruin of Venice. The republic continued to keep its ambassador at Paris, and the French *Comité de Lille*, brother of the late Louis XVI., had fixed his residence at Verona, and had assumed the title of Louis XVIII. The French Directory, in March, 1796, requested his expulsion from the Venetian states, and the Senate submitting to this request, Louis was obliged to quit Verona after writing an indignant protest against this inhospitable treatment. Shortly after Bonaparte penetrated into Piedmont, and invaded the Milanese and Mantuan territories belonging to Austria. The frontier towns of the Venetian states, Bergamo, Brescia, Crema, Peschiera, and Legnago, were left by the neglect of the Venetian government in a defenceless state. This circumstance however requires explanation. There was at Venice a board of six patricians, elected by the Great Council, and called *Savi del Consiglio di Pregadi*, for they had seats in the Senate, whose business it was to receive all dispatches from the foreign ministers at Venice or from the Venetian ministers abroad, as well as the secret communications of the State Inquirers on affairs of state, and after having examined them, and written their own opinion on the contents, to lay them, if they thought them of sufficient importance, before the Senate for its final decision. The board of the *Savi* was in fact a council of ministers. Now at the epoch of the French invasion of Italy, and for some time previous to it, numerous important dispatches were received by the *Savi* and never communicated to the Senate, which was thus kept ignorant of the dangers that threatened the state. A file of more than one hundred despatches, besides private communications from the state inquirers, was afterwards found in the secret archives, labelled 'Filze di comunicate non lette in Senato,' most of which are textually given in the work '*Raccolta di documenti inediti, che formano la Storia diplomatica della rivoluzione e caduta della Repubblica di Venezia*,' 2 vols. 4to., Florence, 1800, a work quoted by Darn and the other contemporary historians. The reasons for this strange conduct of the 'Savi' may have been various: one was evidently the wish to preserve their favourite system of unarmoured neutrality; but another is plainly hinted at with regard to some of them at least, and that is disaffection towards the state—for there is no doubt that several influential patricians were seized

with the prevalent revolutionary ideas of the time, and belonged to secret societies which corresponded with the clubs of France, Milan, and other places. Some of them threw off the mask after the fall of the aristocratic government, and publicly wrote and spoke in favour of democracy.

Bonaparte entered Milan on the 14th of May, 1796: the Austrian forces retired towards Mantua. The French took the parallel road through the Venetian states by Brescia to the banks of the lake of Garda, in order to cut off the communications of the Austrian retreating army with the Tyrol. The Austrians, having thrown a sufficient garrison into Mantua, took possession of Peschiera, a Venetian fortress at the southern extremity of the lake of Garda, to secure their retreat to the Tyrol. The French, who had already violated the neutrality of Venice by entering Brescia, made much noise about the Austrians occupying Peschiera; and as this was the ground of their future hostile conduct towards Venice, some explanation is required.

Austria having become possessed of the duchies of Milan and Mantua at the beginning of the eighteenth century, it was agreed by Venice, whose territory was interposed between the Milanese and the other Austrian dominions, that the Austrian troops should be allowed to pass to and from Milan through the Venetian territory by the shortest road, without entering any of the fortified towns, taking any military position, or constructing defences on the said territory. The road generally taken by the Austrian troops was that of the Tyrol and along the shores of the lake of Garda to Mantua. When Beaulieu, in May, 1796, was driven from the banks of the Adige by Bonaparte, he retired through the Venetian territory towards the Mincio for the defence of Mantua. Bonaparte followed him and entered Brescia, a walled city belonging to Venice, where he quartered a division of his army. He thence issued a proclamation, dated May 20th, stating that in passing through the Venetian states he would pay all due regard to the friendship existing between that ancient republic and France, that he would pay cash for everything supplied to his soldiers, &c. Beaulieu, hearing of the occupation of Brescia by the French, gave orders to one of his officers to occupy Peschiera, a fortified town of the Venetians, in order to protect his communications with the Tyrol. Peschiera was only garrisoned by a few Venetian invalids, and its guns were mostly without carriages. The officer commanding it had represented the defenceless condition of the place, but the Provveditore Foscari had neglected the warning. A few days after, Beaulieu being defeated at Borghetto by the French, retired into the Tyrol, and the Austrian force which had occupied Peschiera evacuated it to join the main body. The French then entered Peschiera and garrisoned it. Bonaparte said that the Venetian government ought to have garrisoned Peschiera so as to prevent the Austrians entering it; and he seized this as a favourable opportunity of frightening the Venetian senate into submission to his dictates. He was writing at the same time to the Directory the real truth of the case, namely, that Peschiera was destitute of defence when the Austrians entered it by a stratagem. 'If your object,' he added, 'is to draw five or six millions from Venice, you have now a fair pretence for a rupture. You can ask the money as an indemnity for the battle of Borghetto, which I fought in consequence of the taking of Peschiera. If you have further views respecting Venice, we may protest this subject of recrimination until more favourable opportunities; we must not quarrel with everybody at once.' (Bonaparte's *Correspondence—Letter of the 7th of June, 1796*.)

The Provveditore Foscari, whom the Senate had sent to Verona as captain-general, came to Bonaparte's headquarters to justify himself about the business of Peschiera. Bonaparte received him very ill, spoke of revenge against Venice, brought forth the old charge of its having given an asylum to the Pretender (Louis XVIII.), and at last concluded by demanding imperiously to be allowed ingress into the fortified town of Verona the next day, where he intended to leave a garrison till the end of the campaign. If refused, he would storm the place. This conversation took place on the 31st of May, two days after the date of his proclamation from Brescia, in which he professed a friendly regard for Venice. Foscari, not having time to receive instructions from Venice how to

act, and knowing the Senate's wish to avoid hostilities, consented, and the French on the 1st of June entered Verona. They afterwards entered Legnago, Bergamo, Crema, and any other Venetian town, whether fortified or not, which suited their purpose, demanding at the same time provisions, carts, horses, &c. They left the civil government however in the hands of the Venetian authorities. After this all scruples about neutrality were at an end, and both Austrians and French entered the territories and towns of the republic whenever and wherever they pleased. The campaigns of Bonaparte against Wurmer and Alvinzi were carried on chiefly on the Venetian territory.

The French troops lived upon and at the expense of the Venetian States for nearly a twelvemonth, and the waste which they made was much greater than the actual consumption of necessities. The districts near the Adige and the beautiful shores of the lake of Garda suffered the most. The remonstrances of the senate to Bonaparte and the Directory produced no effect. Bonaparte alleged the exigencies of war, and one of the Directors, Rewbell, gravely complained to the ambassador, Querini, that the Venetians did not like the French. Bonaparte affected to disbelieve altogether the reports of outrages committed by his soldiers, which were communicated to him by the Venetian Provveditore in December, 1796, and yet on the 3rd of October preceding he had ordered his chief of the staff to place patrols on the road from Verona to Bassano, 'in order to stop the excesses committed by the French military, who plunder or devastate the country.' But in October he wanted to conciliate the Venetian senate, as Alvinzi was upon the point of advancing; and in December he had defeated Alvinzi, and his tone towards the senate changed. At the end of December General Barmagazy d'Hilliers, by order of Bonaparte, surprised the castle of Bergamo and drove the Venetian garrison away. The commandant of Peschiera did the same, and arrested the Venetian governor. In March, 1797, a revolt broke out in Bergamo and Brescia against the Venetian authorities, and the French commandant at Bergamo openly took the part of the insurgents, stopped and opened the despatches of the Venetian Podesta, and then arrested that officer and sent him out of the town. The insurgents were joined by a number of Milanese, Poles, &c., and they threw off the allegiance of Venice, and pulled down the flag and other emblems of the republic. At Crema the same thing was done by a body of French troops who had asked leave to pass through that town. The senate on hearing this news, asked the French minister at Venice for explanations of this strange conduct, and the minister answered that he knew nothing of the matter. The senate then dispatched two nobles to Bonaparte, who was then at Gorizia in pursuit of the archduke Charles. Bonaparte told them that he should not interfere between the senate and its revolted subjects, that the senate might take such measures as it thought proper, provided it respected the French garrisons which had possession of the castles of Bergamo and Brescia, and he ended by proposing an alliance between Venice and France, on which condition he would help them to put down the insurgents. This however was declined by the Venetian envoys. Bonaparte has denied having had anything to do with revolt in the Venetian states (Bonaparte's *Memoirs*), observing that he had too much tact to excite tumults in his rear whilst he was advancing into the Austrian hereditary states. But he had given the impulse before; he had manifested on many occasions a hostile spirit towards Venice, and the officers who remained in Lombardy were not so cautious as himself. It is well known that for months before these events both the Directory and Bonaparte had foreseen the expediency of giving the emperor at the peace a compensation out of the Venetian territory. Had the senate accepted the alliance of France, and thus put itself in hostility towards Austria, it would perhaps only have facilitated the views of the Directory, as Austria would have felt less scruple in sharing the spoils of an enemy. The senate was as much afraid of Austria as of France.

The revolutionists of Brescia and Bergamo threatened the other provinces which remained in obedience to the senate, and especially the Veronese. The senate sent troops to Verona to defend that important city. The country-people in the neighbourhood were armed and placed under the command of Count Emilj. The peasantry of the other provinces followed the example, and attacked the revolu-

tionists of Bergamo and Brescia in several places, especially at Salò, where they beat them, and made many prisoners, including a detachment of Poles in the French service, who had fought on the side of the revolutionists. At the same time the peasantry in some districts, being excited against the revolutionists and the French, killed several of the latter who were marching in small parties through the country. Bonaparte hearing this, and having now signed the armistice with the Austrians, in which the question of compensation to the emperor out of the Venetian states had been already suggested, dispatched Junot to the senate with a furious message, exaggerating the outrages committed against his soldiers, and threatening vengeance. The preliminaries of Leoben were signed on the 18th April. Meantime, and on the 17th, a frightful tumult broke out in the city of Verona between the people and the French who garrisoned the castles.

This insurrection of Verona and the adjacent country has been urged as evidence of the senate's intentions to cut off the retreat of the French, and make another Sicilian Vespers of it. Here we must again recur to dates and documents, and it is only necessary to read the despatches of the French generals themselves, as quoted by Count Daru, in the *Pièces Justificatives* at the end of his 'Histoire de la République de Venise,' vol. viii., and which are in fact extracted from Panckowke's correspondence of Bonaparte already quoted. General Kilmaine, in his despatch dated Milan, April 5, began by assuming that the senate's design was to make a crusade against the French, and quote as a proof of it a pretended proclamation, by the Provveditore Battaglia, which was afterwards proved to have been forged at Milan. Kilmaine upon this, ordered detachments of French troops to disperse all the armed peasants they met in the Venetian territory of Bergamo. After this he concluded his despatch by saying it would be desirable to stop some of the couriers which Grimani, the Venetian ambassador at Vienna, was sending to the senate, 'as Grimani's long conferences with the Austrian ministers make me believe that the senate is hatching some perfidy against the French army.' So it was only a supposition after all. In his previous despatch, 3rd April, he had said that the peasants of the valleys of Bergamo were arming under the pretence of reducing Bergamo, and that their war-cry was, 'Death to the Jacobins and to the French.' And he added that the Venetian government might have reduced Bergamo by means of its regular troops. But how could they have done this while a strong French garrison occupied the town and the castle and evidently protected the insurgents? It would have brought on an open collision between the troops of the two states. The French general Balland, who commanded at Verona, wrote (5th April) that the Venetian general having thrown a bridge across the Mincio for the purpose of acting against the insurgents of Brescia and Bergamo, the French commandant of Peschiera sent a detachment to cut down the bridge, and Balland approved of this measure; and this same Balland afforded protection in the castles of Verona to several revolutionary leaders from the hands of the Venetian authorities. So much for French neutrality and the freedom of operations allowed to the officers of the senate. The French minister at Venice, Lallement, writes confidentially to Bonaparte, the 5th April: 'There is no doubt that General Dombrowsky and the Polish legion have taken part with the insurgents in the affair of Salò. I am asking satisfaction for the French soldiers, killed in this affair, but I am aware that the truth is already known here. . . . Do you suppose that the French soldiers who have been fighting these six years in the name of liberty, will not support those whom they consider as their brethren in the same cause? No authority will be able to restrain them, and the insurgents, knowing this, will show themselves more openly, and the explosion will become general. I see already an instance of this in the Polish legion.'

This letter would be sufficient to show the real truth. But the despatches of the Venetian provveditore at Verona explain the whole affair of the insurrection still more clearly. They are found in the *Raccolta Cronologica* of documents after mentioned. The senate gave orders to save Verona from the revolutionists who were threatening it. The regular troops not being sufficient, the peasants were armed and placed under the command of some noblemen. They had orders to attack the insurgents. The French garrison in

the castles of Verona seeing great multitudes of people assembled, fired some shots upon the town, and thus committed the first act of hostility. The people then could no longer be restrained, although the Venetian authorities did all they could to prevent it, or at least to save the French soldiers. Those that were taken at the gates of the town by the armed peasantry were saved. Those scattered about the town were killed by the mob, and the same happened in several parts of the country. The French fled from the castles of Verona were now cannonading the town and the people who were trying to assault the castles. The provveditore Giovanniellì endeavoured to obtain a suspension of hostilities, but he could not prevail on either party. The other provveditore of Vicenza and Padua received orders from the senate, dated 22nd April, while the fight was continuing in Verona, directing them to take every measure to prevent disorders on the passage of the French troops, and to punish those persons who should create any disturbance. It was superfluous to accumulate evidence to show that the insurrection of Verona was purely accidental and local, and formed no part of a pre-concerted plan against the French. French troops now poured in against Verona, and after an irregular defence it surrendered. Count Emilj and others who had commanded the peasantry were shot by the French; a contribution of 170,000 sequins was required from the city; the Monte di Pietà was plundered, the plate of the churches seized, and much private property shared the same fate. Angereau, who was sent to Verona, wrote an indignant letter to Bonaparte, saying that Verona, Vicenza, and the country round had been shamefully plundered, that whole villages were depopulated, families wandering about without a home, &c. (See an account of this plunder in Bourienne's *Mémoires*, Appendix to vol. v.; and also in Bonaparte's *Correspondence*.)

The Senate, on the first news of the Verona insurrection, despatched two deputies to Bonaparte, who met him at Grätz on the 25th April. They had with him a long and painful conference, of which they sent a report to Venice, dated Grätz, 28th April, and which is a most important document concerning these transactions. Bonaparte said he had offered alliance to Venice while the archduke was in arms against him, but now he should dictate the law; he should prove another Attila to Venice; that Venice must deliver to him all the English property, send away the English minister, punish all those who had insulted the French, release all state prisoners, and he ended by saying—'But your government is old, it must cease.' He inveighed against the abuses, some true and others exaggerated, of the Venetian constitution. In the mean time another fatal incident occurred at Venice. A French armed vessel forced its way into the harbour, against the express regulations of the place, and in spite of the summons of the port-officers. The vessel fell against a Venetian galliot manned by Dalmatian sailors, who, drawing their cutlasses, leaped on board the Frenchman, killed several men, including the commander, and wounded others. When Bonaparte heard of this, he demanded that the port captain, the three inquisitors of state, and other persons should be delivered up to him; and in the meantime he ordered all the Venetian towns of the Terra Firma to be seized, and issued a turgid manifesto dated from Palmanova, declaring war against Venice.

Venice might have defended itself, but there were some traitors and many cowards amongst the senators, who fancied that they could, by submitting to the will of Bonaparte, avert their doom. They sent away their Slavonian soldiers, many of whom were killed in attempting to resist the order to embark them for Dalmatia: they consented to change their constitution, and at last, with the doge at their head, abdicated their power; and as the people threatened to defend the old system of government against its own members, the Venetian commander of the Ingens sent boats to carry over a body of French troops into Venice. A sort of democratic council was formed; several millions of francs were paid by Venice to France. Memmo Bonaparte ordered the Arsenal to be stripped of everything; paintings, statues, and MSS. from the ducal palace were carried to France; 200,000 sequins belonging to the duke of Modena were also seized. French troops sailed on board the Venetian ships of war to take possession of Corfu and the other islands, while the Austrians were quietly seizing upon Dalmatia and Istria, according to the secret under-

standing between them and the French. The treaty by which the French entered Venice and the old government was abolished was concluded at Milan between Bonaparte and the envoys of the Senate, on the 16th May, 1797, and it was then ratified by the municipal council, which was *pro tempore* the sole authority of the state; but Bonaparte refused to ratify it, saying the municipal authority had not sufficient powers for giving its sanction. On the 23rd May he was negotiating the peace with the emperor, offering him first a part and afterwards the whole of the Venetian territory. It was at last agreed that the emperor should have Venice and all the territory as far as the Adige. Bonaparte wrote to the Directory, that 'the Venetian people were not made for liberty, and that there were no more than 300 democrats in all Venice.' If that was the case, there was neither justice nor reason for overthrowing by violence the old government. The definitive treaty with Austria was signed by General Bonaparte and Clarke on one side, and the Count Meerfeldt and the Marquis del Gallo, the Austrian plenipotentiaries, on the other, at the village of Campoformio near Udine, on the 17th October, 1797. Soon after the French troops evacuated Venice and the Venetian territory, of which the Austrians quietly took possession, and those of the Venetian democrats who had most committed themselves in the late change were obliged to emigrate to Milan, many of them without any means of subsistence. The doge Manin, the last of a long series of first magistrates of a great republic, but a weak man totally unfit for the times, is said to have fallen in a fit while taking the oath of allegiance to Austria. He died shortly after. Thus perished the republic of Venice, after an existence of more than a thousand years.

The authorities for the history of the fall of Venice are chiefly—Botta, Daru, the *Raccolta Cronologica*; Bonaparte's *Correspondence*, already mentioned; and Tiepolo, *Discorsi sulla Storia Veneta*, 1820.)

VENERIO, DOMENICO, born at Venice in 1517, of a patrician family, applied himself to literature, and especially to poetry. He was a friend of Bembo and other learned contemporaries. At the age of thirty-two he was attacked by a nervous disease which rendered him an invalid for the rest of his life. Confined to his apartments for many years, he found comfort in the society of learned men who resorted thither to converse, debate, and compose extempore poetry. These meetings were the origin of the *Accademia Veneziana*, instituted in 1558, of which Veniero, Federico Baduaro, and Paolo Manuzio were the leading members.

Veniero wrote a number of poems, remarkable for their lively conceptions and power of expression:—*Rime di Domenico Veniero Senatore Veneziano raccolte ed illustrate dall' Abate Pier Antonio Serassi*, Bergamo, 1751, with a biography of the author. Veniero however indulged at times in strained rhetorical figures and conceits. He was one of the first to introduce acrostics into Italian poetry. He translated several Odes of Horace, which were published by Narducci, together with translations from the same Roman writer by Annibal Caro, Trissino, Giulio Cavalcanti, and others: *Odi Diverse di Orazio volgarizzate da alcuni nobilissimi Ingegneri*, 4to., Venice, 1605, a very rare edition.

Veniero died in 1582. His brother Lorenzo was a friend of the notorious Pietro Aricino, and like him wrote obscene compositions. Maffeo Veniero, son of Lorenzo, born at Venice in 1550, was an elegant poet both in the Italian language and in his native Venetian dialect. His Venetian poems are of the erotic kind, and very free, although the author held the dignity of archbishop of Corfu, which he obtained at an early age through family and personal interest, but it does not appear that he ever resided in his see. He died in 1586, at the early age of thirty-six years. Among his Venetian poems, one of the most successful was a canzone entitled 'La Straziosa,' or 'The Ragged Beauty,' which is a very humorous parody of one of Petrarch's canzoni in praise of Laura. There is a very obscene poem entitled 'La Zaffera,' falsely attributed to Maffeo Veniero, but which was published in 1531, long before he was born, and, it appears, by his father Lorenzo. (Gamba, *Collezione di Poeti Antichi nel Dialecto Veneziano*; Haym, *Biblioteca Italiana*.) The Italian poems of Maffeo and his brother Luigi have been inserted in the edition of the poems of their uncle Domenico. (Tiraboschi, *Storia della Letteratura Italiana*.)

VEN'TRE FACIAS, or *Ventre*, the name of a writ addressed to the sheriff or other returning officer, commanding him 'to cause to come' (*venire facias*) the parties set forth at the place named in the writ. The writ formed part of the ancient process used in the Exchequer against persons having privilege of parliament. It may also be employed to cause persons to appear who are charged with a misdemeanour, &c. (4 Bl., c. 24.) But the purpose to which the writ has been generally applied, and in reference to which it is generally known, is in summoning juries to serve for the ordinary trial of civil causes.

The form on such occasions now charges the sheriff to 'cause to come here forthwith twelve good and lawful men of the body of your county, qualified according to law, and who are nowise of kin either to A.B. the plaintiff, or C.D. the defendant, to make a certain jury of the country between the parties aforesaid of a plea of —, because as well the said defendant as the said plaintiff, between whom the matter in variance is, have put themselves upon that jury.'

This writ is sued out, but is not acted upon, the court assuming that the jurors have been summoned upon it and have failed to appear at Westminster, where anciently the trial itself took place. At the same time another writ issues, by which the sheriff is commanded to detain their lands or goods, or have their bodies, so as to compel their appearance, either before the court at a subsequent day, or before the judges of *assize* or *Nisi-prisus*, if they should previously come into the county. This is so arranged that the judges always do previously come into the county, and the jury are summoned and caused to appear before them.

(Tidd's *Practice*; Stephens *On Pleading*; 6 Geo. IV., c. 60; 3 & 4 Wm. IV., c. 67.) [*JURY*; *VENUE*.]

VENLOO is a strongly-fortified town in the province of Limburg, in the kingdom of the Netherlands, in 51° 22' N. lat. and 6° 4' E. long., on the right bank of the Maas, over which there is a flying bridge connecting the town with fort St. Michael on the left bank. In the Maas there is a fortified island called the Waert. The town has between five and six thousand inhabitants, part of whom are engaged in the transit-trade and part in some manufactures. It is well situated for trade, and has a convenient little port, so that it serves as a depot for merchandise from all the countries on the banks of the Maas and the Rhine. Vanloo seems to have been formerly a place of greater importance than it is now, it having been a member of the famous Hanseatic League. In the war of the Spanish Succession it was taken from the French by the allied troops under the duke of Marlborough, in 1702, which was his first campaign. It was ceded to the Dutch by the treaty of Utrecht. (Hassel; Cannabich; Steinh.)

VENOSA. [*BANILICATA*.]

VENTILAGO, a genus consisting of only a single species of plants, of the natural order of Rhamnaceæ. The calyx is 5-parted; the corol 5-petalled; stamens 5; germ 2-celled, hid in the erenulated flat disk; style 2-cleft. Samaras half superior, globose, long-winged, 1-seeded. Embryo erect with perisperm. The species *V. maderas patana* is common in different parts of India, from the peninsula to the north-western provinces; it is also found in the Indian islands, as it is figured and described by Rumph., 'Herb. Amb.' 5, t. 2, by the name of *Punis viminalis*. It forms a large climbing shrub with stiff branches; is often dioecious, with flowers having an offensive smell, not unlike that of *Stereulia fordii*.

VENTILATION. [*WARNING AND VENTILATION*.]

VENTIMIGLIA. [*SAN REMO*.]

VENTRICLE. [*HEART*.]

VENTRICULITES, a genus of spongioid Zoophyta, proposed by Dr. Mantell for species found in the cretaceous system, whose porous tissue is penetrated by distinct, often large foramina, arranged with more or less of regularity. *Ventriculites radiatus*, Mantell, 'Geol. of Sussex,' pl. 10, and *V. Benettii*, pl. 15, of the same work, are examples frequently found in chalk and the flint nodules imbedded in it.

VENTRILOQUIISM (literally 'belly-speaking,' from *venter*, the belly; and *loquor*, I speak) is a vocal mimicry of sounds, by which an illusion is produced on the hearer that the sound comes, not from the mimic, but from some other appropriate source. The various phenomena of vocal mimicry may be conveniently considered under two general heads, viz.: 1st, The simple imitation of the

voices of persons, of animals, of musical instruments, and other sounds and noises of every description, in which no illusion is intended, but, on the contrary, the imitation avowedly and perceptibly comes from the mimic; and 2nd, The imitation of those voices, sounds, and noises, not as originating in the mimic, but in some other, an appropriate source at a given or varying distance, in any or even in several directions successively. And when these imitations are made without moving the mouth, features, or body, the illusive effect of the mimicry is enhanced. The terms *mimicry*, or *imitation*, are commonly adopted to designate efforts under the former general head where no illusion is intended, while the term *ventriloquism* distinguishes those under the latter where an illusion is produced.

The various kinds of divination amongst the nations of antiquity which were stated by the priesthood to be by a spirit, a familiar spirit, or a spirit of divination, are now supposed to have been effected by means of ventriloquism. Divination by a familiar spirit can be tracked through a long period of time. By reference to *Leviticus*, xx. 6, 27, it will be seen that the Mosaic law forbade the Hebrews to consult those having familiar spirits, and to put to death the possessor. The Mosaic law was given about fifteen hundred years before Christ. Divining by a familiar spirit was however so familiar to the Jews, that the prophet Isaiah draws a powerful illustration from the kind of voice heard in such divination, see *Isaiah*, xx. 4. In the *Acts of the Apostles*, xvi. 16, mention is made of a young woman with a familiar spirit meeting the Apostles in the city of Philippi in Macedonia. And St. Chrysostom and other early fathers of the Christian Church mention divination by a familiar spirit as practised in their day. The practice of similar divination is still common in the East, and is even practised amongst the Esquimaux. This divination by a familiar spirit has been practised upwards of three thousand years.

The witch of Endor divined by a familiar spirit; 1 Sam. xxviii. 7, in Hebrew *וַיִּבֶן*—(Ob.) The word is also adopted in the Hebrew Bible to designate those persons, whether male or female, in whom there is a familiar spirit. The plural of *וַיִּבֶן* is *וַיִּבְנִים*—Oboth, which in the Septuagint version of the Scriptures is mostly rendered by the Greek *ἑνεργουμένων*, which is compounded of *ἐν*, in, *νεῦρο*, the belly, and *μῦθος*, speech, and corresponds with the word ventriloquism. This rendering of the Hebrew in the Septuagint, Professor Lee accounts for by the muttering of those having a familiar spirit—the *וַיִּבֶן*: see his Hebrew Lexicon, or *Thes. Heb.* Gesenii, *sub voce*.

The Greeks practised a mode of divination termed *gastro-mancy*, from *νεῦρο*, the belly, and *μανία*, a prophet; where the diviner replied without moving his lips, so that the consulter believed he heard the actual voice of a spirit speaking from its residence within the priest's belly. St. Chrysostom adopts the same Greek word as the translators of the Septuagint version to designate the diviners by familiar spirits, viz. *ἑνεργουμένων*.

The Septuagint rendering of the Hebrew has caused many learned theologians to doubt the actual appearance of Samuel's ghost, and to infer that the whole scene was a clever imposition on the dispirited king by the witch's skill in ventriloquy. This opinion is supported by the context. For on a careful reading of the whole narrative of Saul's interview with the witch at the opening of his campaign, compared with the events of it detailed in 1 Sam. xviii. and three following chapters, it may be remarked, 1st, That Saul deems the appearance, which the woman states she sees and which she describes, to be Samuel's ghost. 2nd, That it is left uncertain whether Saul afterwards saw the ghost at all. 3rd, That the reply by divination consists chiefly in oracular echoes to Saul's questions, aided by the recorded statements which he incidentally made to her. 4th, The prophetic part of the reply was but imperfectly fulfilled. The reply prophesied three distinct things, 1, That Israel with Saul was to be delivered into the Philistines' hands; 2, Saul and his sons were to die on the morrow; and 3, The army of Israel was to be delivered into the Philistines' hands (see v. 19). It is true the army was defeated, and probably nearly annihilated on their retreat, when Saul and his sons were slain. But Israel was not delivered into the Philistines' hands; the result of their conquest was, that, having defeated the army, the peaceable inhabitants fled from that district of the

Holy Land, leaving the Philistines in quiet possession of Beth-shan and its surrounding towns, where indeed they had been tolerated from the first occupation of the Holy Land by the Jews. And from all the circumstances narrated, and the localities in which they occurred, it is not easy to believe that Saul's death took place on the morrow of his interview with the witch. Thus out of three things which were prophesied, we can be certain only that one came to pass, which, in conjunction with the other circumstances, occasions doubts to arise as to the reality of the ghost's appearance, and the Septuagint rendering points to ventriloquism as the means of effecting the imposition.

The earliest description of a ventriloquial illusion in modern days is that performed by Louis Brabant, valet-de-chambre of Francis I. Louis Brabant was denied the hand of an heiress by her father. Soon after the father died, and Louis calls on the widow, determined to wrinkle her out of her consent by the agency of ventriloquism. Scarcely had he entered her house when she heard a well-known voice coming from on high; it was that of her deceased husband, saying, 'Give my daughter to Louis Brabant: he is rich, and has an excellent character. I am suffering a severe but just punishment in purgatory because I opposed a suitable marriage. Do what I recommend, and I then shall ascend to heaven.' Some minutes afterwards Louis Brabant, who had been waiting in an antechamber, was ushered into the widow's presence, but no one suspected that he had counterfeited the voice of the deceased. The wish from purgatory was obeyed by an immediate consent to the proposed marriage. Thus far successful, it was now indispensable for Brabant to have money at command; and he soon decided on a ventriloquial expedient for that purpose. A rich banker, named Cornu, who had acquired great wealth by unscrupulous means, and who was apprehensive of the penalties with which a future life threatened him, was thought by Brabant to be a fit person to be frightened out of some of his wealth by the agency of ventriloquy. He managed to obtain an interview, in which he adroitly turned the conversation to a future life, with its rewards and punishments; and spoke of spectres, demons, purgatory, and hell itself, when he observed the banker's countenance expressive of deep emotion. He paused, and in the interval of silence a fearful voice was heard, saying that he had come for some minutes from the fires of purgatory, where he had long been suffering, and would remain until his sin terminated his penalties by an act of beneficence; adding by way of suggestion, that a large sum of money should be given to Brabant to purchase the freedom of those Christians who had fallen into the hands of the Turks. M. Cornu was much terrified, but he did not comply; and Brabant found it necessary to pay him a second visit. And now it was not only the father's voice, but also those of his deceased friends, many of whom he at once recognised, denuding him with their solicitation for his future happiness, and threatening him with the most severe punishments awaiting him if he refused to perform the act of beneficence required. All the saints of the calendar were invoked, the tumult increased, and overwhelming the banker, he gave ten thousand crowns to Brabant for the purchase; and of course the cunning ventriloquist applied the money to his own purposes.

The work of M. l'Abbé de la Chapelle, published 1772, descriptive of the feats of Baron Mengén at Vienna, and of M. St. Gilles near Paris, claims attention. Baron Mengén made a doll with moveable lips, which he could control by his hand under its dress. With this doll he held witty and satirical dialogue. The author of this article saw a similar thing in the streets of London about twenty years since, to which a very sparkling dialogue was held with the doll by an itinerant ventriloquist.

Baron Mengén said he owed his art to a passion for counterfeiting the cries of animals and the voices of persons. That the passion manifested itself in early life; and that he had the power of imitating sounds so accurately as to make them appear to come from other places than his own mouth.

M. St. Gilles, in 1771, made an experiment to test his ventriloquial talent before MM. Leroy and Fouchy, commissioners of the Royal Academy of Sciences, and many other persons of the highest rank. The object of the experiment was to show that M. St. Gilles's mimicry of sounds was so perfect as to produce illusion. For this

purpose it was reported that a spirit's voice was at times heard in the environs of St. Germain, and that the commission was appointed to verify the fact and to discover the cause. All the company were in the secret except one lady, who, without suspecting it, was to be the subject of the illusion. They all dined in the country in the open air, and while they were at table a voice, as of a spirit suspended in the air, addressed the lady: now it seemed at the top of the trees; then descending, it approached her—then receding, it plunged into the ground, whence it ceased not to make itself heard. The conversation was sustained upwards of two hours with such address that the lady was fully convinced she had talked with a sylph; and when the illusion was explained to her, she doubted if it were an illusion.

M. St. Gilles, like Baron Mengén, made no secret of his art, but referred it all to mimicry, for which he had a strong propensity. The French Academy adopted the views contained in the statements of these two ventriloquists, viz., that the art consists in an accurate imitation of any given sound as it reaches the ear.

Dugald Stewart also adopted these views and gave them the sanction of his great name. The phrenological explanation agrees with Dugald Stewart's (see a paper in *Phren. Journ.*, vol. 1.). Adopting these views, physiologists have offered a variety of possible actions of the vocal organs to explain its production; and some have even supposed a peculiarity of structure of the vocal organs as necessary, but have wisely omitted to specify what. Many physiologists think that ventriloquism is vocally produced by speaking during inspiration of the breath. It is possible to speak during inspiration, and it may be occasionally adopted; but close observation on many public ventriloquists, and private friends who can ventriloquise, convinces the author of this article that the general current of utterance is, as in ordinary speech, on an expiration of the breath.

Adopting the views of the French Academy, some have thought that the vocal means of effecting the required imitation consist in a skilful management of the echoes of sound. Unfortunately however for this theory, an echo merely repeats what is already produced; and several ventriloquists, including the late Mr. Mathews, have produced the vocal illusion while walking in the streets.

Baron Mengén thus describes his mode of speaking when the voice was to seem to come from his doll:—'I press my tongue against the teeth, and thus circumscribe a cavity between my left cheek and teeth, in which the voice is produced by the air held in reserve in the pharynx (*goussier*). The sounds thus receive a hollow and muffled tone, which causes them to appear to come from a distance.' The Baron says it is necessary to well manage the breath, and to respire as seldom as possible.

It was observed that M. St. Gilles appeared fatigued after long exertion, when the vocal illusion became less perfect. Those ventriloquists with whom the author of this article has conferred have acknowledged fatigue in the chest, which they have attributed to the extremely slow expiration of the breath. M. St. Gilles was observed to cough very frequently. The ventriloquists of the present day also frequently cough, especially Mr. Love, as if from a tickling in the throat.

Now in order to arrive at exact and positive knowledge of the modifications of voice termed ventriloquism, it is necessary to be familiar with the distinctions of vocal sound; and to know how the organs act in producing those vocal modifications, it is necessary to know how the breath is vocalised in all its distinctions of pitch, loudness, and quality, by the ordinary actions of the vocal organs.

In ordinary language we speak of noise, of sound, and of musical sound; and Dr. Thomas Young adopts those terms in illustrating the mechanical causes of sounds:—'A quill striking against a piece of wood causes a noise; but striking successively against the teeth of a wheel, or of a comb, a continued sound; and if the teeth of the wheel are at equal distances, and the velocity of the rotation is constant, a musical sound.' (*Lect. Nat. Phil.*)

The general terms pitch, loudness, quality, and duration embrace all the distinctions which the musician discovers in musical sounds, and which he employs in his art. The distinguishing feature of musical sound is its uniform pitch throughout its duration. And, acoustically

musical sound is composed of an equal number of impulses or noises produced in equal times. [ACOUSTICS; LARYNX; VOICE.]

The general terms pitch, loudness, quality, and duration also embrace all the distinctions heard in ordinary sounds. These sounds differ from the musical in the pitch constantly varying throughout their duration, as the human voice in speaking, and the voices of quadrupeds. Acoustically, such sounds are composed of an unequal number of impulses or noises produced in equal times. And from this circumstance pitch, in the strictly musical sense, is not a property of ordinary sound.

The general terms loudness and quality embrace all the distinctions heard in a noise, as in the collision of two inelastic sticks. The momentary collision of the clapper against a bell is a noise, but this mere noise is immediately followed by the ringing sound of the bell, which is a musical sound. Pitch and duration can scarcely be considered as belonging to common noise. Thus we have:—

I. Noise, whose audible distinctions are comprehended under the general terms loudness and quality.

II. Common sound, whose audible distinctions are comprehended under the general terms loudness, quality, duration, and ever-varying pitch.

III. Musical sound, whose audible distinctions are comprehended under the general terms loudness, quality, duration, and an uniform pitch.

Phonation, or the production of voice, is a result of actions taking place under two distinct classes of laws, viz. 1. The ordinary mechanical laws of acoustics; and, 2. The physiological laws of muscular movement. The adjustment of the vocal mechanism to be acted on by the current of air is made by actions under the latter laws; and phonation is the result of the re-action of the mechanism on the current of air, by mechanical movements under the former laws. [LARYNX; GRAMMAR.] The pitch of the voice essentially depends on the tension of the vocal ligaments: the loudness on the extent of excursion of the vocal ligaments in their vibration; the duration on the continuance of the vocalizing causes; and the quality on the organization of the larynx, and also on the form and size of the vocal tube. Now the form and size of this tube can be altered in various ways, as by dilating or contracting the pharynx (PHARYNX); by dilating or contracting the mouth (MOUTH); by contracting the communication between the pharynx and mouth so as to make them distinct chambers, or by dilating the opening so as to throw them into one, which is chiefly effected by movements of the soft palate; by altering the form of the mouth's cavity, which is produced by varying the position of the tongue. It will be found that each of these modifications of the vocal tube confers a peculiarity of quality to the voice. All these however are vocal or laryngeal sounds.

Sounds can be produced in the vocal tube apart from the larynx. These are not vocal sounds. Some of them however may be of a definite and uniform pitch, while others are mere noises, as rustling, whispering, gurgling, whistling, snoring, and many others.

Now as every audibility comes under the classes of noise, sound, or musical sound, and as each variety under these classes is producible by the vocal apparatus of man, it is an obvious conclusion that an ordinary vocal apparatus is all that is required to vocalize the mimetic conceptions of the ventriloquist. A larynx capable of producing a larger compass of voice than another has a greater range of pitch within its power of imitation.

A person having an ear acutely perceptive to the nice distinctions of sounds may, by a little practice, imitate many sounds with accuracy. Those persons however who are highly endowed with the mental requisites, which consist of an intense desire to mimic coupled with the ability to originate mimetic ideas, are able to imitate sounds at first hearing, and without previous practice. Passing from the imitation of sounds, as that of knife-grinding, sawing and plaining wood, the voices of animals and men, we proceed to treat of those illusions where the voice so perfectly counterfeits the reality intended, that it appears not to issue from the mimic, but from an appropriate source, in whatever direction and at whatever distance that source may be. The essence of ventriloquy consists in creating illusions as to the distance and direction whence a sound has travelled; which are thus explained:—

I. Distance. We do not hear the distance which a

sound has travelled from its source, but we judge the distance from our former experience, by comparing the loudness which we bear with the known distance and known loudness of similar sounds heard on former occasions. Common experience will confirm, that we often err in estimating the distance of uncommon than of familiar sounds. In apology for such an error the ordinary language is, 'It seemed too loud to come so far,' or 'It seemed too near to be so faint a sound,' as the case may be. Both of which are apologies for an erroneous judgment, and not for hearing.

Near sounds are louder than distant ones. Now by preserving the same pitch, quality, and duration, but with an accurately graduated reduction of loudness, a series forming a perspective (if the term be allowable) of sounds may be created, which, falling in succession on the ear, will suggest to the mind a constantly increasing distance of the sound's source. In this way Mr. Love, with great ability, produces an imitation of a receding watchman crying the hour so perfect as to appear a reality.

An effort of a similar character, but in which the source of sound is approaching, is produced at the theatre in the representation of Macbeth. A military band is faintly heard, which gradually increases in loudness, suggesting to the mind the approach from a great distance of the victorious army of Macbeth, until the ordinary degree of loudness suggests its proximity, when the army immediately comes upon the stage.

Loudness is a property of sound which has not yet had justice done to its importance in the schools of music and elocution. Its nomenclature is vague and meagre, and it can scarcely be said to have a notation. The author of this article has observed that one of the high excellencies which singers of genius have matched beyond the rules of art has been a skilful management of the degrees of vocal loudness, and a nice adaptation of them to aid the melody in expressing the intended feeling. The varieties of loudness remain still unmeasured, and the abrupt transitions in loudness made by musical performers suggest that these distinctions are ill perceived. It is true that the total effect of a graduated series or scale of loudness is popularly felt, as in the cited illusions of Mr. Love and the Macbeth march; but besides feeling this general effect, he, whose ear is sensitive to minute degrees of loudness, perceives also the close relationships of those degrees to each other, just as the musician perceives the successive intervals of pitch of which a melody is composed.

The estimate then which is formed of the distance which a sound has travelled before reaching the ear is a judgment of the mind formed by comparing a present perception (by hearing) with the remembrance of a former loudness in connection with its known distance.

II. Direction.—The direction whence a sound comes seems to be judged of by the right or left ear receiving the stronger impression, which however can only take place when the sound's source is in a plane, or nearly so, with a line passing through both ears. It is familiarly known that a person in a house cannot by the noise of an approaching carriage judge with certainty whether it is coming from the right or left. He accurately judges it to be approaching, passing, or receding, as the case may be, by the gradations of loudness, but is unable to decide with certainty whether its approach or recession is from up or down the street. Common experience shows the ventriloquist to be more fallible concerning the direction than the distance of sounds. Professor Mueller of Berlin states in his 'Physiology' that Venturini's experiments, detailed in Voigt's 'Mag.', bd. ii., demonstrate the impossibility under certain circumstances of estimating whence a sound comes to the ear. Now without entering upon the merits of those valuable experiments, enough has been above stated to show that we do not hear, but that we judge, the direction a sound has travelled from its source on reaching the ear.

It has been remarked, and the writer of this article confirms its truth from observations made both in public and in private ventriloquy, that the ventriloquist indicates either directly or indirectly the direction which he wishes his audience to believe the sound is coming. Thus they directly indicate it by words, such as—'Are you up there?' 'He is up the chimney.' 'He is in the cellar.' 'Are you down there?' &c. And they indirectly indicate it by some suggestive circumstance, as an action or gesture

which is so skilfully unobtrusive and natural as to effect its object without being discovered. Thus, when the ventriloquist looks or listens in any direction, or even simply turns towards any point, as if he expected sound to come thence, the attention of an audience is by that means instantly directed also to the same place. Thus, before a sound is produced, the audience expect it to come in the suggested direction. And the ventriloquist has merely by his adjustment of vocal loudness to indicate the necessary distance, when a misjudgment of the audience will complete the illusion which he has begun.

The effect which is produced on sound by its travelling from a distance is observed to be—

1. That its loudness is reduced in proportion to the distance.
2. That its pitch remains unaltered.
3. That its quality or tone is somewhat softened.
4. That its duration remains unaltered.
5. That human speech is somewhat obscured, chiefly in the consonant sounds.

Now the ventriloquist imitates the sound, not as it is heard at its source, but as it is heard after travelling from a distance. A skilful ventriloquist can effect his imitations without much movement of his lips and features. Now it has been observed, that ventriloquists during their efforts turn the front face away from the audience and scarcely even show the profile. The author of this article confirms this observation as far as regards moderate-sized rooms, but he has seen the front face in a theatre.

It is quite easy to speak without moving the jaw, and it is the jaw's movements which disturb the features in utterance. Now the labial sounds, as B, P, M, when the jaw is thus fixed, can be made with a slight movement of the lips. The lips and jaws being always somewhat open during ventriloquy, a slight labial movement remains unnoticed, unless special attention be directed to it; and all the modifications of voice can be produced without at all distorting the features or moving the lips.

The preceding outline of the philosophy of ventriloquism is sufficient to exhibit the nature of the art. To enter upon the consideration of all the vocal means adopted to accomplish the various imitations would fill a volume. The mode of counterfeiting variations in loudness by changes of pitch, and also by changes from the natural to the falsetto register of voice, are amongst the wonders of vocal science, and are capable of extensive application by the scientific ventriloquist.

VENUE (from *vicinitas*, *vicine*, 'neighbourhood'). The county in which the trial of a particular cause takes place is said to be the Venue of that cause. Antiently the office of a jury was to act upon the knowledge which as neighbours of the parties they happened previously to possess [*JURY*]; and it was therefore necessary that they should be summoned from the neighbourhood of the places at which the facts disputed between the parties to the cause were said to have occurred. In order that a proper Venue might issue to the sheriff for such purpose, the place in which the action was brought was stated in the margin of the declaration, and on the statement throughout the pleadings of any issuable fact a statement was also made of the place at which such fact was alleged to have occurred. This was done with such particularity, that not only the name of the county, but even of the parish and of the hamlet was inserted. As to all such facts upon which issue was taken, a venire was sued out applying to each different place. The sheriff returned jurors from that place, and by those jurors the facts were decided, so that antiently several distinct Venires and trials might be necessary to dispose of the issues in one action. By degrees juries ceased to act upon their own knowledge, and applied themselves to their present duties of deciding upon the statements of witnesses. The necessity therefore ceased for summoning them from the particular part of the county, and the practice gradually declined, till, at last, the form of the Venire still continuing the same, two jurors from the same hundred only were required for the trial of a personal action. By the stat. 16 & 17 Car. II., c. 8, it was enacted that no error should be brought, because there was no right Venue, provided the cause was tried by a jury of the proper county or place where the action was brought. After this statute the practice was established of trying all the issues by the jury of the general Venue in the action. By 4 Ann. c. 16, it was

further enacted that 'every Venire facias for the trial of any issue shall be awarded of the body of the proper county where such issue is triable: that is, from the county at large, without reference to the particular hundred containing the place laid as Venue; and such is still the practice. By a general rule of all the courts, of Hilary Term, 4 Wm. IV., it is ordered, that 'In future the name of a county shall in all cases be stated in the margin of a declaration, and shall be taken to be the Venue intended by the plaintiff, and no Venue shall be stated in the body of the declaration, or in any subsequent pleading.'

Originally with respect to all actions the same strictness of Venue was held necessary, as there was the same reason for all. After however the jury began to confine themselves to their present functions, a distinction was established between local (that is, actions relating to real estate) and transitory (that is, actions of debt, contract, for personal injuries, &c.). In regard to the former, it was held that the actual place in which the subject-matter was situated must be laid as the Venue in the action, and that rule still prevails. The reason is said to proceed from the circumstance that, unless the action were brought in the actual county, the sheriff of the county would be unable to give effect to the judgment in the action. In transitory actions, on the contrary, the subject-matter of them being held not to have any fixed place, but to attend, as it were, upon the person of the parties interested, a discretion was vested in the plaintiff to bring his action in any county in which he pleased. As a consequence of which it follows, that though the cause of action has occurred even out of the kingdom, it is still open to the plaintiff to bring his action in the courts of this country. This discretion still remains to the plaintiff in a transitory action. But the courts assert an authority upon application made to them of changing the Venue. This is done upon its being made to appear that great inconveniences would arise from trying in the original county, because the body of the evidence lies in another, or because from local prejudices a fair trial cannot be had, &c. And the same authority is exercised even in local actions in spite of the technical difficulty which has been before referred to. (3 Bl. Com., 294, 364; *Stephens On Pleading*, c. ii., s. 4, v. 1.) [*VENIRE FACIAS*.]

In criminal trials the Venue is the county in which the offence charged was actually committed; before a grand jury of that county the indictment must be preferred, and before a petty jury the trial had. The courts however have the same discretion as to the power of changing the Venue as in civil cases. Moreover, as in criminal trials, many exceptions have been introduced by various statutes. These exceptions more properly belong to the heads of the various offences to which they apply. A few only are here mentioned.—Offences committed within 500 yards of the boundary of counties may be tried in any of them; and a party stealing or feloniously taking goods in one county and carrying them into another may be indicted in either: so also, if goods are stolen during a journey or voyage, the Venue may be laid in any county through which the vessel or carriage has passed. A receiver may be tried either where he has actually received the property or where the principal may be tried. Offences committed in counties of cities may be tried in the adjoining county. (*Archbold, Pl. and Pr. in Cr. Ca.*; b. 1, pt. 1, c. i., s. 3.)

VENUS. The name of the planet which is nearest to the earth, and, except Mercury, nearest to the Sun. The principal point of its physical description is the distinctness with which its phases are seen through a telescope, in which it exhibits all the changes of appearance which are, to the naked eye, characteristic of nothing but the moon. With regard to these phases, there is a remarkable historical error which we cannot trace higher than Dr. Smith's *Optics*, but which has been copied by Hutton and others. It is said, 'When Copernicus revived the antient Pythagorean system, asserting that the earth and planets moved round the sun at the centre of their orbits, the Ptolemaics objected, if this were true, that the phases of Venus should resemble those of the moon. Copernicus replied, that some time or other that resemblance would be found out.' (Smith's *Optics*, p. 415.) Now, first, Copernicus never answered an objection to his system in the manner implied in the story; for he literally only lived to lay his hand upon a copy of his own work, and never opened it. [*COPERNICUS*, p. 501.] Secondly, Gasendi, his bio-

grapher, in stating the verification of his system (as he calls it) derived from these phases, never alludes to any such prophecy: nor does Galileo, in announcing the telescopic discovery of the phases of Venus (A.D. 1611), and in giving praise to Copernicus and Kepler for not having abandoned the motion of the earth on account of the difficulty arising out of the apparent want of them, ever suppose that Copernicus, or any of his followers, had the slightest idea of that apparent want arising from imperfection of vision. Thirdly, Copernicus himself, in mentioning the difficulty, expressly meets it by the supposition that Mercury and Venus, the 'stellæ' alluded to in the coming quotation, either shine by their own light, or are completely saturated with the solar rays: 'Non ergo fatemur in stellis opacitatem esse aliquam, lunari similem, sed vel proprio lumine, vel solari totis imbutas corporibus fulgere, et ideo solem non impedire' (lib. i., cap. 10). And the objection itself has nothing to do with the difference between the system of Copernicus and that of Ptolemy, for it had long before been raised against the latter: all, in fact, who maintained that the orbit of Venus comes between the earth and sun having to meet it in one way or another, whether they made the earth or the sun the centre of their system.

In the theory of the motion of Venus, the most remarkable circumstance is the *long inequality* discovered some years ago by Mr. Airy, depending upon the earth. [GRAVITATION, p. 301.] A satellite was at one time suspected to belong to this planet, but no such thing has ever been detected. It may be remarked that the satellite of an inferior planet might not be easy to find, if it were very small: for when the planet is nearest the earth, and circumstances most favourable for its discovery in other respects, the dark side would be turned towards the earth. Though in the earlier period of telescopic observations, spots of various sorts were detected on the disc of Venus, yet the general description of its appearance in our day, as given by Sir J. Herschel, is as follows: 'Although it occasionally attains the diameter of 61", which is larger than that of any other planet, it is yet the most difficult of them all to define with telescopes. The intense lustre of its illuminated part dazzles the sight, and exaggerates every imperfection of the telescope: yet we see clearly that its surface is not mottled over with permanent spots like the moon; we perceive in it neither mountains nor shadows, but a uniform brightness, in which sometimes we may indistinctly observe portions, but can seldom or never rest fully satisfied of the fact. The most natural conclusion, from the very rare appearance and want of permanence of the spots, is, that we do not see, as in the moon, the real surface of this planet, but only its atmosphere, much loaded with clouds, and which may serve to mitigate the otherwise intense glare of its sunshine.'

Venus, like Mercury, from the orbit being entirely within that of the earth, is never at more than a certain angular distance from the sun: her greatest angular distance, or elongation, being from 45° to 47° 12'. Her mean apparent diameter is 16".9, but varies from 9".6 to 61".2. The real diameter is .975 of that of the earth, or about 7700 miles, and the volume is .927 of that of the earth. The density is very nearly that of the earth; but this element, as also the mass, is rather uncertain. The mass of this planet is stated by Laplace at 1-356354th of that of the sun, but later writers give 1-405871th as more probable. Recently Mr. Rothman (*Mem. Astron. Soc.*, vol. xii., p. 409-415) has shown strong reasons for supposing that the mass given by Laplace has been too much diminished by his successors, and that the second fraction above named should be increased by about its tenth part at least, and probably by more. The most uncertain of all the results of the theory of gravitation is the mass of a planet which has no satellite.

This planet revolves on its axis in about 23^h 21^m 7^s, though this, owing to the absence of definite spots on its disc, can hardly be considered as very accurate. Its light and heat are to that of the earth as 1911 to 1000.

The elements of the orbit of Venus, which are usually taken from Lindemann's Tables (1810), have lately undergone a searching examination by comparison with seven years' observations made at Greenwich. Messrs. Main and Glaisher, who made this examination, have given their own resulting elements, compared with those deduced for their own epoch, from the above-mentioned tables. In

the following list we have adopted the new elements, placing the old ones after them in parentheses; but taking the secular variations entirely from those given as the result of the investigation just quoted (*Mem. Astron. Soc.*, vol. xii.). The semiaxis major alone remains untouched; for though the examiners found reason to suspect that it was somewhat in error, they did not feel able to decide with certainty as to the amount of the alteration.

Elements of the Orbit of Venus.

Epoch 1836, January 1, 0^h mean astronomical time at Seeborg (42^m 56^s east of Greenwich).

Semiaxis major 7233116, that of the Earth being assumed as the unit.

Eccentricity .00684568 (.00682265); its secular diminution (or diminution in 100 years) .00008200.

Inclination of the orbit to the ecliptic 3° 23' 34".34 (3° 23' 31".11); its secular increase 10".035.

Longitudes from the mean equinox of the epoch (1.) of the ascending node 73° 12' 3".60 (73° 12' 25"); its secular increase (combined with the precession) 3095".23; (2.) of the perihelion 129° 15' 3" (129° 11' 18"); its secular increase (combined with the precession) 40".62; of the planet (mean) 332° 1' 35".23 (332° 1' 33".1).

Mean sidereal motion in 365^d days 2106641".49; sidereal revolution 224-7007869 mean solar days.

When Venus is to the west of the sun she rises and sets before him, and was then called Phosphorus and Lucifer by the ancients; but when she is to the east of the sun she rises and sets after him, and was then called Hesperus. The old terms of our almanacs, 'Morning-star' and 'Evening-star' have reference to these positions.

VENUS, TRANSIT OF. [TRANSITS OF MERCURY AND VENUS.]

VENUS (Malacology). [VENERIDE.]

VENUS DE MEDICI. This celebrated relic of ancient art stands in the apartment of the Imperial Gallery at Florence, which is called the Tribune (Tribuna). It is said to have been found in the villa of Hadrian, near Tivoli, in eleven pieces, and was some time afterwards carried to Florence in the pontificate of Innocent XI., about the year 1680. It is all ancient, with the exception of the right arm, the lower half of the left arm, some small pieces about the statue and its accessories, and the plinth. On the plinth is inscribed the name and country of the artist who made the statue: Cleomenes, the son of Apollodorus, of Athens—ΚΛΕΟΜΕΝΗΣ ΑΠΟΛΛΟΔΟΡΟΥ ΑΘΗΝΑΙΟΣ ΕΠΙΣΤΗΛΗΝ. This inscription was copied from that of the original plinth, which was broken. Its authenticity has been questioned, but Thiersch is of opinion that it is genuine; and he has fixed the period of Cleomenes, for various reasons, to be about 200 years B.C., or certainly before the destruction of Corinth, A.C. 148. Flaxman also judges from its style that it was made after the time of Alexander the Great, and he seems to have considered it a copy of the celebrated Venus of Cnidos, by Praxiteles, an opinion expressed by many other critics, but apparently without sufficient grounds. Neither the time nor place of its discovery is positively known, but it stood in the sixteenth century in the Medici Gardens at Rome: the forum of Octavia at Rome is also said to have been the place of its discovery. It was taken by the French to Paris, but was restored to Florence in 1815.

It is a small figure, four feet eleven inches and a half high without the plinth; is of Parian marble, and stands upon the left leg, which is strengthened by a dolphin with its head downwards, upon which two little Cupids are sitting, called Eros and Anteros. The statue is of small but beautiful proportions, and all the parts are exquisitely rounded, but the face has little expression and not much beauty. The ears are pierced, and at one time bore ornaments; the hair was gilded, and on the upper part of the left arm there is the mark where probably a bracelet was fixed. Winckelmann considered the head of this Venus a portrait; and he mentions a Venus formerly in the possession of Thomas Jenkins, an English painter at Rome, which surpassed, in his opinion, this Venus in every respect. Jenkins was a scholar of Hudson, and went to Rome with Wilson, but he turned banker and dealer in antiquities there. There is apparently no clue by which this Venus might be traced to its present possessor, except perhaps that Jenkins was the friend and companion of Gavin Hamilton, and took part in his excavations,

(*Museum Florentinum*; Thiersch, *Ueber die Epochen der Bildenden Kunst unter den Griechen*; Winckelmann, *Geschichte der Kunst des Alterthums*.)

VENUSTI, MARCELLO, a celebrated painter of the sixteenth century, born at Mantua. He studied in Rome under Perino del Vaga, for whom he executed many works. He was selected by Michael Angelo to paint a small copy in oil of his Last Judgment, in the Sistine Chapel, for the Cardinal Farnese, and he executed it so entirely to the satisfaction of Michael Angelo, that he gave him many other designs to paint. This excellent picture of the Last Judgment is now in the Royal Museum at Naples; there is a copy of it in the Aguado Collection at Paris. Venusti painted many pictures for various churches in Rome; Baglione has given a long list of his works; but he acquired a greater reputation by his pictures from the designs of Michael Angelo. He died at Florence, in the pontificate of Gregory XIII. (1572-1583). (Baglione, *Vite de' Pittori*, &c.)

VERA CRUZ, a seaport and commercial town in the United Mexican States, is situated in $19^{\circ} 11' N.$ lat. and $96^{\circ} 8' W.$ long., on the south-western shores of the southern part of the Gulf of Mexico. It is still the most important commercial town of the republic, though it has properly speaking no harbour, but only a roadstead formed by several shoals, which enclose in a semicircular form a tract of sea which in many parts offers good anchorage. These shoals break the swell, which is always considerable in the Gulf of Mexico, especially during the Nortés, or northerly winds, but do not protect the anchorage against the effects of these gales. The largest of the shoals, called La Gallega, lies opposite the town; and at its western extremity is a rocky island, on which the fortress of St. Juan de Ulua is built. The strait which separates the fortress from the town is less than 700 yards wide, and about 1000 yards long. This strait properly constitutes the harbour of Vera Cruz, as it is better protected against the swell of the sea and against the furious norths than any other part of the anchorage. Large vessels however must anchor near the fortress, as the water is very shoal near the town. In the rocks on which the fortress stands iron rings are fastened, by which the largest vessels may be secured against being driven away by the norths. During the War of Independence, when the Spaniards were in possession of the fortress, and vessels could not enter the harbour, they anchored about four miles south of the town, in the strait between Punta Mocambo and the Isla de Sacrificios; but this anchorage is far from being so good as that under the cannons of St. Juan de Ulua. Vera Cruz is always dangerous to navigators. From October to April the shipping is exposed to the norths, which blow with incredible violence: the air is filled with sand, and the sky darkened with clouds; whilst the waves are driven with such impetuosity on the beach, that the whole line of coast is one sheet of foam. All communication between the shipping and the town is suspended, even when vessels are at anchor under the walls of the castle; but these gales purify the atmosphere, and seem to remove the causes of the vomito prieto, a kind of yellow fever, which, during the summer (from April to October), proves so fatal to foreigners along the whole eastern coast of the Mexican States.

Vera Cruz is built on a level and arid shore, consisting of sand, and almost entirely destitute of vegetation. All the back of the town are sand-hills, which, it is supposed, owe their origin to the gales of the norths. They rise from 25 to 36 feet above their base, and are composed of sand so fine and loose, that they annually change their form and position. The high temperature which these sand-hills acquire in summer, and the reflection of the solar rays from them, are considered the principal causes of the great heat experienced in the town at that season of the year. During five months of the year, from May to September, both inclusive, the mean temperature of Vera Cruz is $81^{\circ} 5$, or somewhat higher than the mean annual temperature of the equator. During three of these months (July to September), the rains are very abundant. In the other months the mean temperature is lower: in December it does not exceed 70° , which is only 7° above that of the month of July in London. The annual quantity of rain varies between 90 and 96 inches, and in the month of July alone the quantity which falls amounts to two-thirds of that which falls in London all the year round.

Vera Cruz is enclosed by walls, which surround the town so completely, that the free circulation of air is impeded, which circumstance is considered one of the causes which increase, if not create, the dangerous diseases which annually commits such havoc. The streets are straight and wide: the paving is very good, and every street has a raised footway on each side, of a convenient breadth and peculiar construction. A ledge of cut stones bounds the intended path, and the space between it and the houses is filled with a fine cement of lime, sand, and shells, which equals stone in hardness and durability, and requires a polish from the feet of passengers. Many of the houses are excellent, and erected at great expense, on account of the scarcity of materials: a belt of sand which stretches between the city and the interior prevents the transport of stone or bricks. All the houses are constructed of a porous white coral, which composes the cliffs on the coast, and is usually found in large rounded masses. The houses are all flat-topped and covered with cement, and these roofs receive the rain-water for the tanks, or alambes, with which every good house is furnished, and which hold sufficient water for two or three years' consumption. The public buildings are not distinguished by beauty. There are several hospitals.

It is generally supposed that Vera Cruz is almost destitute of water, but that is not the case. Water is found at a depth of from 3 to 4 feet; but it is very bad, being derived by filtration from the sea or from some stagnant lakes among the sand-hills. It is only used for washing. The common people use the water brought by the Zanja, an aqueduct almost buried beneath the flat soil, from the Laguna, a lake about 6 miles distant from the town. The water collected in the tanks is much better.

Humboldt stated at the beginning of the present century the population at 16,000; but in the War of Independence this place suffered more than any other, as the Spaniards kept possession of the castle of St. Juan de Ulua to the 18th of November, 1825; and two years after its termination it was found that the population had been reduced to 8000 individuals. Since that time the town has gradually recovered part of its former population; but as it has lost some of its commerce, it is probable that even now the population does not exceed 12,000 inhabitants. Before 1820 Vera Cruz was the only port on the eastern coast of Mexico from which the produce of the country was exported, and by which foreign goods destined for the consumption of the interior reached their destination. At that period the value of the articles exported amounted to 21,780,000, and those imported to 14,650,000 Spanish dollars. (MEXICAN STATES, vol. xv, p. 163.) But soon after 1820 the other ports of the country were thrown open to the foreign trade, and since that time many of its productions, especially the produce of the northern mines, have found their way to other ports, especially to Tampico. Vera Cruz however serves still as an outlet for the produce of the mines situated south of $21^{\circ} N.$ lat., and of all the ecclesial destined for the markets of Europe and the United States of North America: it also exports the tobacco, sugar, and coffee which are grown in the plain between the Gulf of Mexico and the table-land of Anahuac, with the jalap, vanilla, and sassaaparilla, which are collected mostly on the declivity of the table-land. It is probable however that all these articles taken together do not much exceed the sum of 7,000,000 Spanish dollars, and hardly amount to one-third of the sum at which its exports were valued before 1820. The imports however have not decreased in the same proportion, as the greater part of the table-land, and even some tracts along the Pacific, are supplied with foreign goods from the capital, which receives them by the way of Vera Cruz, which town therefore must be considered as the port of the city of Mexico.

The island on which the castle of St. Juan de Ulua is built was visited for the first time by Europeans under the command of Juan de Grijalva in 1518, and in the following year Cortés landed his army at the place where the town now stands; but the town founded by him, and called Villa Rica de Vera Cruz, was some miles farther north. After three years that place was abandoned, and another town was built a little farther south, at a place still called Aotigua, to distinguish it from the present town. This situation also was found inconvenient, and the present town was built towards the close of the sixteenth century, but it was not incorporated before 1615.

(Humboldt's *Essai Politique sur le Royaume de la Nouvelle Espagne*; Lyon's *Journal of a Residence and Tour in the Republic of Mexico*; and Ward's *Mexico in 1827*.)

VERA PAZ. [GOATEMALA.]

VERAGUA. [PANAMA.]

VERANDA, or VERANDAH. A sort of light external gallery with a sloping roof of awning-like character, supported on slender pillars, and frequently partly enclosed in front with lattice-work. The veranda is both of Eastern and Western origin, and appears to have been first introduced into this country towards the end of the 18th century. As here applied however, it is a mere excrescence in design, assimilating with no one style practised by us, and so far tolerable only for small villas and cottage residences, where no style is attempted, and where it affords a cheap substitute for a colonnade, providing shelter against rain and sun, and a dry walk, or seat of *fresco*, attached to sitting-rooms on the ground-floor. In street architecture, verandas attached to the first-floor of houses have nothing on the score of beauty and very little of convenience to recommend them: while they seem to encumber the fronts with a sort of projecting cage, they are necessarily so shallow, as to be of little other service than for setting out plants, except it be that of screening the room within. A far more architectural and ornamental appearance might be given to verandas than has hitherto been done: their roofs might be painted in imitation of striped and figured awning, and some little variety of colour be introduced elsewhere. Where the house itself partakes of Gothic, the veranda might easily be accommodated to the same style, somewhat in the character of the framing and carving of what are termed half-timbered houses.

VERATRIA, a vegetable alkali prepared from Cevadilla, the seed of the *Holcus officinalis*. It was discovered by Meissner in 1818, and obtained by Pelletier and Courbe in 1819.

Veratria is a white or greenish-white powder, which has a silky and crystalline appearance under the microscope; it is inodorous, very acid and poisonous. It is insoluble in water and alkaline solutions; very soluble in alcohol and sparingly in ether; the solution when evaporated deposits transparent laminae. The solutions have the alkaline property of restoring the blue colour of reddened litmus.

The salts of veratria are neutral, and have a slight styptic taste; the hydrochlorate crystallizes in short needle-form crystals, which are very soluble in water and alcohol; the sulphate crystallizes in quadrilateral prisms; concentrated nitric acid renders veratria first scarlet and then yellow; concentrated sulphuric acid gives it at first a yellow colour, afterwards a blood-red, and eventually violet.

Veratria is composed of—

Twenty-two equivalents of hydrogen	22
Thirty-four equivalents of carbon	204
Six equivalents of oxygen	48
One equivalent of azote	14

Equivalent . . . 288

VERATRIC ACID, the acid with which veratria exists combined in Cevadilla. It crystallizes in short prisms, which are transparent and colourless, and slightly sour to the taste. It is slightly soluble in cold water, but more soluble in hot, and readily dissolved by alcohol, but not at all by ether.

Neither concentrated nitric nor sulphuric acid decomposes veratric acid, but a mixture of them renders it yellow. When heated to 212° the crystals lose water, and then become of a dull white colour; at a high temperature they melt into a colourless liquid, and sublime without leaving any residue. It is composed of—

Nine equivalents of hydrogen	9
Eighteen equivalents of carbon	108
Seven equivalents of oxygen	56

Equivalent . . . 173

The crystals contain one equivalent of water. Veratric acid forms crystallizable salts with the alkalis, which are very soluble in water and alcohol. Their solutions precipitate the salts of lead and silver, and the veratriate of the latter is white, and slightly soluble in alcohol.

VERATRUM, a genus of plants belonging to the natural order Melanthaceae. The name Veratrum occurs both in Pliny and Lucretius, but whether these were the

same plants as the modern genus it is now impossible to say. It is also supposed to be the *Διαίρεσις* *Διαίρεσις* of Dioscorides; and the name White Hellebore, which is given to one of the species, seems to confirm this view. The genus is characterised as follows:—Perianth composed of six permanent, sessile, equal parts, to which are attached 6 stamens; style 3, permanent, with simple spreading stigmas; capsules 3, bursting at their inner margins, by which they are originally united; seeds numerous, compressed, imbricated, winged at each end: several of the flowers have only the rudiment of an ovary.

V. album, Common White Hellebore, has a thrice-compound panicle with ascending elliptical pieces of the perianth; the bracts of the branches oblong, partial, as long as the downy peduncle. It is a native of moist alpine meadows in the southern, central, and northern parts of Europe, but is not a native of Britain. In company with the *Gentiana lutea* it is one of the most prominent features in the rich pastures of the Alps of Switzerland and Savoy. The stem, which is from two to four or five feet in height, proceeds from a black, fleshy, wrinkled fusiform rhizoma, or rootstock, which is beset with a number of small radicles. [VERATRUM ALBUM—Medical Properties of.]

V. viride, Green-flowered Veratrum, has panicle racemes, with the bracts of the branches oblong-lanceolate, partial, longer than the downy petiole. This is a North American species, and is found in swamps and bogs from Canada to the Carolinas. It is found, according to Dr. Bigelow, in the swamps around Boston, where it is called Poke-root, or Swamp Hellebore.

V. nigrum, Dark-flowered Veratrum, has dense cylindrical panicle racemes with the bracts of the branches linear-lanceolate and very long, pieces of the perianth obovate, widely spreading, and at length reflexed. It is a native of dry mountainous situations in Siberia, Hungary, Austria, and Greece. It will grow freely in gardens in Britain, especially in a light soil.

V. virginicum, Virginian Veratrum, has loose panicle racemes with bracts shorter than the peduncle, and pieces of the perianth with two glands at the base. It grows amongst luxuriant herbage in low grounds from New York to the Carolinas. It is a hardy plant, and may be grown in gardens in Britain. The perianth is at first of a green colour, with two brown spots on each piece: it afterwards turns to a red-brown colour.

V. Sabadilla, Castile Veratrum, at one time supposed to yield the Cevadilla of commerce, and from which the poisonous alkaloid veratrine of the Pharmacopoeia is directed to be prepared, has broad ovate, plantagineous leaves, dark purplish-black flowers, and capsules situated on only one-half of the circumference of the stem. This plant appears to be a native of the West Indies and Mexico, from whence also the true Cevadilla plant comes to this country. The true Cevadilla plant has been stated to be, by David Don, the *Holcus officinalis*, and more recently, by Lindley, *Anagallis officinalis*. Previous to this however Schiede, who travelled in Mexico, sent homo specimens of plants of Cevadilla, agreeing more with Veratrum than any other genus, and which Schlechtendal named *Veratrum officinale*. Dr. Christison, after an examination of the fragments of racemes, which occur in commerce as Cevadilla, is inclined to think that Schiede's plant supplies the greatest quantity to the market, although it is not improbable that this and several allied species are frequently substituted for one another, as the quantity of Veratrine they contain is much the same.

In the cultivation of the species of Veratrum, they may be propagated by dividing their roots or sowing seeds. When the former method is adopted, the larger roots should be selected, and they should be planted out in the autumn in a light dry rich soil. When propagated by seeds, they should be sown in the spring in a bed or border of light earth or in a box, and the plants should be put out when the leaves decay in the following autumn.

VERATRUM ALBUM (White Hellebore)—Medical Properties of. Of this, two varieties, or distinct species, are official: one termed *V. album*; the other *V. album β*, or *Lobellianum*. This last prefers a chalky soil; the plants occur in the meadows of the Swiss Alps, the Pyrenees, the mountains of Austria, and in Siberia. The rhizomas of both kinds are collected indiscriminately. This part occurs single, double, or many-headed, in cylinders, or pyramidal pieces, from two to four inches long, and from three-quarters

to two inches thick, rough, wrinkled, of a greyish-black colour externally, but of a yellowish-white within. Some root-fibres, intermingled with slender flexible radicles, adhere to it; and on the upper part are found the scales, or withered remains of former leaves, which from their tumescent appearance have led some writers to describe it as a bulb. This, though incorrect, is useful to remember, as a good discriminative mark between it and other plants confounded with it, which, having roots and not rhizomata, are devoid of this character. A transverse section presents a large central portion, sometimes termed the medulla; and, according to the age of the specimen, one, two, or more external circles, bounded by the dark-brown epidermis. The rhizoma is nearly devoid of odour, but has an acrid, bitter, burning taste. It is easily powdered, but the person engaged in powdering it should wear a mask, as it excites a heat, an eruption of the skin, and any drawn up the nostrils causes violent sneezing and inflammation of the Schneiderian membrane: hence its German name of *nieserzettel*. By time the acidity and activity are diminished, so that old specimens become not only mouldy, but of inferior strength, and should be rejected.

The chemical analysis by Pelletier and Caventou ('*Annal. de Physique et de Chimie*, xiv., p. 81) shows that it consists of fatty matter (composed of stearin, stearin, and a volatile, not crystallizable, acid (cevadie?), supergallate of verdria, yellow extractive-like colouring-matter, gum, starch, and woody fibre. In addition to these, Simun has discovered a new vegetable principle which he terms *verria*. (See '*Lond. and Ed. Philos. Mag.*' vol. xii. p. 28.) White hellebore is an agent of great and dangerous power. According to the experiments and inquiries of Schabel ('*Dissertation de aff. Veratri albi et Hellebori nigri*, Tübingen, 1817), it is poisonous to all classes of animals, and acts fatally, if in sufficient quantity, by whatever way it is introduced into the system. It appears to have a specific effect on the intestinal canal and nervous system, its effects on these parts being uniform, whether applied directly to them or to remote parts, provided absorption take place. The action is that of a narcotico-acrid poison; but its narcotic effect is less, while its acrimony is greater, than that of black hellebore. It is doubtful whether the plant now spoken of is the white hellebore of the ancients. In doses short of any dangerous or violent effect, white hellebore exercises a peculiar action on the secreting organs, the stomach and intestines, and the nervous system. Almost all mucous surfaces, and the glands connected with them, as well as the kidneys, are excited to increased secretion. But when the quantity is more considerable, heat of the mouth, tongue, and throat, with spasmodic constriction of the pharynx, thirst, pains in the stomach and intestines, alternate heats and chills of the whole body, perspirations, anxiety, pain of the head, giddiness, depression of spirits, gloomy expression, and even spasms of the countenance are experienced: if vomiting fortunately occur early, these symptoms are alleviated. Schabel says that no substance so certainly acts as an emetic. If the substance be introduced into the rectum, the symptoms are the same, except that the heat of the mouth and pain of the stomach are less. In decidedly poisonous doses its action is that of a violent narcotico-acrid, causing severe vomiting and purging, often bloody stools, tenesmus, burning feeling from the mouth to the rectum, constriction amounting to a sense of strangulation in the throat, with small pulse, faintings, cold sweats, giddiness, blindness, dilated pupils, loss of voice, convulsions, and insensibility, generally terminating in death. The tincture and the alcoholic extract act more powerfully than the watery infusion or extract. A cutaneous eruption sometimes follows the use of white hellebore. Where death does not ensue, palpitation with intermitting pulse, along with dyspeptic and nervous symptoms, remain for some time. The application of white hellebore to wounds or any broken surface, either to destroy vermin or to cure the itch, may produce the above effects; and this result occurs whether it is used in powder, as a wash, or ointment. The popular use of these is therefore to be discouraged. White hellebore is occasionally mistaken for Galanga root, and the seeds for those of cumin: intentional poisoning with it is rare; but from the use of it among soldiers who have recourse to it from its property of producing palpitation of the heart, and thus simulating disease of that organ, in hopes of obtaining their discharge, violent and indeed fatal effects ensue. An effi-

cient antidote is scarcely to be found. Samuel Hahnemann, overrating the antagonising power of coffee, recommends that article; but at best it can only combat the narcotic symptoms, which are not the most formidable. Astringent drinks have also been proposed, but they are not to be relied on. Acid drinks seem more serviceable: hence tamarinds, or cream of tartar may be given, followed by demulcent or oily fluids. Vomiting should be encouraged.

The medicinal employment of white hellebore is not very great in the present day; but when administered with due caution it is of great service in gouty and dyspeptic disorders, where there is torpor of the liver, sluggish bowels, and defective secretion from the kidneys. From its influence on these organs it often proves useful in chronic cutaneous diseases, in which the digestion is always impaired. It is likewise used as a sternutatory, largely diluted with some starchy powder. Externally, veratria is employed to relieve nervous pains; but its use requires the greatest caution.

VERB (from the Latin *verbum*, a 'word'). The various words which belong to a language have been distributed into classes, called the Parts of Speech, of which the verb is one of the principal. Dr. Becker has divided all words into two chief classes, Notional Words and Relational Words, the characteristics of which are explained under NOTION. The verb is a Notional word; and viewed in its simplest form it is a Root.

The term Verb comprehends those words in a language which are used to indicate the relations of mode or mood, and the relations of time or tense; the relations of mood and tense are the essential characteristics of the verb. The verb is also characterized by indicating the relations of subject to subject, or subject to object, whether these relations are expressed by some part of the word called verb, or by some other words which are to be viewed in relation to the verb, in order to denote these relations of subject to subject or subject to object. Thus the Latin forms, '*amo*,' '*I love*;' '*lego*,' '*I read*,' comprehend the relations of mode, time, and subject; and the phrases '*amo puellam*,' '*lego librum*,' comprehend also the relation of the subject to an object. If we examine the words of a language by the aid of this description, there is no difficulty in determining the verbs; and it is true, as Dr. Becker states, that they contain the notion of an activity; but this activity may be either directed from a subject to an object, or remain in the subject, as '*I love Elizabeth*,' or '*I walk*.' Dr. Becker observes, "The notion of an activity is expressed by a verb, when the activity is contemplated as bearing the relations of person, time, and mood to the speaker: e.g., '*I drank*,' '*he fled*,' '*the tree grows*:' it is expressed by an adjective when it is not thus related to the speaker: e.g., '*a drunken person*,' '*a flighty thought*,' '*a great tree*.' The notion of an existence, i.e. of a person or thing which really exists, or is conceived by the mind as existing, is expressed by a substantive: e.g., '*a drinker*,' '*a drink*,' '*the flock*,' '*the flight*,' '*the growth*.' All notional words accordingly are either verbs, adjectives, or substantives."

Dr. Becker considers, in general, all roots to be verbs, and all radical notions as notions of activity. He concludes consistently, that all substantives as well as adjectives are derived from verbs, that is, from a root which is a notion of activity; and 'all notions expressed by substantives are notions of activity transformed into notions of existence.' This theory of language involves many difficult questions as to the origin of our ideas, and for practical purposes it is of little value. It is beyond the limits of grammar.

For philological purposes, no word should be viewed as a verb, unless it has the adjuncts of mood and tense. Words when reduced to their simplest forms, that is, to their roots, are neither verbs, nor nouns, nor adjectives: they are roots. The discussion whether the noun or the verb should be considered the root, in cases where both contain a common element, is a discussion about nothing at all. The element may exist in a somewhat varied form in the noun and in the verb, and the variations in each case can be referred to a particular class of verb and noun. The characteristics of the verb have been already stated.

The characteristics of the noun are the same as those of the adjective; and nouns and adjectives are those notional words which are not verbs. All other notional words are verbs. When the characteristic marks of verb, adjective,

and noun are taken away, there remains root, which in itself has no grammatical name as opposed to any other kind of word. Roots may be classified like grammatical words, but they are still roots and nothing more. The only difficulty that may be suggested as to this explanation is that the root and the noun may be identical in form, as in many instances in our own language, such as 'man,' 'dog,' &c. But the answer is, that though these words in themselves suggest a notion of something intelligible, they are not nouns, unless they are used as parts of speech. It is only when we view words as the constituent parts of language that we give them grammatical names.

According to Becker's principles, the verb 'to be' is not a verb: it implies 'not a notion, but a mere relation;' and is therefore a relational word. But 'to be' implies the notion of existence, and is the only word that does; for if we contemplate anything as existing, such as God, the notion of 'is' is inseparable from the notion God: and so of other things that are conceived as existing. All verbs also are resolvable into 'is,' and something else; and it is by virtue of this 'is' that this something else is conceived to be. In fact, the fundamental principles of Becker involve much which is not purely philological.

Viewing the verb, as above defined, as a root with its modifications of mood, tense, and person, it remains to consider some of its other qualities. The division of verbs into Active, Passive, and Neuter is founded on the notion of a verb expressing doing, suffering, and a condition. But this division is objectionable, because it introduces considerations foreign to the subject of grammar: it involves a metaphysical question. The division of verbs into Transitive and Intransitive is a grammatical division, and is useful. A verb is transitive when it has an object which is not the subject, as 'I blame John.' A verb is intransitive when the subject of the verb is the object of the action of the verb. Intransitive verbs therefore, considered as grammatical forms, comprise what are called Neuter verbs and Passive verbs. Viewed with reference to predication, that form of the intransitive verb which is called the neuter, as 'I walk,' differs from what is called the passive, as 'I am loved,' merely in this: the neuter implies nothing external to the 'I,' which is the object of its own energy; the passive implies something external to the subject, of which external thing the subject is an object. Consequently it is only another mode of expressing the notion of the transitive verb. The peculiar form which this so-called passive voice has, depends on the character of each language. The so-called Reflective verb is in form either a transitive verb when the subject is also expressed as its own object, or a passive verb, in which the implied external thing is identical with the subject.

The peculiar characters of verbs in any given language form an important part of the study of such language. It has been said that mood and tense are the characteristics of a verb; but it is not necessary that the words which denote mood and tense should be attached to the root for the purpose of making a verb. The English language contains cases where the words which express mood and tense are quite distinct from the root, which their relations to it convert into the quality of verb. Whether such modifying words shall be attached to the root or not, is an accident of language, not an essential; but whether attached or not, the root is never a verb without the aid of these adjuncts. It is by virtue of their adjuncts that this root becomes a part of speech. There may be other adjuncts to the root besides mood and tense, and these adjuncts may, according to the character of a language, be either attached to the root, or detached from, though related to it.

VERBASCINÆ, a natural order of plants constituted by Nees von Eckenbeck, and comprising the genera *Verbascum*, *Ramondia*, *Celsia*, and *Ianthera*. Three of these genera are comprised in the section *Verbaceæ*, of the order *Scrophulariaceæ*, as defined by Bentham, who is followed by Lindley and others. The species of this order consist of perennial and biennial herbs, with a mucilaginous character, having opposite or alternate decurrent leaves, seated on a straight or twiggy stem. The flowers are disposed in terminal, usually elongated racemes or spikes. The corollas are white, yellow, or purple, and the filaments of the anthers are usually bearded. The corolla is rotate, with a flat 5-lobed unequal limb, or ventricose with a bilabiate limb. The stamens are 5 in number, of dif-

ferent forms, and the upper one is frequently wanting, with 1-celled anthers adnate to the beehel-shaped connective. The carpels 2, joined to form a capsule dehiscing at the apex, the endocarp forming a bipartite dissepiment. The placentas are marginal, but form a central column, which constitutes the axis of the dissepiment, and is prominent in the cavity of both carpels. The seeds are numerous, albuminous, and reniform, with a curved central embryo. This order differs from *Solanaceæ* and *Scrophulariaceæ* in its 1-celled, reniform or elongated anthers, differently formed sometimes in the same flower. It may perhaps be fairly questioned whether so slight a distinction should separate these plants from orders to which they are so nearly allied. This however will depend on each author's idea of the value of an order; and frequently by separating doubtful genera and placing them in distinct orders the larger groups from which they are separated are strengthened and more easily defined. The genera which are brought together in this order have been referred by various authors to different orders: thus *Verbascum* and *Celsia* are usually referred to *Solanaceæ*, and *Ramondia* to *Geraneaceæ*.

The genus *Verbascum* derives its name from *barbasum*, which was applied to some of the species on account of the bearded filaments: hence also the Italian name *barbasco*. It has a 5-parted calyx; rotate funnel-shaped corolla; 5 stamens, all bearing anthers, which are only occasionally not all lunate in the same flower; a 2-valved capsule with seeds attached to the central placentas. There are about 70 species: they have strong erect stems, with broad decurrent leaves, and yellow, white, or purple flowers, disposed in dense or loose racemes or spikes.

V. Thapsus has created, decurrent, oblongo-lanceolate, tomentose leaves; dense, racemose spikes; pedicels of the flowers shorter than the calyx; the segments of the calyx lanceolate, acute, and tomentose above, and equal in length to the fruit; the corolla with the anther nearly equal. This plant is a native of waste sterile places, especially of chalky and gravelly soils, throughout Europe. It is also found in Siberia, Taurus, and Caucasus, and in Nepal and Kumon. The leaves are remarkable for their woolly character, from which the English name *Mullein* seems to have been applied to the whole genus. *Mullein* (French, *Molène*) is said to be a corruption of *Woollen*, and in German the plants are called *Wolkräuter*. In different districts in England this plant has very various names. In the northern counties it is called Hag-taper, from some supposed efficacy in sorcery; in many places this has been corrupted into Hig-taper and High-taper. *Torehes*, *Bullock's Lung-wort*, *Harb's Beard*, *Ladies' Fox-glove*, *Murrian-grass*, *Shepherd's-Club*, &c., are other names. The specific name *Thapsus* has been given to it on account of its growing in great abundance in *Thapsos* in Africa. It is also abundant in Greece, and appears to have been the *φύλακος λευκός ἄνθος* of Dioscorides. This plant was formerly much used in medicine, and was considered to possess emollient and narcotic properties, and on this account it still occupies a place in the Dublin Pharmacopœia. It was used in cases of chronic catarrh and other affections of the chest, in the form of infusion or decoction; it is however seldom prescribed at the present day, although it has still a popular reputation in these diseases, and is also used by the cowleech in the pulmonary complaints of cattle. The seeds are said to possess narcotic properties, and are sometimes used for the purpose of intoxicating fish in order to catch them. In some parts of the East Indies where this plant grows, the natives believe that it has the power of protecting them from the influence of evil spirits. The French call this plant *Bouillon blanc*, and use an infusion of the flowers as a remedy in coughs. When dried in the sun the flowers are said to give out a fetty matter, which in Alsace is used as an application to hemorrhoids.

V. Blattaria, Moth *Mullein*, has glabrous leaves, the lower ones obovate-oblong, attenuated at the base, and somewhat sinuated; those of the stem oblong, acute, crenated, sessile; the racemes terminal, elongated; the pedicels solitary, twice as long as the bracts. It is a native of the middle and south of Europe, some parts of Asia and North America. It is not a common plant in Great Britain, although in some places it is abundant. It is called *Blattaria*, because it is said to drive away the *Blatta* or Cockroach.

V. pulverulentum, Yellow Hoary Mullein, has ovate-oblong subnervate leaves, pulverulent-tomentose on both sides; racemes paniced; pedicels equal in length to the calyces; stem rounded. This plant is a native of Dauphiny and of Great Britain, especially in the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk. It is one of the most magnificent of our native herbaceous plants, sending up stems a yard high, which are covered with hundreds of golden-coloured flowers. If the stem is struck violently the corollas will fall off, and the empty calyces will close around the capsules. The leaves are covered with a pulverulent mealy substance, which may be easily removed from the surface. The sap from this and several other species may be used as tinder.

V. nigrum, Dark Mullein, has oblongo-cordate, petiolete, crenated leaves, nearly smooth above, but clothed with fine tomentum beneath; racemes elongated; pedicels twice as long as the calyx. It is native throughout Europe and in Siberia, and is common on banks and waysides in gravelly and chalky soils in England. It is rare in Scotland. This is one of the most elegant of the species. The corollas are of a golden-yellow colour; the filaments of the stamens are violet; and the anthers orange.

V. Lychitis, White Mullein, has oblong wedge-shaped leaves, nearly glabrous above, but clothed with tomentum below; racemes paniced; pedicels twice as long as the calyx. It is found amongst rubbish and in waste places throughout Europe, in the North of Asia, and in North America, and is not uncommon in Great Britain. The corollas are of a pale yellow, the filaments are covered with a white wool, the pollen is of a vermilion colour. There is a variety with white flowers, and another without petals. The powdery tomentum is used as tinder, and for making wicks for lamps, and hence its specific name from *λύχνος*, a lamp.

Of the other species few or none are used in the arts or medicine, or are introduced into our gardens. The determination of many of the species has been attended with much difficulty on account of the strong tendency that exists amongst these plants to produce hybrids. These hybrids generally perish in the course of two or three generations; at the same time there is reason to suppose that some of them exist in herbaria as species.

All the species of *Verbascum* are tall, robust, handsome plants, and may be cultivated in gardens and shrubberies. Most of them thrive in any common soil in the open air, and may be propagated by seeds, or the perennial species by dividing the roots. When two or three species are grown together in gardens, the tendency to hybridization amongst these plants becomes very evident in the changed characters of the successive generations.

The genus *Celsia* was named in honour of Dr. Olaus Celsius, Professor of Greek and Theology in the University of Upsal. It has a 5-parted calyx, a 5-lobed rotate corolla, 4 didynamous bearded stamens, and woolly anthers. The species are herbs with simple or pinnate leaves, and the flowers are disposed in loose terminal racemes, rising from the axil of a bract or leaf. Most of the species of *Celsia*, of which there are about a dozen, bear showy yellow flowers, and are often cultivated in gardens. They require more care than the mulleins. They may be propagated by seeds, which should be reared in a hotbed, and the young plants protected under a greenhouse frame through the winter; and in the second year they may be planted in an open border, where they will flourish during the summer.

The genus *Ranondia* was named after M. L. Ramond, a French botanist and traveller. Its flowers resemble those of *Celsia*, but the anthers are perfoliate at the apex. It has but one species, the *R. Pyreneica*. It grows on the Pyrenees, and is a pretty little alpine plant, without any stem, and with hairy wrinkled leaves and large purple flowers. It is a hardy plant and well fitted for borders. It may be easily propagated by division of its roots.

(Don's *Miller's Dictionary*; *Cyclopædia of Plants*; *Hooker's British Flora*; *Koch's Flora Germanica*.)

VERBASCUM. [VERBASCINÆ.]

VERBENA, a genus of plants, the type of the natural order Verbenaceæ. Most of the species of this genus are weeds, and are generally inhabitants of Europe and North America. The genus is known by a tubular calyx with 5 teeth, one of them generally shorter than the rest; a tubular

corolla with the limb rather unequal, 5-lobed; the stamens included, and sometimes only 2; the seeds 2 or 4, enclosed in a thin evanescent pericarp.

V. officinale, Common Vervain, has 4 stamens with an erect somewhat hispid stem; the leaves lanceolate, incosserate, or trifid, with the segments cut rough; the spikes filiform, somewhat paniced, and the flowers rather remote. This plant is a native of waste ground and roadsides in most parts of Europe, and is common in England. It is not found in Ireland. It is an inhabitant also of New Holland. This is the *lupulifera*, 'holy herb,' of Dioscorides, who ascribed great powers to it, especially in incantations. In most countries where it grows, it seems to have been invested with extraordinary powers. It at one time entered into the composition of various charms and love-philters, and has even now a popular reputation for predisposing persons favourably towards those who administer a dose to them. During the last century Mr. Morley pretended to cure scrophulous by hanging a portion of the root of this plant round the neck. Ray in his time saw through the pretensions of the Vervain, and exposed them. This plant is called by Pliny *Verbena*, and was held in great esteem by the Romans. The ancient Druids revered it next to the mistletoe and gathered it with religious ceremonies.

V. Asclepias, Rose-coloured Vervain, has capitate solitary spikes, which are cylindrical after flowering; awl-shaped bracts as long as the taper-pointed calyx; leaves 3-lobed, cut; stem erect. This plant is a shrubby biennial with the stem about a foot high, and flowers of a fine pink or crimson larger than most of the genus. It is a native of North America, in Georgia and the Carolinas, and was first brought to Europe in 1774.

V. triphylla, Lemon-scented Vervain, has paniced spikes with minutely distantly-toothed leaves, three in a whorl; stem shrubby. This plant is a native of Chili, and was first discovered by the unfortunate Dombey, who introduced it into the gardens of Europe. In Italy, Spain, and the south of France this plant is quite naturalized, and in Jersey and Guernsey it bears exposure all the winter. This plant is used on the Continent for making an infusion, which, when cold, is administered as a cooling drink in fevers, slight catarrhs, &c. It has been separated from the genus *Verbena* by Palau, and is called by him *Alcyon citriflora*, a name by which it is more frequently known in modern works on botany. The flowers are small and of a pale lilac colour; the leaves are green, and when rubbed give out a very delicious scent, like that of the lemon or citron. They retain their fragrance even a long time after they have been gathered.

The species of Vervain are frequently cultivated, though they are not very showy plants. They may be propagated by seeds, which should be sown in pots or on a hotbed in the spring. When strong enough, the plants should be placed in separate pots and again placed in a hotbed till they have taken root, when they may be planted out. Those which do not produce seed in this climate may be increased by planting cuttings in the summer months, in pots of good mould. Many of the species may be propagated by dividing the roots and planting them in pots on the bark-side of the stove.

VERBENACEÆ, a natural order of plants belonging to Lindley's nomenclature group of monopetalous Exogens. The species are trees or shrubs, sometimes only herbaceous plants, with generally opposite, simple, or compound leaves without stipules. The flowers are in opposite corymbs or spiked alternately, sometimes in dense heads, and very seldom axillary or solitary. The calyx is tubular, persistent, inferior; the corolla is hypogynous, monopetalous, tubular, deciduous, generally with an irregular limb; the stamens 4, didynamous, seldom equal, occasionally 2; ovary 2-4-celled; ovules erect or pendulous, solitary or twin; style 1; stigma bifid or undivided, feut nomenclature, sometimes bearded, composed of two or four nucules in a state of adhesion; seeds erect or pendulous, albumen none, or in very small quantity; embryo always erect. (Lindley.)

The great difference between these plants and those of Lamnaceæ or Labiata consists in their concrete carpels, terminal style, and the absence of oil-glands from their leaves. There are however species placed in both orders which in one or more of their characters very nearly approach the other. From Acanthaceæ and Scrophulari-

rice, to which they are allied in many points, they are distinguished by their 1- or 2-seeded indehiscent carpels.



Varronia strobilifera.

1, Calyx with flowers; 2, corolla opened with didynamous stamens; 3, style opened with unilocular fruit; 4, section of single fruit; 5, single carpel.

The plants of this order are rare in Europe, in the north of Asia, and in the north of America; they are common in the tropics of both hemispheres and in the temperate districts of South America. In temperate regions the species belonging to the order are herbs, but in tropical climates they are shrubs and gigantic trees.

The plants belonging to this order have no very active properties; those attributed to the vervain [*VERVAINA*] appear to have been imaginary. The *Lantana pseudo-thea* is said, by Geoffroy St. Hilaire, to be used in Brazil as a substitute for tea, and is vulgarly called *Capitão do Matto*, or *Cha de pedestre*. The *Teak-tree* [*Tectona*], also the Brazilian tea-tree [*Stachytarpha*], and the *Chaste-tree* [*Vitex*], belong to this order.

VERCELLI, *The Province of*, a province of the Sardinian continental dominions, bounded on the north by the provinces of Val di Sesia and of Biella, east by the provinces of Mortara and Novara, south by the Po, which divides it from the province of Casale, and west by the provinces of Ivrea and Turin. The province contains 73 communes and 105,000 inhabitants. It is mostly a plain sloping towards the south, and through which runs from north to south the river Sesia, an affluent of the Po. The rivers Cervo and Elvo, which rise in the mountains of Biella, flow through the province of Vercelli in a south-east direction and join the Sesia above the town of Vercelli. A canal for the purpose of irrigation, called *Canale d'Ivrea*, and also *Canale di Santhià*, from the town of that name, receives part of the water of the Dora Baltea below Ivrea, and after irrigating the plain of Vercelli empties itself into the Sesia near Vercelli. This canal is one of the largest in Piedmont. The lower part of the province of Vercelli consists of rice-fields, which are laid under water during the summer until September, when the water is let out, and the rice is reaped. This system of cultivation renders the country unhealthy, and engenders fevers and other diseases, especially among the labourers who work in the 'risere', or rice-grounds. [*ORZA*; *PELLAGA*.] The province of Vercelli produces also corn, wine, and silk in

abundance. Vercelli, the head town, situated on the left bank of the Sesia, near the site of the ancient Verellæ, a town of Cisalpine Gaul, is a large and well-built but somewhat decayed town, in an atmosphere rendered unhealthy by the rice-grounds: it is a bishop's see, has many churches, convents, and palaces, a gymnasium, a clerical seminary, a large hospital with a botanical garden and a museum of anatomy attached to it, and about 15,000 inhabitants. The principal buildings are—1. the cathedral, a modern building, which has among its curiosities a MS. of the Gospels of St. Matthew and St. Mark in Latin, written on vellum, said to be by the hand of Eusebius, bishop of Vercelli, in the fourth century. This Latin translation differs from the Vulgate of St. Jerome. 2. Santa Maria Maggiore, an old church, with a number of marble pillars, and a mosaic pavement representing the history of Judith. 3. S. Andrea, a Gothic church. 4. S. Cristoforo, a church with some good paintings by Gaudenzio Ferrari of Varalla. 5. The town-house, which is the residence of the Intendente, or political governor. 6. The market-place, which is surrounded by good buildings. 7. The gate leading to Milan, which is of good architecture. Vercelli is on the high road from Turin to Milan, and about half-way between those two cities. Borgo Vercelli is a suburb on the opposite or left bank of the Sesia, with about 2000 inhabitants. It was in the plains of Vercelli that the Cimbrî were defeated by C. Marius, 101 a.c. Vercelli was a municipal town of some importance in the middle ages, and had a celebrated school in the thirteenth century for the study of law and divinity, which was frequented by students from various countries. The other towns of the province are—1. Santhià, a town of 3300 inhabitants, on the road from Vercelli to Ivrea. 2. Trino, a town of about 7000 inhabitants, in a low marshy plain near the Po. Trino is a great market for cattle and pigs. The hams of Trino are in repute in Northern Italy. 3. Crescentino, west of Trino, on the high road to Turin, has about 4000 inhabitants, and some remains of Roman buildings in its neighbourhood. 4. Livorno, not far from Crescentino, has 3600 inhabitants, who deal in silk, the produce of the country. 5. Gattinara, on the banks of the Sesia, north of Vercelli, has 3700 inhabitants: its territory produces good wine.

[*Caledario Sardo*; *Demina, Quadro Statistico dell' alta Italia*; *Valley, Voyages en Italie*.]

VERCHNEJ UDINSK. [*SERESSIA*, xxi., 472.]

VERCHOTURIE is a town in the Russian government of Perm, situated on the river Tura, in 58° 50' N. lat. and 61° 20' E. long. It has five churches, two convents, a bazaar, a corn-magazine, and 3000 inhabitants. The extent of the town, its lofty stone churches, its solid ramparts erected in 1605, form a singular contrast with the present condition of the inhabitants, and prove to be only monuments of departed prosperity; for it was formerly a place of great importance, the residence of a Woiwode, and the staple of the whole trade of Siberia, which was not allowed to take any other road, because the duties of customs were to be paid here; but this having ceased more than a century ago, it is now become merely an insignificant chief town of a circle. Professor Erman says, 'The ground became more and more level, till, as we issued from the forest near Verchoturie, we found ourselves in a perfectly horizontal plain; yet here, for the first time in our progress northwards, we were to find again the granite rocks of the Ural.'

It is remarkable that in the granite of Verchoturie Professor Kupffer and Erman found black prismatic crystals, 'of which,' says Professor Rose, 'some specimens have been shown me by Professor Kupffer. From the measurements which I made of them after my return, the crystals are black epidote, or Bucklandite, a very rare mineral, hitherto known only as occurring at Arenal in the beds of iron-ore.' 'Near the town we visited a spring, the water of which is of the temperature of +2° 10 Réaumur, which is 2° 6 Réaumur colder than the springs which issue from the summit of the Brocken in Germany. But how fine is the vegetation here, compared with that of the German mountain! What a difference between the stunted pine, which stands isolated on the barren moor, and the luxuriant green thickets round this spring, and the noble lofty pines that adorn the plain of Verchoturie!'

(G. Rose, *Reise nach dem Ural, dem Altai, und dem*
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Caspischen Meer, von A. von Humboldt, G. Ehrenberg, und G. Rose; A. Erman, *Reise um die Erde*; Stein, *Lezica*; Cansbach. *Lehrbuch*.)

VERINGETORIX. [CESAR.]

VERDE CAPE, ISLANDS. [CAPE VERDE ISLANDS.]

VERDIGRIS. [COPPER.]

VERDEN. *The Principality of*, in the duchy of Bremen, in the kingdom of Hanover, is situated between 52° 50' and 53° 25' N. lat. and 9° 10' and 10° 10' E. long. It is bounded on the north-east, east, and south by Lüneburg, on the south-west by Hoya, on the north-west by Bremen. The area is about 520 square miles, and the number of inhabitants 34,000, who all follow the Lutheran faith. The country is quite level; the interior of the duchy of Bremen, of which it is a part, contains extensive heaths and immense peat-mosses, forming a low tract, partly sandy, partly marshy, strewed with innumerable large blocks of granite, without a hill, and with only isolated groups of trees. It produces some corn, pulse, and potatoes, and has the common domestic animals. It was formerly a bishopric, but was secularised at the peace of Westphalia, and assigned to Sweden. In 1712 it was conquered by the Danes, who sold it to the elector of Brunswick Lüneburg, since which time it has belonged to Hanover, except that it was subject to Napoleon from 1803 to 1814, when it was restored to Hanover. It is divided into two bailiwicks, Rotenberg and Verden.

VERDEN, the capital of the Principality, is situated in 52° 58' N. lat. and 9° 15' E. long., on the navigable river Aller, which here divides into two arms, and over which there is a bridge 400 paces in length. It is surrounded with walls, and has three gates. The principal building is the Gothic cathedral, besides which there is another church, an hospital, and a school attached to the cathedral. The inhabitants, about 5000 in number, have three tobacco and snuff manufactories, some breweries and brandy distilleries, but are chiefly engaged in cultivating the fields and gardens of the environs. They also derive some advantage from the fishery in the Aller, and from the transit-trade between Hamburg and Westphalia. (Hamel; Cansbach; Stein; Hirschelmann.)

VERDETER. [COPPER.]

VERDIC ACID, an acid discovered by Runge, and so named from its property of becoming green by exposure to the air. It is obtained from several of the *Umbelliferae*, *Plantaginaceae*, &c., but chiefly from the root of the *Scabiosa succisa*. When combined with excess of base, it becomes green in the air, owing to the absorption of oxygen; Berzelius therefore proposes to call the colourless the *verdous* and the coloured the *verdic acid*. The former is obtained by digesting the dried and powdered root of the scabiosa in alcohol, from which on the addition of ether white flakes are thrown down, to which, dissolved in water, acetate of lead is added, and the precipitate, being thrown down, is decomposed by hydrosulphuric acid. By evaporating the filtered liquor the acid is obtained in the state of a brittle yellow mass, which reddens litmus and does not alter in the air. When it is saturated with an alkali, ammonia for example, and exposed to the air, it absorbs oxygen and becomes gradually green. The acids then precipitate it in the form of a reddish-brown powder, which is verdic acid: this redissolves and becomes green with the alkalis. The earthy or metallic *verdates* are yellow, while the *verdates* of the same bases are green. Runge states that he found by analysis that verdic acid contains one equivalent of oxygen more than the verdous acid.

VERDICT. [JURY.]

VERDUN, a town in the north-eastern part of France, capital of an arrondissement in the department of Meuse, 138 miles in a direct line east by north of Paris, or 151 miles by the road through Meaux, Château-Thierry, Epernay, Châlons-sur-Marne, and St. Méthould; in 49° 9' N. lat., and 5° 29' E. long.

Verdon stands on the Meuse, which here flows in several channels so as to divide the town into five parts, connected with each other by a number of bridges over the different arms of the river. The town is fortified, and has a strong citadel at its western side. The streets are irregularly laid out, and some of them are steep and ill-paved. There are a cathedral and five other Roman Catholic churches (one of which, the church of Notre Dame, has a handsome high altar), a Protestant church, and a Jews' synagogue; a town-

hall; an ex-episcopal palace; barracks for cavalry, and a theatre.

The population of the commune in 1826 was 9900; in 1831, 9978; and in 1836, 10,577. The townsmen manufacture cotton-yarn, coarse woollen cloths, flannel, serge, brushes, candles, hats, nails, and chamois-leather; beer, liquors, and confectionery. In some years more than 160,000 lbs. of *dragées* (i. e. sugar-plums, sugared almonds, &c.) have been sold; and nearly 400,000 gallons of liquors. The navigation of the Meuse commences at Verdun, and the town is at the convergence of roads communicating respectively with Paris, Metz, Luxembourg, and Sedan. There are a subordinate court of justice and a tribunal of commerce; two prisons; two hospitals, one of them military; an establishment of the Sisters of Charity; a communal high school; a public library of 12,000 volumes, including a number of chronicles of the ninth, eleventh, twelfth, and thirteenth centuries; and a museum of natural history and antiquities, belonging to the Philomathes Society.

Verdun was known to the Romans by the name *Virodunum*, or *Verodunum*, and was the chief town of a small tribe or nation, the *Verodunenses*, who took their name from the town. Gregory of Tours writes the name *Virodunum*, and other writers of the middle ages have *Virodunum* and *Verdunum*. In the middle ages it was included in the Germanic empire, of which its bishops were princes. In 1552 it submitted to Henri II. of France, and was definitively ceded to France at the peace of Münster, in 1648. It was taken by the Prussians when they invaded France in 1792, and retaken after the battle of Valmy. Many of the English who were arrested in France after the rupture of the treaty of Amiens, and many prisoners of war, were kept at Verdun.

Verdun is the seat of a bishopric; the diocese comprehends the department of Meuse; the bishop is a suffragan of the archbishop of Besançon.

The arrondissement of Verdun has an area of 580 square miles, and comprehends 149 communes: it is subdivided into 7 cantons or districts, each under a justice of the peace: the population in 1831 was 80,897; in 1836, 82,241.

(Malte-Brun, *Géographie Universelle*; *Dictionnaire Géographique Universel*; Dupin, *Forces Productives, &c. de la France*.)

VERE, SIR FRANCIS, a distinguished English military commander in the reign of Elizabeth, was born in 1554. His father, of whose four sons he was the second, was Geoffrey de Vere, third son of John de Vere, fifteenth earl of Oxford; his mother was Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Richard Hardkyn of Colchester. Of the first thirty years of his life nothing appears to be known; he began his career of active service as one of the captains of the force sent, under the command of the earl of Leicester, to the assistance of the Dutch in the latter end of the year 1585. Here he soon made himself conspicuous both for bravery and conduct; and he had a leading part in most of the chief passages of the war between the Dutch and the Spaniards throughout the next fifteen years. In 1587 he was one of the defenders of the town of Sluys against the prince of Parma, to whom however the place was eventually forced to surrender. In 1588 he was one of the garrison which successfully defended Bergen-op-Zoom against the same assailant; and for his services on this occasion he was knighted by Lord Willoughby, who had succeeded Leicester in the command of the English auxiliaries. In 1589, being put in command of a small corps of six hundred of his countrymen, and left to defend the lake of Bommel against Count Mansfeld, he so strengthened the place by his active and judicious measures, that the enemy, though in great force, retired without attacking it. The same year he twice threw a supply of provisions, and the second time also a reinforcement of troops, into the town of Berg, while besieged by the marquis of Warrenburg. In the latter of these attempts he nearly lost his life in an encounter with a party of the enemy; his horse, having been killed by a pike, fell upon him, and he received several thrusts and hurts before he could be extricated. In 1590 he in like manner relieved the castle of Lütkenhooven; and in the same year he recaptured the town of Burick. His services in 1591 were, the surprise of a fort near Zutphen, which materially facilitated the reduction of that town; the important assistance which he rendered

Count Maurice at the siege of Deventer; and the share he had in the signal discomfiture given to the duke of Parma before Knodsenburg fort, near Nimeguen, which is stated to have been brought about mainly by his management and exertions. In 1592 he obtained a seat in the House of Commons as one of the members for Leominster; but he is supposed to have remained nevertheless in the service of the States of Holland, although it does not appear how he was employed for the next three or four years. When the first expedition against Cadix was resolved upon, in the beginning of 1596, Sir Francis Vere was sent for to England, and thence dispatched back immediately to intimate the design to the States; and having then joined the expedition as one of the commanders of the land forces, and one of the council of war appointed to advise the commanders-in-chief, lords Essex and Howard of Effingham, he greatly distinguished himself, both in the action with the Spanish fleet, on the 20th of June, and in the successful attack upon the town of Cadix two days after. The latter part of this year he spent in England; but in the beginning of 1597 we find him again in Holland, where he and Sir Robert Sidney commanded the English auxiliaries in the engagement near Turnhout on the 24th of January, in which the Spaniards were defeated with great slaughter by Count Maurice. In the summer of this year he again accompanied his patron the earl of Essex on his second expedition against Spain, which was attended with no result; but after his return home he received from the queen the government of Briel (the Brill), which was one of the cautionary towns, as they were called, given up for a time by the Dutch to their English allies. He also held under the States the command of the English troops in the service of Holland; and although he resided principally at his government, he made repeated visits to England, and both attended at court and was occasionally employed in negotiating affairs of state between Elizabeth and the Dutch government. In August, 1599, when a Spanish invasion was apprehended, he was sent for home in great haste, and constituted lord-marshal; and it is said that it was at one time proposed to make him lord deputy of Ireland. He appears to have been personally a favourite of Elizabeth, and Essex also seems to have been his steady friend, although he himself imagined at one time that he had not been well used by that nobleman; but he had drawn upon himself the rivalry and jealousy of Raleigh and the enmity of Burleigh. In 1600 he was joined with Count Ernest of Nassau and Count Solmes in the command of the army which the Dutch sent into Flanders; and to his exertions was principally owing a great victory obtained over the Spaniards, near Nieupoort, on the 6th of July. Sir Francis received two shots in the thigh in this battle; but he kept the field till his horse fell dead under him, when he was with difficulty rescued. The following year, on the archduke Albert sitting down before Ostend, at the head of an army of 12,000 men, he was appointed by the States general of all their forces in and about that important place, and immediately threw himself into the beleaguered town. Here, with very inadequate resources, he held out for about eight months, having succeeded in repelling a general attack of the enemy on the 7th of January, 1602; and then, on the 7th of March, he resigned his government to Frederick Dorp, who had been appointed by the States to succeed him. Ostend capitulated at last in 1604, after the siege had lasted more than three years and three months, and had cost the lives, it has been asserted, of above 100,000 men. His defence of Ostend, in the course of which he had received a wound in the head by the accidental bursting of a cannon, was Vere's last service. He was reappointed to the government of the Brill on the accession of King James; and he died in England on the 25th of August, 1608. He is styled Governor both of the Brill and of Portsmouth on his monument in Westminster Abbey, erected by his widow, Elizabeth, second daughter of John Dent, citizen of London. By this lady (who afterwards became the wife of the Hon. Patrick Murray, a son of the earl of Tullibardine, in Scotland) he had three sons and two daughters, all of whom died before him. His military achievements have been recorded by his own pen in 'The Commentaries of Sir Francis Vere, being divers pieces of service wherein he had command, written by himself in way of Commentary; which were published, from his original manuscript, in folio, at Cambridge, in 1667, by William Dillingham, D.D.

VERE, HORACE, or HORATIO, LORD VERE, was the youngest of the three brothers of Sir Francis Vere, and was born at Kirby Hall in Essex, in 1585. He accompanied his brother to Holland in 1593, and shared in most of his exploits and enterprises there, as well as in the first expedition to Cadix, for his valour on which last occasion he received the honour of knighthood. He particularly signalled himself both in the battle of Nieupoort and in the defence of Ostend. In 1603 he joined the army under Prince Maurice, and in 1604 was greatly instrumental in the reduction of the town of Sluys. In the campaign of the following year, a retreat which he succeeded in effecting, with 4000 men, from the Spanish general Spinola, acquired him much reputation, and extorted the highest praise from Spinola himself. On the death of his brother, he succeeded him both as governor of the Brill and as general of the English forces in the service of Holland; but the twelve years' truce between the Dutch and the Spaniards kept him out of the field for the remainder of the time that he held the former of these appointments. The town of Brill being delivered up to the Dutch in 1616, Sir Horace Vere was allowed a pension by the king in consideration of his services. In 1618 he assisted the Prince of Orange in putting down the Arminians, or Remonstrants, at Utrecht, a measure of violence, one of the results of which was the destruction of the grand pensionary Barneveldt, who had been the attached friend of Sir Francis Vere. In 1620, when forces were raised in England for the assistance of the elector palatine, Frederic V., in his attempt to secure the crown of Bohemia, Sir Horace Vere was appointed to the command of them; and he behaved with his usual spirit in the disastrous contest which ensued, keeping the enemy at bay as long as it was possible, till he was obliged to surrender Mannheim, the last place of strength into which he threw himself, to the Austrian general, Count Tilly, in January, 1623. After his return home, he was, 20th July, 1624, nominated by King James one of the council of war appointed to manage the business of the palatinate; and immediately after the accession of Charles I. he was, on the 25th of July, 1625, raised to the peerage, by the title of Baron Vere, of Tilbury, in the county of Essex. He was the first peer made by Charles. In March, 1623, on the death of the earl of Totness, Lord Vere was made master of the ordnance for life. Still retaining his post of commander-in-chief of the English forces in the Netherlands, he continued occasionally to visit that country, and to take part in the war; but nothing further that is memorable is related of his military career. The last two years of his life were spent in England, where he died suddenly on the 2nd of May, 1633, being struck with apoplexy as he sat at dinner in the house of Sir Henry Vane at Whitehall. Fuller, who knew Lord Vere, describes him, in his 'Worthies,' as having 'more meekness and as much valour as his brother;' and as 'so pious, that he first made his peace with God before he went out to war with men.' Sir Francis, he says, was more feared, Sir Horace more loved, by the soldiers. By his wife Mary, third daughter of Sir John Tracey, of Toddington, in the county of Gloucester, who had been previously married to Mr. William Hoby (and who long survived her second husband also, dying, in 1671, at the age of ninety), Lord Vere had five daughters: Anne, married to John Hollis, second earl of Clare; Mary, married first to Sir Roger Townshend, father of the first Viscount Townshend, secondly to Mildmay Fane, earl of Westmoreland; Catherine, married to Oliver St. John, Esq., ancestor of Lord Bellingbrooke; Anne, married to Thomas, Lord Fairfax; and Dorothy, married to John Wolstenholme, Esq., by whom however she had no issue. In 1642 an octavo volume was published at London, dedicated to Lady Vere, entitled 'Elegies, celebrating the happy Memory of Sir Horatio Vere, &c.

VERETLIUS, OLA'US, a celebrated Swedish antiquary, whose real name was Olaf Werl, was born on the 12th of February, 1618, in the village of Ragulidsdorp, in the diocese of Linköping. He received his first education from his father, Nicolaus Werl, who was pastor at Ingatorp. After the completion of his preparatory education in the public school at Linköping, he went to the university of Dorpat, in Livonia, which was then a Swedish province. After a stay of four years, he returned to Sweden, and finished his studies at Upsala. In 1644 he became private tutor to two young Swedish barons, whom he accompanied

in 1648 on a tour through Denmark, Germany, Holland, Switzerland, Italy, and France. At Paris the party stayed a whole year. On his return to Sweden in 1651, queen Christina appointed him professor of eloquence in the university of Dorpat, and the year after he received the same office in the university of Upsala, in addition to which he was made *questor* of the university. In 1662 he became professor of Swedish antiquities, and in 1666 antiquary to King Charles XI., and Assessor Antiquitatum in the king's privy-council. In 1679 he was appointed chief librarian of the library of Upsala, which was a kind of sinecure, and was only given to eminent scholars 'as a comfort in their old age, after they had achieved Herculean labours.' Verelius died on the 1st of January, 1682. In the Swedish epitaph on his tombstone he is called a real 'Runic stone,' to express his immense antiquarian knowledge.

Verelius is the author of numerous works, chiefly on Scandinavian antiquities, of which he possessed a most extensive knowledge. His historical statements must be received with great caution, as he was biased by certain opinions respecting the Swedish origin of the Goths which were then common among the Swedish historians. In addition to this, Verelius was very tenacious in his opinions, however extravagant they might be, and of very irritable temperament, as we see especially in his polemical writings against his old friend John Scheffer of Strasburg, about the meaning of the name Upsala. But Verelius is nevertheless one of the best writers on the early history and antiquities of Scandinavia. His principal works are: 1. 'Gothici et Rolfi, Westrogothine Regum, Historia, &c., accedunt notae Joannis Schefferi, (Argentoratensis) Upsala, 1664, 8vo.' This is the first edition of an old work written in the old Scandinavian language, or, as the editor calls it, the Gothic language. It contains the original text and a Swedish translation, together with a vocabulary in which the meaning of Scandinavian words is explained in Latin. 2. 'Iti Sycke af Konung Olaf Tryggvasson's Saga, hvilken på Gammla Gillska Beskrifvit hafwa Oddur Munk; &c., Upsala, 1665, 8vo. (i.e. 'A fragment of king O. Tryggvasson's Saga, written in old Gothic by Monk Oddur.)' 3. 'Herlands och Besa Sage,' Upsala, 1666, 8vo., with a Swedish translation. 4. 'Manuductio compendiosa ad Runographiam,' &c., Upsala, 1673, fol. This is written in Swedish, and dedicated to the celebrated Axel Oxenstierna, and contains thirty beautiful Runic Inscriptions. 5. 'Notae in Epistolam defensoriam clarissimi viri, J. Schefferi, Argentoratensis, da Ritu ac Vocabulo Upsalae,' Upsala, 1681, fol. This work is written with such bitterness and vehemence, that it was prohibited two months after its publication. After his death appeared—6. 'Index Linguae veteris Scytho-Scandiae sive Gothicae,' &c., edited by Olaf Ruubeek, Upsala, 1691, fol. 7. 'Epitomarum Historiae Sui-Gothicae libri iv., et Gothorum extra patriam gestarum libri ii.,' edited by P. Schenbergh, Stockholm, 1730, 4to. There are also two orations of Verelius, viz., 8. 'Oratio Panegyrica de Pace Sui-Germaniae, habita Lugduni-Batavorum,' Leyden, 1640, fol. 9. 'Memoirae illustrissimi Comitiss Axelii Oxenstiernae Oratio Funebnis,' Upsala, 1655, fol.

(Clausius Arhenius Ornheim, 'Vita Olvi Verelii,' in the *Epitomarum Historiae Sui-Gothicae Lib. II.*, where also a complete list of the works of Verelius is given: Compare Juchet's *Allgöm. Gelehrten-Lexic.*, and Gley, in the *Biographie Universelle.*)

VERGENNES, CHARLES GRAVIER, COMTE DE, the son of a president *d' mortier* of the parliament of Dijon, was born in that town on the 28th of December, 1717. His family had only recently been admitted among the *noblesse de la robe*. M. de Chavigny, who had been envoy in Spain and England, and whose niece had married a brother of Vergennes, undertook to initiate the young man into the diplomatic career: he took him as *attaché* to Lisbon in 1740.

In 1743 the French court exerted itself to procure the imperial crown for the elector of Bavaria. Chavigny was sent to Frankfurt to manage the electoral diet, and Vergennes accompanied him. After the death of Charles VII., Chavigny returned with his pupil to Lisbon. Here Vergennes found for the first time an opportunity to display his capacity for business. The rival claims of Spain and Portugal to the territory of Monte Video were referred to the arbitration of the court of Versailles. Vergennes is said to have condensed into a memoir of four pages the

substance of the voluminous pleadings of the parties. The Marquis d'Argenson was delighted with the abridgement; and in 1750 the young diplomatist was appointed minister to the electoral court of Trier.

The meddling occupant of that ecclesiastical principality had contrived to make his court the centre of the political intrigues of Germany. He held, in addition to the electoral archbishopric of Trier, the bishopric of Worms, was co-director of the circle of the Upper Rhine, provost of Ellwangen, and senior of the ecclesiastical bench in the diet of the circle of Suabia. His interference was felt everywhere. The empress-queen was, in 1750, anxiously pressing the election of her son Joseph, still a child, as King of the Romans. The failure of her canvass was attributed to the influence acquired by Vergennes over the elector of Trier.

A visit paid by George II. of England to his paternal estates in Germany was seized upon by Maria Theresa to renew her intrigues. The duke of Newcastle, who wished the imperial dignity to remain in the House of Austria, assembled a congress of the ministers of all the electors at Hanover. The discussions of this assembly ended in nothing; and Vergennes, who had been sent to it by his court, obtained the credit of having foiled the English minister.

Newcastle shifted the scene to Mannheim, and Vergennes (1753) was immediately sent in pursuit of him. He detached the elector-palatine from a convention he was about to conclude with the elector of Hanover in support of the projects of Maria Theresa, and Wrede, the minister of the palatinate, was obliged to repair in person to Paris to apologise for his dealings with England and the empress.

From Germany Vergennes was sent to Constantinople. Count Desaulleux, ambassador to the Porte, died suddenly on the 21st of November, 1754. A secret correspondence had been carried on through his instrumentality between the Ottoman court and Louis XV., unknown to the king's ministers. It was a matter of consequence therefore to the king and his favourites that the papers of the deceased ambassador should not fall into indiscreet hands. Vergennes was deemed trustworthy, but his birth and his youth were obstacles to his appointment to the charge of ambassador. Chavigny is said to have helped the courtiers in this dilemma by persuading the marquis de Puy-sieux, minister for foreign affairs, that an envoy extraordinary, or a minister plenipotentiary, was perfectly competent to transact all the business of France at Constantinople; and that as an agent of that rank would receive a lower salary, and might live at less expense than an ambassador, the difference might be employed to pay off the debts contracted by Count Desaulleux. Vergennes was accordingly appointed, and embarked in a merchant vessel for Constantinople, where he arrived in company with the Baron de Tott in May, 1755. The Porte received him under the designation of minister plenipotentiary; but after a few months, in consequence of a representation from the sultan, Vergennes received the title of ambassador.

He had a difficult game to play. England and Prussia urged the Porte to declare war against the empresses of Austria and Russia. Vergennes represented that these princesses, being on friendly terms with France, must necessarily be well disposed to Turkey, the ally of France. The peace of 1763 put an end to these intrigues, but more serious difficulties ensued. Catherine II. invaded Poland on account of the opposition offered to Poniatowski, whom she had been instrumental in placing on the throne. The Porte, which had guaranteed the integrity of Poland, was disposed to interfere. Vergennes, believing that Turkey was too weak to thwart the designs of the empress, and that it would only draw down upon itself a participation in the disasters of Poland, counselled neutrality. The Duke de Choiseul exclaimed loudly against the apathy of the Divan and the timidity of Vergennes. Money was remitted to the ambassador with strict injunctions to spare no efforts to engage Turkey in hostilities against Russia. The minister was preparing reluctantly to obey, when an accident brought about what he had hesitated to undertake. Some Cossacks made a predatory irruption into the Crimea, and De Tott, who had been accredited by Choiseul to the khan, induced him to make reprisals. This led to a formal declaration of war against Russia by the sultan, on the 30th of October.

Vergennes's despatch containing the intelligence of this event was crossed on the way by the courier who brought his recall. He carried back with him to Paris the money sent to bribe the Divan to undertake a war, into which circumstances had precipitated them unbought. The Duke de Choiseul assigned the marriage which Vergennes had contracted with the widow of a surgeon of Peru as the reason for recalling him. Vergennes's recall was much regretted by the French residents at Peru, who presented him with a gold-hilted sword (une épée d'or) on the occasion. On his return to France he took up his abode on a property he possessed in Burgundy, and remained in retirement until the fall of the Duke de Choiseul.

La Vrillière, who held the portfolio of foreign affairs for a short time after Choiseul's retirement, sent Vergennes to Sweden, allowing him to draw up his own instructions. He remained at that court till the death of Louis XV. It was during his residence that Gustavus III. accomplished the revolution which converted Sweden into an absolute monarchy. Gustavus had made the French minister the confidant of his designs, and the minister imparted them to his own court, but represented them as romantic visions. The cabinet of Versailles however directed him to assist the king of Sweden with money; and when Gustavus carried his schemes into effect, the credit of directing him was attributed at Versailles to Vergennes, who was as a reward enrolled among the noblesse de l'épée.

On the accession of Louis XVI. (July, 1774), Vergennes was made minister for foreign affairs. He remained minister till his death, in 1787, having held along with the portfolio of his department that of president of the Council of Finance during the last few years of his life. The leading achievements of his ministry were as follows:—In May, 1777, he concluded a treaty with the Swiss cantons in lieu of the separate treaties which it had been customary to enter into with each. On the 6th of February, 1778, he signed the treaty of alliance with the United States of North America. He contributed materially towards the establishment of the armed neutrality of the northern maritime powers, and assisted in persuading Spain and Holland to commence hostilities against England. And by these means he became an instrument in bringing about the recognition of the independence of the United States by the mother-country in 1783. In 1779 he obtained favourable conditions for the elector of Bavaria from Joseph II.; and in 1785 he persuaded the emperor and the United Provinces to submit their differences to the arbitration of Louis XVI. His last labour was the negotiation of a treaty of commerce with England in the years 1785 and 1786; and a similar convention with Russia in 1787, surviving the conclusion of the latter only fourteen days. He died on the 13th of February, 1787, after having served his country twenty-four years in the capacity of ambassador and thirteen as minister of state. He left a large fortune.

As a diplomatist, Vergennes, except in the case of his Turkish mission, appears to have received credit for accomplishing arrangements which in some cases had been brought about without his interference, and in others against his wishes. It ought however to be mentioned at the same time that the course he wished to see adopted in the case of Turkey would have been the most prudent for that country, and that had Gustavus III. deferred to the wishes of Vergennes, he would have acted more in consonance with the dictates of justice and for the permanent advantage of his country. The part taken by Vergennes in the American contest, and in the arrangement of the commercial treaty with England, is equally creditable to his liberality, and to the soundness of his economic opinions. Here too however, as in his diplomatic missions, he appears rather to have left what was inevitable to happen of itself, than to have exerted himself to accomplish what he considered desirable. He appears to have possessed in a high degree the diplomatic talent of looking wise, doing nothing, keeping his own secret, and taking credit for any good that was done. He carried diplomacy into private life, and was always on his guard; on the other hand, he was of an affectionate disposition, extremely fond of children, and an honest man. It was a thorough conviction of the integrity of Vergennes that made Maupeou recommend him to Louis XVI. for the portfolio of foreign affairs; and it was the king's conviction to the same effect

that enabled Vergennes to overcome all the cabals and intrigues of the court.

VERHEYEN, PHILIPPUS, was born at Verbrueck in the province of Waas, in 1648. His father was an honest agricultural labourer, who gave him a homely education, and with whom he worked in the fields till he was 22 years old. At this time the pastor of the parish, discerning in the young Verheyen the marks of a superior intellect, undertook to teach him Latin during the winter vacations from his agricultural work; and in 1672 he had made such progress that the pastor obtained for him admission into the College of the Holy Trinity at Louvain, where, at the end of five years' study, he gained, in 1677, the highest place in the general examination of the four chief colleges. After this he studied theology for a short time; but he was diverted from his intention of entering the ecclesiastical order by losing his leg, in consequence of some acute disease which rendered amputation necessary. On his recovery from the operation, Verheyen applied himself to medicine. In 1681 he received, with especial marks of honour, his licentiate's degree; in 1680, having spent nearly all the intervening time in the study of anatomy and medicine at Louvain, he was appointed professor of anatomy there; and in 1693 professor of surgery also; but he did not, for some unknown reason, take his doctor's degree till 1695. He became by study, diligently continued to the end of his life, one of the most eminent anatomical teachers of his time, and his books were very widely read, especially his *Anatomy of the Human Body*. He was engaged on a large work, '*De Tuenda Valitudine*,' when he died in 1710.

Verheyen's works are as follows: 1. '*Anatomie Corporis Humani, Liber primus*,' Louvain, 1693, 4to.; a short compendium of anatomy which was several times reprinted and was completed after his death, in 1710, by the publication of a '*Supplementum*,' seu *Liber secundus*,' and of many additions to the original work. The two together, in two volumes 4to., were often printed; as, at Brussels, 1710 and 1726; Naples, 1717, 1734; Leipzig, 1731, &c. They contain no important anatomical discoveries, but were good useful books at the time of their publication. The second volume, which is the more interesting of the two, contains many analyses of animal fluids, and accounts of numerous experiments on living animals, chiefly having relation to development and respiration; but a great part of it is filled by the author's portion of a controversy with Méry in defence of the Harveyan doctrine of the circulation. 2. '*Dissertatio de Thymo*,' Louvain, 1708, 4to. 3. '*Compendium Theoriæ practicæ*,' Cologne, 1683, 8vo. The first and second parts alone of this work were published. They treat of affections of the head and chest, and support the chemical doctrines of Willis, 4. '*Vera Historia de Sanguine ex Oculis, Auribus, Nrisibus, &c.*,' Louvain, 1708, 12mo. (Life, prefixed to the *Anatomia*, edition of Brussels, 1710; Haller, *Bibliotheca*.)

VERMANDOIS, or VERMANDAIS, LE, a province in France, formerly included in the military government of Picardie. [PICARDIE.] Its capital was St. Quentin (QUENTIN, Sr.), the Augusta Veromandorum or the Romani. The province was the territory of the Veromandi, a Belgic nation of some importance, from whom it obtained its name. It is now included in the departments of Aisne and Somme.

The province constituted in the middle ages a county, the possessors of which were among the most powerful nobles of France. They were a branch of the royal Carlovingian family, being descended from Charlemagne by his grandson Bernard, king of Italy. Herbert or Héribert the Second, count of Vermandois, supported his brother-in-law Robert against Charles le Simple in their struggle for the crown of France; and on Robert's death, at the battle of Soissons (A.D. 923), supported Raoul of Burgundy, who was appointed by Robert's adherents to succeed him. Héribert managed by treachery to seize Charles soon after. Having quarrelled with Raoul, Héribert professed an intention of restoring Cluignes; but having made up his dispute with Raoul, he retained Charles in confinement until his death (A.D. 929). After this, Raoul and Héribert quarrelled again (A.D. 931), and hostilities were carried on with various success until A.D. 935, when a reconciliation took place. A new war broke out (A.D. 938) between Héribert and Louis d'Outre-Mer, who had succeeded Raoul, and lasted four years (A.D. 938-942). Héribert died soon after its

elosa (A.D. 843). Hérbert IV. (A.D. 1077) united, in right of his wife, the county of Vales to that of Vermandois, and the united counties came into the hands of Hugues, son of Henri I. king of France, and one of the principal leaders of the first crusade (A.D. 1096). On his return from the East he took part in a second expedition, but lost 200,000 men on the route, and with difficulty escaped to Tarsus in Cilicia, where he died (A.D. 1101). Both Le Vaisle and Le Vermandois were united to the crown by Philippe-Auguste (A.D. 1215). (*L'Art de vérifier les Dates.*)

VERMES. Antient naturalists designated by this name all lesser animals resembling in form the earthworm. Linnæus adopted it as the title of a class, including all animals which he could not arrange under the Vertebrata and Insecta. In the first edition of the *Systema Naturæ*, he divides Vermes into four orders:—1st, *Reptilia*, including the intestinal worms, with the leech and earthworm; 2nd, *Zoophyta*, composed of the Chetopoda, the naked Mollusks, Medusæ and Echinoderms; 3rd, *Testacea*, composed of Cenchiferous Mollusks and Ascidians; and 4th, *Lithophyta*, containing the corals and corallines. In the nine following editions he replaced the name *Reptilia* by that of *Intestina*, changed *Zoophyta* for *Mollusca*, and applied the term *Zoophyta* to the animals he had at first called *Lithophyta*. In the eleventh edition he divides the class *Vermes* into five orders, viz. *Intestina*, *Mollusca*, *Testacea*, *Lithophyta*, and *Zoophyta*; *Lumbricus* and *Hirudo* being placed in the first; *Terebella*, *Aplousia*, and *Nereis* in the second; whilst *Sabella* and *Scryphus* are improperly associated with the *Lithophyta* on account of their hard tubes.

In the 12th edition the *Vermes* of Linnæus are divided into groups and genera thus:—

I. INTESTINA.

Simple, naked animals, destitute of limbs.

With a lateral pore.

Genera:—*Lumbricus*, *Sipunculus*, *Fasciola*.

With no lateral pore.

Genera:—*Gordius*, *Ascaris*, *Hirudo*, *Myxine*.

II. MOLLUSCA.

a. *

A mouth above: fixing itself by the base.

Genera:—*Actinia*, *Acidia*.

β. *

An anterior mouth: the body pierced with a small lateral foramen.

Genera:—*Limax*, *Aplysia*, *Doris*, *Tethis*.

γ. *

An anterior mouth: body surrounded with tentacles anteriorly.

Genera:—*Holothuria*, *Terebella*.

δ. *

An anterior mouth: body brachiated, or furnished with arms.

Genera:—*Triton*, *Sepia*, *Clio*, *Lernæa*, *Squilla*.

ε. *

An anterior mouth: body pedated, or furnished with feet.

Genera:—*Aphrodite*, *Nereis*.

ζ. *

A central mouth below.

Genera:—*Medusa*, *Astræus*, *Echinus*.

III. TESTACEA.

Multivalves.

Genera:—*Chiton*, *Lepas*, *Pholas*.

Bivalves: Cenchæ.

Genera:—*Mya*, *Solen*, *Tellina*, *Cardium*, *Mactra*, *Donax*, *Venus*, *Spondylus*, *Chama*, *Arca*, *Ostrea*, *Anomia*, *Mytilus*, *Pinna*.

Univalves with a regular spire: Cochleæ.

Genera:—*Argonauta*, *Nautilus*, *Chorus*, *Cypræa*, *Bulla*, *Feluta*, *Buccinum*, *Strombus*, *Murex*, *Trochus*, *Turbo*, *Helix*, *Nerita*, *Haliotis*.

Univalves without a regular spire.

Genera:—*Patella*, *Dentalium*, *Serpula*, *Teredo*, *Sabella*.

IV. LITHOPHYTA.

Genera:—*Tabipora*, *Madrepora*, *Millepora*, *Cellepora*.

V. ZOOPHYTA.

Fixed.

Genera:—*Inis*, *Gorgonia*, *Acyonium*, *Spongia*, *Plastrum*, *Tabularia*, *Corallina*, *Sertularia*, *Porticella*.

Locomotive.

Genera:—*Hydra*, *Pennatulæ*, *Ternia*, *Volvox*, *Furia*, *Chaos*.

The progress of zoology soon demanded a reform in a class so constituted. Pallas led the way, and the observations of O. F. Müller and Othe Fabricius, by making us acquainted with numerous species of true marine worms, greatly conduced to its rectification. Te Cuvier however we are indebted for the first clear circumscription of the *Vermes*. In his work entitled '*Tableau Elementaire de l'Histoire Naturelle des Animaux*,' published in 1797-8, he limited the term to the animals now known as *Annelides* and *Enterozoa*. Afterwards, on discovering red blood in the leech, he separated those groups, and Lamarck in 1809, adopting the views of Cuvier, constituted the group of *Annelides* in the sense it is now generally understood. They are however nearly allied families, and there exist species which closely link them together. The distinction founded on the colour of the blood has been abolished by subsequent researches, *Annelides* having been discovered with yellow and even green blood, and *Planarians* having the circulating fluid of a red colour.

The history of the now obsolete class of *Vermes* is interesting to the philosophical naturalist, since to him it symbolizes the progress of zoological science. At first, with few materials on which to build his arrangement, the zoologist was guided solely by a vague perception of analogy. Similarities of external form were made the basis of classification. The distinction between the resemblance of animals adapted for existence under similar conditions of the earth's surface and their relations to each other according to their organization, correspondent with their position in the series, could not be expected to strike the naturalist when his data were as yet so scanty. But as the discovery of species, the observation of their distribution and habits, and the anatomical investigation of their structure progressed, a new light opened on his mind, and he learned to separate forms merely analogous and to combine such as had a true affinity of structure in well-defined divisions. The changes in the divisions of his class *Vermes* made successively by Linnæus himself indicated the progression of his views towards the point afterwards reached by Cuvier and Lamarck; and if we investigate closely the ideas by which he appears to have been influenced in the construction of his several orders of *Vermes*, we shall find hints of much that is not yet fully worked out. The analogy subsisting between *Nudibranchiata* and the *Annelida* is of this kind. His recognition of the relations of the *Tunicata* to the *Testacea* was also a remarkable instance of the prescient sagacity of that extraordinary man.

VERMETUS. [TUBULIBRANCHIATA.]

Mr. J. E. Gray makes the *Vermetidae* comprise the genera *Vermetus*, *Spiroglyphus*, *Bironia*, *Vermilia*, *Ilantina*, *Lomentaria*, and *Siliquaria*.

He places the family between the *Falcatedæ* and the *Faniceroides*, the latter of which only consists of the genus *Fanicoro*. (*Synopsis Mus. Brit.*, 1842.)

VERMICELLI, a dried paste, manufactured chiefly in Italy in the form of smooth round strings. The name has been given to it on account of its worm-like appearance, 'vermicelli' in Italian signifying 'little worms.'

Maccheroni, which the Italians spell *Maccheroni* or *Maccherone* (a word of doubtful etymology), is manufactured of the same kind of paste as vermicelli, and in a similar manner; but it is rather larger in diameter, and is hollow like the tube of a tobacco-pipe.

Fedelini is a kind still smaller than vermicelli.

The paste is made of wheat stripped of the husk, and ground roughly into a sort of grit. The kind of wheat preferred by the Italians is a small hard-grained species which they now cultivate on purpose, but which they formerly imported from the coasts of the Black Sea—"grano di Mar Nero." The ground wheat is mixed with clear soft

water, and made into a paste by kneading it on a large block with a wooden lever ten or twelve feet long. The short end of the lever is made sufficiently heavy to lift the long end, on which one or two men or boys get astride, and alternately sitting down and springing up, work the paste for a long time. The toughness and elasticity of the paste result from this long and powerful process of kneading. The paste is next forced by strong pressure through round holes in the bottom of a cylinder; but, to form macaroni, a wire extends from a bridge in the upper part of the cylinder through the centre of each of the largest holes, and the paste, being forced through each hole around the wire, is consequently hollow. The strings, several feet in length, whether of macaroni, vermicelli, or fedelini, having been thoroughly dried, are ready for use.

The Italian manufacture the paste into many other forms; into thin flat strips like ribbons, into thin sheets like paper, into round balls, and into beans and peas. The Neapolitans, who use great quantities of macaroni as their favorite food, use nothing but the pure paste of wheat and water, but the Genoese mix saffron with it, which gives it a yellow tinge. The French, who also manufacture a good deal of it, frequently season the paste with various condiments.

By the late tariff the duty on vermicelli and macaroni was reduced from 2½ to 1½ a pound. The average quantity imported yearly under the old duty was about 300,000 lbs., the amount of duty obtained annually being from \$3000. to \$4000.

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VERMICULITE. This is described by Dr. Thomson as composed of micaceous-looking plates cemented together by a whitish matter. Lustre soapy. Feel greasy. Settle. Hardness 1. Specific gravity 2.522.

When heated nearly to redness it projects out with a vermicular motion, as if it were a mass of small worms; hence the name. By ignition it becomes of a silvery aspect, with a shade of red or yellow.

Infusible *per se* before the blow-pipe. With carbonate of soda in the reducing flame gives a greenish, in the oxidizing flame an amethyst-coloured glass.

Dr. Thomson's analysis gave—

Silica	49.080
Magnesia	16.964
Peroxide of iron	16.121
Alumina	7.240
Water	10.276
Manganese	a trace

99.730

VERMITIA, Lamarck's name for a genus of *Serpulidae* (*Tenacola*), composed of species of *Serpula* which are attached by the whole length of the shell, such as *Serpula*



Vermilia triquetra.

(*Vermilia*) *triquetra*, the shell of which is repent and flexuous, with a simple dorsal carination: there is a variety with a red line on each side of the carination.

Locality.—European and Mediterranean seas, on stones, shells, and other submerged marine bodies.

VERMILION. [*MERCURY*.]

VERMLAND. [*SWEDEN*, p. 391.]

VERMONT, one of the United States of North America, is situated between 42° 44' and 45° N. lat., and between P. C., No. 1649.

71° 30' and 73° 29' W. long. It is about 80 miles distant from the Atlantic, from which it is separated by New Hampshire and Maine. Its northern boundary runs along 45° N. lat., by which parallel it is separated from Lower Canada; this line is about 80 miles long. East of Vermont is New Hampshire, which is divided from it by the course of the river Connecticut in all its extent, a space of 170 miles, following the bends of the river. South of Vermont lies Massachusetts, from which it is separated by a straight line 44 miles long. New York is west of Vermont. The boundary-line between these two states south of Lake Austin runs along 73° 13', for about 45 miles, and farther north through the lake and along the course of the river Puellene in its embouchure in Lake Champlain, a distance of 43 miles. The last-mentioned lake constitutes the remainder of the boundary-line between the two states as far north as 45° N. lat., or for about 100 miles. The length of this state from south to north is 137 miles, and its breadth varies, increasing as we proceed to the north. In the southern part it is not more than 30 miles wide, but near the boundary of Canada it is 90 miles. The mean width is about 62 miles: this gives a surface of 9734 square miles, which agrees tolerably well with the most recent estimate, according to which its area is stated to be 9800 square miles. It is the largest of the New England states, with the exception of Maine, and may be compared in extent with that portion of England which lies north of a line drawn from the town of Lancaster to the innermost recess of the Humber.

Surface and Soil.—Vermont constitutes a part of that irregular mountain-region which extends over the greater part of that portion of the United States which lies east of the River Hudson, and of Lake Champlain. The surface is very uneven, and even mountainous. A range of mountains traverses the country from south to north, called the Green Mountains: this range is sometimes considered a continuation of the Tappan Mountains, which farther south form the boundary between Massachusetts and New York, and extend nearly to the shores of Long Island Sound; but according to the most recent maps the two ranges are divided by a depression of several miles, in which the boundary-line between Massachusetts and Vermont lies. From this depression the Green Mountains rise at a short distance east of Bennington, and form one continuous ridge running from south to north about 75 miles, to near 44° N. lat. Their width in these parts varies between 8 and 10 miles. The slopes are rather gentle, but more so on the east than on the west, where in many places they are steep. In general they do not rise to more than 2000 or 2500 feet above the sea, on a base which on the west may be 300 and on the east 500 feet above the sea. The highest summit is Killington Peak, which is south of the road leading from Windsor on the Connecticut river to Rutland, and rises to 3378 feet above the sea-level. The summits of the mountains are rocky, and only covered with a spongy green moss, from which circumstance it is supposed the name of the range is derived. The sides are covered with forests of evergreen-trees, especially pine, spruce, and hemlock, which near the base of the mountains attain large dimensions, but towards their summits are only from two to three feet in height, and their branches are so closely interwoven as to form an impenetrable thicket. No part of the slopes of the mountains is under cultivation, and only a few tracts are used as pasture-ground.

The country surrounding the Green Mountains on the south is of indifferent quality. The soil is chiefly stony and gravelly, but as it is well drained, it is used as pasture-ground, especially for sheep. The greater part is still covered with beech, sugar, maple, elm, oak, button-wood, bass-wood, ash, and birch: a number of swine are fed in these forests. In proceeding northward the country improves. The soil is less stony and contains a larger proportion of loam or clay. The cultivated tracts are more numerous and extensive, and the crops more abundant, especially along the banks of the Connecticut river, where some very fertile tracts occur. In these parts a solitary summit, Mount Ascutney, rises, near the town of Windsor, to 3320 feet above the sea-level.

Near 44° N. lat. the mountain-region spreads farther east and west, so that in the parallel of Montpelier 44° 10' N. lat. it is 20 miles wide, and between Richmond and Danville about 40 miles, occupying more than half the

width of the country. Between 44° and 44° 30' the different ridges do not appear to lie in the direction of the chain; some of them lie south-west and north-east, and others in other directions. These ridges are also broken by watercourses. The most eastern ridge is the lowest, but is not broken, and it forms the watershed between the basin of the Connecticut river and the streams which run eastward into Lake Champlain. In the ridges which traverse the interior of this mountain-tract are the highest summits of the Green Mountains. Camel's Rump, west of Montpelier and south of the river Onion, is 3389 feet above the sea-level, and Mount Mansfield, north of Montpelier, 3000 feet. This mountain-region is perhaps the most fertile portion of Vermont. Though the mountains themselves do not differ in their natural qualities from the range farther south, and are not fit for cultivation on account of the steepness of their slopes, they occupy only the smaller part of the tract, perhaps not more than one-fourth. Between them are valleys of considerable extent, which are very fertile, as the lower part is filled up by earthy particles brought down from the adjacent mountains by the rivers and torrents, and containing a large proportion of mould. Though these valleys are probably more than 500 feet above the sea-level, their climate is favourable in cultivation, as they are enclosed by ridges rising from 1000 to 2000 feet above them, and sheltering them against the cold northern and north-western winds. The lower part of the mountains is covered with large trees, from which great quantities of pearshes are obtained.

North of 44° 40' the mountain-region narrows to about 20 miles, and its sides are enclosed by two uninterrupted ridges, of which the western, occupying about the middle of the state, runs nearly due north, extending along the western banks of Lake Memphrémagog into Canada, where it terminates on the great Canadian Plain, not far from the banks of the St. Francis river, about 43° 25' N. lat. The eastern ridge runs north by east, from 10 to 5 miles from the banks of the Connecticut river, and enters Canada near the sources of that river, whence it turns to the north-east, and forms the boundary-line between New Hampshire and Maine on one side, and Canada on the other side, until it reaches the sources of the St. John river of New Brunswick. Both ridges appear to attain an elevation of 2000 to 2500 feet above the sea-level. The tract enclosed by these two ridges is much inferior to the region farther south. The valleys are rather narrow and contain only a comparatively small portion of cultivable land, but as the hills are not very steep nor elevated, they are covered with tall forest-trees, and afford good pasture in most places. The tract of country which lies between the eastern-ridge and the Connecticut river is very billy and broken, and is certainly the least fertile part of the state. Its elevation above the sea-level can hardly be less than 1000 feet, and it has a bad climate and a poor soil, consisting mostly of rocks and coarse gravel.

The most level part of Vermont is that which lies on the banks of Lake Champlain, and may be called a plain, though the surface is broken by numerous watercourses, which however do not sink much below the common level. Near the banks of the lake are some tracts, which are very little above the waters of the lake, and are swamps. At the back of them the country rises gradually to the base of the mountain-region, and becomes hilly in approaching it, but the hills have such gentle slopes as to admit of cultivation almost everywhere. At the base of the mountains the general elevation of this tract probably does not exceed 300 feet above the sea-level, whilst near the banks of the lake it sinks to 100 feet. This plain is about 100 miles long, and in its southern districts less than 10 miles wide, but towards the north it widens to 30 miles. The soil varies greatly, consisting in many places of coarse gravel, while at others it contains much clay or loam, but a large portion of it is productive. It enjoys also the advantage of an easy means of exporting its produce by the lake and the Sorel river, by which way it is sent to Montreal in Canada.

Lakes and Rivers.—More than two-thirds of the drainage of Vermont run into Lake Champlain, which is navigable by large vessels. [CHAMPLAIN, vol. vi., p. 479.] The largest rivers falling into that lake are Otter creek, Onion river, Lamoile river, and Missisquoi river, of which how-

ever only the first and last are navigable and navigated. Otter creek rises on the western declivity of the Green Mountains, near 43° 15' N. lat., and runs north by west, nearly parallel to Lake Champlain, draining the southern part of the fertile plain on the east of the lake. Its course probably exceeds 70 miles, and vessels may ascend it to Vergennes, about eight miles from its mouth, where the first falls occur. Other falls are met with at Middlebury, Pittsford, and Rutland, but the distances between them are navigated by river-boats. Onion and Lamoile rivers originate in the mountain-region of the centre; and as they descend from a high level and have only a short course, their current is very rapid and frequently interrupted by falls, so that no part of them is navigable. Missisquoi river rises in Canada, and at first flows southward, parallel to Lake Memphrémagog. In approaching Vermont it turns westward, but soon afterwards enters that state by a south-western course. At Sheldon, about 10 miles from its mouth, it becomes navigable for river-boats, and falls into Missisquoi Bay, the north-eastern arm of Lake Champlain, which is about 15 miles long and 5 wide, and in its whole extent navigable for such vessels as are commonly used on the lake. The northern portion of Missisquoi Bay is within Lower Canada.

A few small rivers which drain the northern district of the mountain-region fall into Lake Memphrémagog, of which about one-fifth part lies within Vermont. This lake has a curved form: it is nearly 30 miles long, but in no part exceeds two miles in width. It is surrounded by mountains covered with forest-trees, and it discharges its waters into the St. Francis river of Canada by a channel which is called Macrog. This river runs about 25 miles, and enlarges about the middle of its course into a small lake called Scawwanepus, but otherwise its course is interrupted by numerous falls and rapids. Lake Memphrémagog contains several kinds of fish, especially salmon-trout.

The Connecticut river, which runs between Vermont and New Hampshire for about 170 miles, is not navigable in the upper part of its course, where it presents a continual succession of rapids and cataracts. The last of these cataracts, which entirely prevent navigation, are the Barret Falls, which occur near 44° 15'. Farther down there are several small falls and rapids; but from Haverhill (44° N. lat.) downwards the river is navigable for boats, at least in certain seasons. All the rivers falling into the Connecticut from the Green Mountains are small, and none of them navigable.

Climate.—Vermont is distinguished by the severity of its winter, which is beyond what could be expected from either latitude or elevation, and must be attributed to the northern and north-west winds which prevail in that season, and which before reaching this state pass over the wide plain of Canada, where their force is not broken nor their intensity moderated by any range of hills. The winter continues almost without interruption from the 10th of December to the beginning of April. The frost is very intense, and the thermometer sometimes descends as low as 27° below zero. The ice on the lakes and rivers, except where the rivers have rapids or cataracts, will bear heavy loads. At the same time a considerable quantity of snow falls. The spring lasts only about six weeks, from the middle of April to the end of May, and the weather is then mild and pleasant, with frequent showers. In summer, from June to August, both months included, rain is scarce, except when brought on by thunderstorms, which are rather frequent. In this season the heat in the middle of the day is oppressive, as the thermometer generally rises above 80°, and sometimes even to 94°, but the evenings and nights are cool and pleasant. The most pleasant season here, as generally in the temperate zone, is from the beginning of September to the middle of October, the heat being then moderate, and the air dry, elastic, and invigorating. About the middle of October a change takes place: the rains begin to set in, and are accompanied frequently with wind and snow: this unpleasant weather continues until the frost sets in permanently. The mean annual temperature is 43½°, which is only between two and three degrees higher than that of Trondheim (44° N. lat.), but agrees pretty well with that of Kasan (53° N. lat.). The observations from which these results are drawn were made at Windsor (43° 38' N. lat.).

Animals.—It does not appear that the puma, which is

found in the Essex Mountains of New York, occurs in the Green Mountains. There are bears, black cats, wild-cats, deer, red, grey, cross, and black foxes, hares, martins, ermines, porcupines, rabbits, racoons, skunks, several kinds of squirrels, weasels, and wolves. In the rivers and lakes are beavers, muskies, musk-rats, and others. But all these animals have diminished during the present century owing to the increase of population, and some of them are nearly extinct. Fish is plentiful, especially in the lakes Champlain and Memphramagog, and abundance of salmon annually ascends the Connecticut river and comes into Lake Champlain.

Minerals.—Iron-ore is abundant along the western base of the Green Mountains, and between them and Lake Champlain. At several places it is worked, but not on a large scale. Sulphate of iron is abundant, and coppers are manufactured to some extent. There occur also ores of lead, copper, zinc, and manganese, but they have not yet been turned to any advantage. Marble of various kinds and colours occurs on the banks of Otter creek, and is worked at Middlebury and some other places. There is also soap-stone, slate, marl, rock fit for millstones, and some other useful minerals.

(Williams's *Natural and Civil History of Vermont*; Darby's *View of the United States*.)

Legislature and Government.—The legislature of Vermont consists of a senate and house of representatives. The senate was not established till 1836. The senators are 30, and are freemen, at least 30 years of age, elected annually, each county being entitled to at least one, and the rest being apportioned according to population. The house of representatives consists of 230 members, who are elected annually by the townships. The pay of the members of each house is a dollar and a half per day during the sitting of the legislature. The two houses have like powers in all acts of legislation.

The governor is chosen annually by the people. His salary is 1150 dollars. The lieutenant-governor is president of the senate. He is also elected annually, and receives four dollars a day while presiding in the senate.

Vermont returns five members to the house of representatives of the Congress.

Courts of Law.—The chief legal establishments are the Supreme Court, the Court of Chancery, and the County or Circuit Courts, &c. The Supreme Court is a court for the settlement of questions of law, petitions, and other matters not submitted to a jury. This court, which sits once a year in each county, consists of a chief-justice and four assistant judges, each having a salary of 1375 dollars a year. The Court of Chancery sits twice annually in each county. Each judge of the Supreme Court is chancellor of a circuit. An appeal lies from the Court of Chancery to the Supreme Court. The County Courts have five circuits, and sit twice a year in each county. Each County Court is composed of one judge of the Supreme Court, two assistant judges for each county, and justices of the peace, all of whom are chosen annually by the legislature. Each judge of the Supreme Court is *ex officio* chief justice of the county courts of his circuit. The County Courts have exclusive jurisdiction in all cases submitted to a jury. In questions of property the value generally exceeds 100 dollars, but is less in some cases. The punishment of death is inflicted in cases of murder, the taking away of life by arson, false-swearing, &c. In cases not capital the court may impose a fine, but the punishment generally is confinement with hard labour. The assistant judges have no salaries, but are paid by fees. There are also District Courts, in which smaller causes are decided by justices of peace. The state-prison, which was established in 1808, is at Windsor.

Education, &c.—The common or district schools in Vermont are supported by a tax levied under a general law of the state, and also by district taxes. Besides the common schools, there are about 20 incorporated academies, with about 40 students each. There are three universities. Vermont University had in 1842 six instructors, 241 alumni, 101 students, and a library with 9200 volumes. [Burlington.] Middlebury University, founded in 1800, had six instructors, 708 alumni, 53 students, and a library with 7054 volumes. Norwich University, established in 1834 by the Universalists, had seven instructors and 40 students.

The Vermont Academy of Medicine at Castleton, founded in 1818, had in 1842 six professors, 70 students (under-

graduates), and 514 who had graduated. Vermont Medical School, at Woodstock, founded in 1835, had five professors, 76 students, and 166 graduates.

In 1840 there were 27 newspapers published in Vermont—1 at Bellows Falls, 1 at Bennington, 2 at Brattleborough, 2 at Brandon, 2 at Burlington, 1 at Chelsea, 1 at Danville, 2 at Johnson, 2 at Middlebury, 4 at Montpelier, 1 at Rutland, 2 at St. Albans, 1 at St. Johnsbury, 1 at Vergennes, 2 at Windsor, and 2 at Woodstock. Two of these were daily, the rest weekly.

Agricultural Produce.—In 1840 Vermont produced 465,800 bushels of wheat, 54,781 bushels of barley, 2,222,544 bushels of oats, 230,993 bushels of rye, 229,416 bushels of buckwheat, 1,119,678 bushels of Indian corn, 8,968,751 bushels of potatoes, 836,739 tons of hay, 204 tons of flax, 4,647,934 lbs. of maple sugar, 48,137 lbs. of hops, 4600 lbs. of wax, 585 lbs. of tobacco, 4286 lbs. of silk cocoons. The produce of the dairy was valued at 2,008,737 dollars; the produce of the orchard at 213,944 dollars; the produce of the market-gardens at 16,276 dollars; the produce of nurseries and flower-gardens at 5000 dollars. The lumber produced was valued at 336,999 dollars, and 7184 tons of pot and pearl ashes were made.

The live stock in 1840 consisted of 62,402 horses and mules, 384,941 cattle, 1,681,819 sheep, 263,900 swine. The quantity of wool produced was 3,639,235 lbs. The value of the poultry of all kinds was estimated at 131,578 dollars.

Mineral Produce.—In 1840 Vermont produced 6743 tons of cast-iron and 655 tons of bar-iron from 26 forges. Of other metals the estimated value was 70,500 dollars. Of granite and marble the estimated value was 33,855 dollars.

Manufactures.—In 1840 there were 91 woollen manufacturers, which produced goods worth 1,331,953 dollars. The cotton manufacturers were only seven, which employed 262 persons. Only 33 men were employed in making hardware. There were 239 fulling-mills, 261 tanneries, 17 paper manufacturers, 312 grist-mills, 1081 saw-mills. The total capital invested in manufactures was estimated at 4,320,440 dollars.

The total value of the imports (all by American vessels) in 1840-41 was 248,739 dollars; the value of the exports was 264,000 dollars, domestic produce, and 13,982 dollars, foreign produce, the total amount of exports being 277,982 dollars.

Banks, &c.—At the end of 1839 there were 19 banks in Vermont, with an aggregate capital of 1,304,530 dollars. In 1835 there were 3 fire-insurance companies.

Army.—The militia consists of 27 regiments of infantry. To each regiment is attached a company of artillery, one of riflemen, one of light infantry, and in some cases one of dragoons. The aggregate militia force, including officers, is 27,536 men. The governor is captain-general, and the lieutenant-governor is lieutenant-general.

Canals, &c.—There are only three small canals in Vermont. White-river Falls, half a mile; Bellows Falls, one-sixth of a mile; and Waterqueeny, four-teuths of a mile. In 1835 four railroad companies were incorporated. At the end of 1836 some movements had been made in surveying, but none of the roads had been commenced, and none of them appear to be yet opened. The total length of post-roads in the state is 525 miles.

Population.—The population of Vermont in 1790 was 85,330; in 1800, 154,465; in 1810, 217,713; in 1820, 235,764; in 1830, 249,652; in 1840, 291,948, consisting of 291,218 white freemen and 730 coloured freemen. There are no slaves in the state. The average number of inhabitants to a square mile in 1840 was 29. In density of population Vermont is the 11th in proportion to the other states.

Vermont has no state-debt.

Political Divisions and Towns.—Vermont is divided into 13 counties—Addison, Bennington, Caledonia, Chittenden, Essex, Franklin, Lamoille, Orange, Orleans, Rutland, Washington, Windham, and Windsor. These are subdivided into about 230 townships, or 'towns,' as the Americans call them.

There is no large town in the state. Montpelier, the capital, and the seat of the legislature, is in 44° 17' N. lat., 72° 30' W. long. It is beautifully situated between two green and lofty hills, in a rich plain, on the north bank of the river Otton (or the Winowsky, as it was called by the

Indians). It consists chiefly of a broad street lined with fine trees on each side. The house are for the most part neat and villa-like. There are only about 3000 inhabitants, but there are four places of public worship, well-built and commodious. The state-house, in which the houses of legislature hold their sittings, is a handsome building of fine-grained grey granite with a portico: it is surmounted by a dome of peculiarly graceful proportions. There is also a court-house and a prison. Montpelier is 524 miles from Washington, and 40 miles E. by S. from Burlington, travelling distances.

The other towns of most importance are—**BENNINGTON**, Brandon, on Otter Creek, about 40 miles direct distance S.S.W. from Montpelier, with about 2800 inhabitants. **Battleborough**, on the west bank of the Connecticut. It is a flourishing place, with cotton manufactures and paper-mills. The Vermont Asylum for the insane, at Battleborough, had, in 1841, 165 patients, of whom 70 were discharged, leaving Oct. 1, 1841, 95. Of those discharged, 41 were recovered, 25 were not recovered, and 4 died. Battleborough is 110 miles S. from Montpelier, road-distance, with about 3000 inhabitants. **Beaumont** has now about 5000 inhabitants. **Chelton**, 25 miles S.E. from Montpelier, road distance, with about 3000 inhabitants. **Danville**, 23 miles N.E., from Montpelier, with about 3000 inhabitants. **Johnston**, about 30 miles N. by W., direct distance, from Montpelier. **Middlebury**, 43° 50' N. lat., 73° 10' W. long., about 35 miles S.W. from Montpelier, direct distance, on both banks of Otter Creek, which is here 170 feet wide, with falls of 20 feet perpendicular height, affording water-power for many mills. There are several manufactures of woollen, cotton, nails, &c., and marble is quarried and wrought in considerable quantity. There are three churches, Congregational, Methodist, and Episcopalian, a court-house, and two academies. Middlebury College is pleasantly situated on elevated ground, consisting of a spacious stone edifice, 108 feet by 40, four stories high, with 50 rooms for students, and a wood-building 3 stories high, with 20 rooms for students. **Rutland**, on Otter Creek, about 50 miles S.S.W., direct distance, from Montpelier, with about 3000 inhabitants. **St. Albans**, about 50 miles S.W., direct distance, from Montpelier, with about 2500 inhabitants. **Vergennes**, on Otter Creek, near Lake Champlain, about 30 miles W.S.W. from Montpelier, with about 2000 inhabitants. **Windsor**, on the west bank of the Connecticut, 61 miles S. by E., road distance, from Montpelier. It is a flourishing and rather handsome town, with some manufactures, and about 4000 inhabitants. **Woodstock**, 14 miles N.W. from Windsor, on an affluent of the Connecticut, has between 3000 and 4000 inhabitants.

History.—The tract of country between Lake Champlain and Montpelier, called Vermont by the French settlers from its green mountains, was ceded by them to the British in 1763. The French had commenced their settlement as early as 1731, and the provincial government of Massachusetts had built a fort on the west bank of the Connecticut in 1724; but as the natives were numerous and hostile, little progress was made in colonizing Vermont till after the British had conquered Canada in 1760, after which time it began to be settled rapidly. Vermont was at first claimed by Massachusetts, and afterwards by New Hampshire and New York; the rival claims were decided by the king of England in council in 1764, in favour of New York. A serious quarrel was the result of this decision, which was interrupted by the war of the Revolution, in which 'the green mountain boys,' as they were called, distinguished themselves by their hardness and bravery. In January, 1777, they declared the state independent, but New York still claimed jurisdiction, which the green-mountain boys resisted. The differences however were finally adjusted in 1790 by Vermont paying to New York 30,000 dollars in full of all demands. In 1793 Vermont was admitted into the federal union.

(*American Almanac*, 1830, 1835, 1837, 1841, 1843; *Encyclopædia Americana*; Buckingham's *America*, vol. iii., 1842; *Geography of America*, published by the Useful Knowledge Society, 1847.)

VERNAL, VERNAL EQUINOX. The word vernal is the adjective derived from *ver*, the spring; and the vernal equinox is that point of the equator which the sun crosses when it passes into the hemisphere of the observer, and when his days begin to be longer than the nights.

Consequently that point of the ecliptic which is called the first point of Aries is the vernal equinox to those in the northern hemisphere, while the first point of Libra is the same to those in the southern. If there were any decidedly astronomical nations south of the equator, some confusion might perhaps have arisen; but as all the sciences will be carried from the north, it is probable that the terms and modes of measurement peculiar to the north will be universally retained.

VERMATION, in Botany, signifies the manner in which the young leaves are arranged within the leaf-bud. It is equivalent to the expressions *foliation* and *profoliation*. It corresponds also to the terms *astivation* and *proastivation*, which indicate the manner in which the parts of the flower are arranged in the flower-bud. The distinction of the various modes in which the leaves are arranged rise upon another in the leaf-bud is of great practical value, although at present little attention has been paid to it by botanists. Not only are many species and genera of plants thus distinguished, but even natural orders. Thus the *Ferns* and *Cycadaceæ* may be recognised by a circinate vernation, whilst the *Prunus cerasus* has a conduplicate, and the *Prunus domestica* a convolute vernation. The terms which apply to astivation are also applicable to vernation. When the edges of the leaves are rolled inwards spirally on each side, as in the apple, the vernation is said to be *involute*. When the leaves are rolled backwards on each side, as in the rosemary, it is *revolute*. When the margin of one leaf alternately laps over the one opposite, it is *obovate*. When one edge is rolled inwards and is enveloped by the opposite edge rolled in an opposite direction, as in the leaves of the aspidistra, it is *superrevolute*. When the leaves are folded lengthwise, like the plaits of a closed fan, as in the vine and many palms, it is *plaited*. When the leaves overlap each other in a parallel manner at the margins, without any involution, it is *imbricated*. When they overlap each other entirely, as in the iris, it is *equitant*. When the leaves are rolled spirally downwards, as in the ferns, it is *circinate*. When applied to each other by the margins only, it is *voluate*.

VERNET, CLAUDE JOSEPH. This celebrated landscape and marine painter was born at Avignon, in 1714, and received his first instruction in painting from his father, Antoine Vernet, and Adrian Manglard, an historical painter. Fiorillo states, Vernet is said, even in his fifth year, to have had great skill in drawing. At the age of eighteen, in 1732, he went to Italy with the intention of perfecting himself as an historical painter, but the beautiful views of sea and shipping at Genoa, Naples, and other parts of Italy are said to have induced him to fix upon marine landscape as his principal study. He studied with Pergoni at Rome, and his future pictures justified his choice, for he executed work which acquired him a name, comparatively early in life, that rivalled those of both Claude and Backhuysen. But he for some time in Italy lived in great poverty; he was glad to paint in any style and for the slightest remuneration; at the sale of the collection of M. de Julienne, a piece was sold for 5000 francs which Vernet had painted in Rome for a suit of clothes. He painted also several panels of carriages for coach-builders at low prices; they were afterwards taken out and framed as works of great value. He remained in Italy twenty years, including some time spent in Greece and the Greek islands; and during this period he made elaborate sketches of many of the most beautiful and most interesting spots in both countries, and painted also several admirable pictures in Genoa, in Naples, and in Rome. Those which he painted in Rome for the palaces Rondanini, Borghese, and Colonna are among his best works: the pictures he painted for the Rondanini palace were executed much in the style of Salvator Rosa, whom Vernet imitated with great success; but he afterwards entirely forsook Salvator's manner for one as conspicuous for its delicacy of colouring as the other was for its force. One of his first patrons in Rome, according to Pilkington, was Mr. Drake of Sharncliffe in Buckinghamshire, who commissioned him to paint six pictures, leaving the subjects to his own choice, and he produced six excellent pieces.

In 1743 he was made a member of the Academy of St. Luke; and about the same time he married Miss Parker, the daughter of an English Roman Catholic, who was an officer in the pope's marine. Vernet's reputation as a marine painter at length reached his own country, and in

1752 he was invited by Louis XV., through M. de Marigny, to Paris, after an absence of twenty years, if the dates mentioned in this notice are correct: but the 'Biographie Universelle' and other works state that he remained twenty-two years in Italy; yet if this be the case, as he returned to France in 1752, he either went to Italy in his sixteenth year, or was born in 1712, as is stated in the catalogue of the Louvre of 1814, but the former is more probable: it is however most likely that he remained only twenty years in Italy.

Vernet lost no time in complying with the invitation of his king, and embarked as soon as possible at Leghorn in a small felucca for Marseille. During the passage there happened a violent storm, which terrified some of the passengers, but Vernet, struck with the grandeur of the effect of the sea, requested one of the sailors to bind him to the mast-head, that he might view it to the greatest advantage; and there he remained, lost to the dangers of his position, absorbed in admiration of the grand effect around him, endeavouring to transfer it to his sketch-book. His grandson, the celebrated Horace Vernet, painted an excellent picture of this scene, and exhibited it in 1816 in the Louvre. In 1752 or 1753 Vernet was elected a member of the French Academy of Arts; his reception picture was a *Seaport at Sunset*, which is now in the Louvre. In 1753 he was commissioned by the government to paint pictures of the principal seaports of France, of which he painted fifteen views; an arduous task, which occupied him nearly ten years, or twelve, according to the Catalogue of the Louvre: but it contributed more to his fame than to his fortune, for he was paid, including his travelling expenses, only 7500 francs each; and the pictures are of large dimensions, measuring eight French feet long by five high: they are now in the Louvre. He was however in consequence of these works elected in 1706 one of the council of the Academy, and Louis XV. gave him apartments in the Louvre. From 1752, when he returned to France, until the year of his death, 1789, Vernet painted upwards of 200 pictures, most of which have been engraved. The best prints after him are by Balechou, Lebas, Allamet, and Flipart. He was without a rival in France, and there was only one landscape painter in Europe who disputed the palm with him: this was Richard Wilson, with whom Vernet had become acquainted in Rome, and had a great esteem for. They exchanged pictures, and Vernet kept Wilson's in his studio at Paris, and he is said to have remarked to English connoisseurs who visited him, that they had no occasion to come to him for pictures when they had such a painter at home. Vernet's landscapes are good in every respect, but he was most excellent perhaps in his management of light and shade, and aerial perspective: his figures also are remarkably well drawn, and he introduced a great number of them in some of his pieces; he excelled also in moonlight effects, and in representing water in any state, but particularly when disturbed and boisterous. He was least successful in shipping: he was deficient in a competent knowledge of the rigging and construction of ships.

In 1814 there were only seven pieces by Vernet in the collection of the Louvre, in 1827 there were forty-eight, but there were only twenty-seven in 1837.

In 1826 the Athenæum of Vaucluse determined upon giving a prize for the best eulogy in verse upon Vernet: it was decided in favour of M. Bigan, in 1827, in the presence of the son and grandson of the painter, Carl and Horace Vernet, who, in gratitude to the city of Avignon, each presented a picture to the museum of that place. Carl Vernet's was a horse-race at Rome; Horace's, his well-known picture of *Metzappa*. The Municipal council of Avignon, and the directors of the museum, presented to the painters in return two large silver urns embossed with two of their own designs respectively.

(Florio, *Geschichte der Malerei*, vol. iii.; *Biographie Universelle*.)

VERNEUIL. [EURE.]

VERNEUIL, a name applied by Loureiro to a plant of Cochinchina, which is well known as yielding an oil, and which belongs to the same genus as another plant, also yielding an oil, in China and Japan. By Thunberg the latter plant was called *Dryandra*, but that name being appropriated to a genus of Proteaceæ, these oil-trees are now referred to the genus *Elaeocera* of Commerson. This belongs to the natural family of Euphorbiaceæ, and is cha-

racterised by having the flowers monocious or dioecious. Calyx 2 or 3 partite; lemniscæ twisted in aestivation. Petals 5, twice as long as the calyx, valvate. Stamens 10 to 12; filaments united at the base, the five outer ones shorter; anthers opening inwards, two often barren. The ovary in the female flower 3 to 5-celled; cells with one ovule. Stigmas 3 to 5, simple or hidid. Fruit fibrous and fleshy, within tri-cocconeous to pentacocconeous; cocci single-seeded. Both species form trees; leaves alternate, with long petioles, bi-glandular at base, entire, or the lower leaves lobed, smooth, or the younger ones hairy, flowers terminal, paniculate; peduncles jointed. *Elaeocera verrucosa*, the *Dryandra oleifera* of Lamarch, and the *D. cordata* of Thunberg, is a native of Japan, where, he states, it is called *Abrassin*: the oil expressed from its seeds is used both as an article of diet and for affording light. The Chinese are said to call the oil *Mouyeou*, and the fruit from which it is obtained *Monyon*. The tree cultivated in the Isle of France is there called *Arbre d'huile*, where an oil is likewise obtained by submitting the almonds of the seeds to pressure. *E. montana*, the *Vernicia montana* of Loureiro, is a native of China and Corbin-China: it yields a clear yellowish fatty oil, which is employed to protect wood from the influence of air and water. It is sometimes mixed with the real varnish of these countries, which it makes more liquid, but less valuable as a resin.

VERNIER. We shall give under this head a short account of the different methods employed to measure the parts of the divisions of astronomical and geodesical instruments. This and the article GRADUATION may be considered as a sort of introduction as well as supplement to the description of each particular instrument. It is necessarily both meagre and imperfect, but the references will point out the principal authorities to be consulted. We shall conclude with a brief account of the vernier in its simplest form.

We are not aware that the Greeks or their successors the Arabs had any contrivance for subdivision. They seem to have simply divided their circles as accurately as possible, and into small convenient portions. Ptolemy's catalogue does not profess to distinguish less quantities than 10'; or rather, the parts of degrees are marked fractionally with no larger denominator than 6. Ulug Beigh used instruments of greater dimensions, and seems from his catalogue to have noted minutes. At the revival of astronomy in Europe the instruments were very rude, and the simple division, aided by estimation, was probably considered sufficiently accurate without any artificial contrivance.

Peter Nonius, in the third proposition of his treatise 'De Crepusculis Olyssipone,' 1542, proposed the following graduation for astronomical instruments:—Forty-five concentric circles are to be inscribed on the limb, and separated into quadrants by diameters intersecting at right angles. The quadrants are then to be subdivided as follows:—the outermost into 90 equal parts, each of which consequently equals 1°; the next into 80, that following into 68, and so on to the innermost, which is to be divided into 46 equal parts. Each circumference is marked at a convenient place with the number of its subdivisions. The fiducial edge of the bar carrying the sights passes, when produced, through the centre, and the author assumes that whatever be the direction of the line of sight, the fiducial edge will cut some one of these circles at a division without sensible error. The corresponding angle in degrees, minutes, seconds, &c. is readily computed from the number of parts intercepted and the order of the circle. Thus if the exact coincidence takes place at division 29 of that quadrant are which is divided into 77

parts, the corresponding arc is in degrees $\frac{29}{77}$ of 90°, which is, when reduced to its ordinary denomination, 33° 53' 46" very nearly.

Tycho applied the graduation of Nonius, or a modification of it, to some of his earlier instruments, but 'quia hæc subtilitas, cum ad praxim deveniret, est, plus habet laboris quam fructus, neque id in recessu præstat, quod prima fronte pollicetur,' he abandoned it, and adopted the method of *transversales*, which is well known to most of our readers as the diagonal scale in the case of drawing-instruments. This Hooke says (*Animadversiones*, &c.): 'was first made use of in England by the most skillful mathe-

matician Richard Canteler.² Tycho describes this mode of subdivision in the Supplement to his 'Mechanica,' Norimbergæ, 1602. Two concentric circles are drawn upon the limb at about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the radius from each other, and divided into equal parts of $10'$. The space from the zero of the inner circle to the $10'$ division of the outer circle is divided into 10 equal parts by 9 fine dots; and in like manner the space between the $10'$ of the outer circle and the $20'$ of the inner, and so on. These rows of points form a sharp zigzag with the angles in the two circles. The index, which may be either a fiducial edge or a fine hair, will pass over or near one of these dots in every position, and the angle to be read off is the number of degrees and tens of minutes which is taken from the circles, inner or outer, + the number of minutes and parts of a minute (the latter by estimation) reckoned by counting the points from the preceding angle. Tycho became acquainted with this division by diagonals as applied to straight lines when a student at Leipzig, and in the place above referred to he proves that this subdivision, though not theoretically exact when applied to curved lines, was yet sufficiently true for his purpose. Instead of dots, other astronomers struck nine concentric circles at equal distances, and then drew straight lines where Tycho placed his dots.

In the year 1631 Pierre Vernier, Capitaine et Châtelain pour sa Majesté au Château de Dornay, &c., published at Bruxelles 'La Construction, l'Usage, et les Propriétés du Quadrant nouveau de Mathématique,' which he dedicated to the Princess Isabella. He supposes a quadrant divided into half-degrees on the limb, the surface of which rises above the plane of the instrument (this he calls the base), and a moveable plate of the form and figure of a sector (and so named by him), which is concentric with and exactly fitted within the limb, the surfaces of the two forming one plane. An arc of $15^\circ 30'$ is then set off on the sector, which is subdivided into thirty equal parts. He directs two lines of sight to be fixed on the extreme radii of the sector, which therefore include an angle of $15^\circ 30'$, and orders the division to degrees and half-degrees to be numbered one way on the limb from left to right, and the divisions of the sector to be numbered up to $30'$ from right to left. Suppose the line of sight towards the zero end of the quadrant to be directed to any object:—If the division $30'$ on the sector (we will now call this the *vernier*), which answers to the line of sight, seems to be a continuation of a division of the quadrant, the angle read off will be that degree, or half-degree of the quadrant, and the $0'$ of the vernier will exactly correspond to another division of the quadrant. No other division of the vernier will so correspond if the division be exact. Now it will easily be seen that as the arc of $15^\circ 30'$ is divided on the vernier into 30 equal parts, each part is equal to $31'$, and therefore that when $0'$ is placed opposite a division of the quadrant, the division $1'$ of the vernier overruns the next division of the quadrant $1'$ in the direction of the vernier, and contrary to the numbering of the limb. If the line of sight were pushed forward $1'$, the vernier division of $1'$ would therefore agree with a division in the quadrant, and so on; so that in fact, whatever be the position of the line of sight, the true angle is to be read off, first as to degrees and half-degrees from the quadrant, and then for the minutes from the vernier.³

In 1643 Benedictus Hedraus published at Leyden his 'Nova et Accurata Astrolabii Geometria,' see non Quadrantis Astronomicæ Structura,' dedicated to his sovereign, Queen Christina of Sweden. In his preface he objects to the inaccuracy of Tycho's method of transversals, and gives himself a correct construction, viz. by describing a circular arc through $10'$ of the outer division, $0'$ of the inner division and the centre of the quadrant, and dividing that portion which is included between the inner and outer circles into ten parts, when the subdivision will be true. Hedraus has adopted the vernier, but without naming the inventor: his astrolabe and quadrant are well contrived.

Hevelius applied to his instruments the transversal division of Tycho as well as the vernier. He seems to

claim the invention of the tangent-screw for giving a slow motion to his line of sight, and dwells at great length on the subdivision of the larger divisions by the revolution and parts of the tangent-screw. (*Machina Cælestis*, Pars Prima, cap. xv., Goudani, 1673.) So far as we can judge from his assertions and description, he arrived at great excellence in this part of mechanical construction, which however his unaccountable rejection of telescopic sights rendered of little value.

The next year after the appearance of Hevelius's book Hooke published at London his 'Animadversiones on the first part of the 'Machine Cælestis' of the honourable, learned, and deservedly famous astronomer Johannes Hevelius,' a tract distinguished by its acuteness and originality. It is remarkable that he did not see the merit of Vernier's invention,* nor, as it would seem, of Hevelius's application of the revolutions of the tangent-screw to measuring very minute quantities. He suggests a very elegant application of the diagonal scale, with rules for its accurate division when applied to circular arcs, but recommends racking the outer edge of the quadrant and measuring the angle by the revolutions and parts of the screw which carries the telescope by working in the racked limb.

Hooke's unlucky idea was carried into execution in Flamsteed's sextant, and turned out so ill that the diagonal division was applied as an after-thought. See his prolegomena (*Historia Cælestis*, vol. iii., p. 106, and Baily's Flamsteed.) Hooke's advice was afterwards followed in making a quadrant for the Greenwich Observatory, which was also found to be useless. In the mural arc which Flamsteed erected at his own expense and under his own direction, he drew diagonals after having divided the inner and outer arcs to $5'$. The subdivision was performed by dividing the fiducial edge of the index, not into five equal parts, but into such parts as would give the minutes exactly, and each of these was divided into six equal parts; so that the instrument read off to $10''$, and by estimation to $5''$. The outer edge was also racked after Hooke's method, but rather, we think, as a check against erroneous reading, than as a means for exact measurement.

Römer proceeded in a totally different manner. The limb of the circle was divided to $10'$, and a magnified image of each division was formed in the focus of a microscope, so as exactly to fill the space between eleven threads at equal intervals. Thus the arc was read off to minutes by the threads and the seconds estimated, which they easily might be to $5''$, according to Horrobow.

The vernier appears to have come into general use after Flamsteed's time, and in the larger quadrants there were usually two sets of divisions, one into $10'$ and the other into 56 parts, each with their peculiar vernier: the approximate divisions were brought into exact coincidence and the quantity measured by the revolutions and parts of the tangent-screw, after Hevelius's method. Such were the mural quadrants at Greenwich and elsewhere, erected by Bird, Ramsden, &c., in the last century; and the portable astronomical quadrant had the same or similar contrivances for subdivision. In the sector employed in the French survey, and described in 'La Méridienne de Paris vérifiée,' Paris, 1744, the arc was divided by fine points to every $10'$. In making the observation the plumb-line was first brought directly over one of these dots, and the star afterwards bisected by a micrometer-screw carrying a wire in the focus of the telescope. The degrees and tens of minutes being read off on the limb, the revolutions and parts of the screw furnished the remaining minutes and seconds. This method of subdivision was applied by La Caille to the sextant with which he observed at the Cape of Good Hope and at Paris. The invention is due to the Chevalier de Louville, whose memoir is to be found in the 'Mémoires de l'Académie' for 1714.

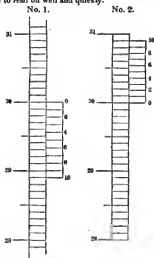
We have already mentioned Römer's optical method of subdivision. The invention of the micrometer-microscope, in which the divisions are first magnified and the intervals measured by the revolutions and parts of a screw carrying a wire or cross-wire in the focus of the object-glass of the microscope, is due to the duke de Chaulnes, whose account was published in 1768: 'Description d'un Microscope et de différents Micromètres,' &c. The reader

* Vernier's tract is very scarce, and the injustice of those writers who persisted in giving the name of Newton to his invention has induced us to enter into a more particular exposition of both principles. The second line of sight is merely to enable the observer to extend the angle to 90° without carrying the sector beyond the quadrant. He gives a very plain account of the construction proper for quadrants and astrolabes of different sizes, and how angles exceeding 90° are to be measured, but of this no further notice is required here.

* Hooke conjectured that Tycho had invented Vernier's contrivance and rejected it, but without any proof. Tycho's words and figure refer clearly to some such use of Newton's divisions.

will find some account of the construction and verification of the micrometer-microscope in the article *Смеч.*

We will now briefly explain the principle of the vernier in its simplest form. If that be well understood, the reader will have little difficulty in making out the value of the divisions in any instrument to which this vernier is applied, though he may require considerable practice before he is able to read off well and quickly.



Number 1 is the figure of a vernier for measuring hundredths of an inch, such as is usually applied to common barometers. The scale is on the left hand, on which the inches and tenths are marked. The portion on the right hand, which can be slipped up or down, remaining always in contact with the scale, is the vernier. It is merely a length of 11 parts of the principal scale divided into 10 equal parts. Each of these parts therefore equals $\frac{1}{10}$ of an inch, or $\cdot 11$ and the difference between a part of the scale and a part of the vernier is $\cdot 01$ inch. In the figure the zero of the vernier is made to coincide, i.e. to form one continued line with the division 30 on the scale, and consequently 10 on the vernier also coincides with 29.9 on the scale. Division 1 on the vernier is, from what we have said, $\cdot 11$ inch below the zero of vernier, while the next lower division on the scale is only $\cdot 10$ below it: hence the vernier division 1 is $\cdot 01$ inch below the division 29.9 on the scale. For the same reason division 2 on the scale is twice as much, or $\cdot 02$ below 29.8 on the scale, and so on, the divisions on the vernier overlapping those on the scale until 10 on the vernier stretches over to exact coincidence with 29.9 on the scale. Now suppose the vernier to be raised $\cdot 01$ inch, it is evident that division 1 of vernier will coincide with 29.9 on scale. If the vernier were raised $\cdot 02$ inch, the vernier division 2 would coincide with 29.8 on scale, and so on; so that in order to read off the hundredths of an inch which the vernier zero advances beyond any tenth in the scale, we have merely to see what vernier division comes nearest to a division of the scale, and set that down for the hundredth required.

This is the form which was given to the vernier by its inventor, in which the parts of the vernier are larger than those of the scale, and in which the numbering of the parts of the vernier runs contrary to the numbering of the scale. But if, as in No. 2, the vernier has the length of nine divisions of the scale, and this is divided into ten equal parts, each part will be equal $\cdot 09$ inch, while the divisions of the scale are equal to $\cdot 1$ inch. The vernier in this form is to be numbered *forwards*, as well as the scale. It is clear that raising the vernier $\cdot 01$ will bring the division 1 of the vernier into coincidence; and so on, exactly as before; and therefore that the inches and tenths being read from the scale, the hundredths are to be taken

from the vernier. The reading both scales forward is some advantage in favour of the latter mode, while the size of the vernier divisions is larger, and consequently clearer, in the first. There might perhaps be some advantage in particular cases in uniting both verniers, as the reading would be made on two divisions and by two sets of independent subdivisions, but we do not remember to have seen this in actual use.

In modern astronomical and geodesical instruments the vernier usually reads forward. Sometimes, for greater compactness, the zero is placed in the middle of the vernier, and the graduation, after running on to the end of the vernier, is continued from the other end of the scale to the middle, and reads both backwards and forwards. There is a great liability to confusion in these verniers, which can only be avoided, at first, by guessing the value of the subdivision before reading the vernier. We prefer simple verniers, reading always forward with the zero at one end.

The ordinary subdivision in English instruments is to minutes, half-minutes, twenty seconds, and ten seconds. Thus if the circle be divided to $30'$, and the vernier taken equal to 29 half-degrees, and then divided into 30, each part of the vernier will equal $\frac{1}{30}$ of $30'$ or $29''$, and the difference between a part of the circle and a part of the vernier be $1''$. If the circle be divided to every $10'$, and the vernier taken equal to 59 of these parts ($= 9' 50''$), and divided to 60, each part of the vernier will be $\frac{1}{60}$ of $10'$, that is, will be equal to $500''$ or $9' 50''$, and the difference between a part of the circle and a part of the vernier be $10''$. This division is legible in circles of 8 inches diameter. In circles of 18 inches diameter we should still adopt the same division, as it is easy to estimate the difference, and less fatiguing to read an open division than a crowded one.

The continental artists generally make one circle turn closely, but freely, within another, and nearly in the same plane, as we have seen was directed by Vernier. The reading is much more pleasant and exact in this way. Troughton objected to it, that if a particle of dust should get between the circles it would necessarily grind and tear the edges of the circles, leaving a muddy and ragged ditch between them. We do not know whether this objection is confirmed by experience. The English artists generally place their verniers on thin plates which move upon the divided circles. There is some chance of rubbing, and a certainty of wearing, if the verniers press on the circle; and if they stand off from it they are awkward to read, with a chance of considerable error from parallax. The subdivision by the vernier seems to be preferred by the German artists in general to that by micrometer microscopes, which are in England universally applied to large meridian circles, and indeed to all considerable instruments where the fixing of the microscopes is not subjected to a varying effect of gravity. On the side of the verniers may be platted cheapness, and freedom from changes, such as those which the scale of a microscope suffers when the distance between the limb and the object-glass of the microscope, or the body of the microscope itself, from expansion or other cause, is altered. On the other hand, the micrometer microscope certainly admits greater magnifying power, keeps the observer away from the instrument, can be fixed with greater firmness, and remains more steady. It is not easy to fix a vernier firmly without running the risk of affecting the motion of the circle. On the whole we prefer the micrometer microscope, although it must be admitted that the perfection which the continental artists give to the centring of their circles and verniers may well cause a difference of opinion. For small instruments, and those which, like the declination circle of an equatorial, are placed under different strains in different positions, the vernier is indispensable.

There is difficulty very often in getting the proper light on the divisions. It is desirable that those of the vernier as well as those of the limb should appear sharp and black, and the divisions before and after that which is nearest to coincidence should be scrutinized in order to estimate the decimal or fraction which is wanted for perfect coincidence. A more perfect setting will generally be obtained by making the divisions before and after the coincident division equally discordant, than by attempting to get a perfect coincidence. The observer should be careful to view the divisions directly, and in the centre of the magnifier, or he will

have an error arising from parallax which may be considerable.

The truth of a vernier in one respect, that of its embracing a proper portion of the limb, may be tried in different parts of the limb. If the circle be very excentric, this may give a little trouble at first, and be confounded with bad division. In ordinary cases however, if there are opposite verniers, and their extreme divisions sometimes overlap and sometimes fall short of the corresponding portion of the limb, the mean will be true although the excentricity is sensible. The number of verniers may be either two, three, or four, at equal distances. Two are absolutely necessary to get rid of excentricity, and three or four will also nullify any error, original or superinduced, which gives the circle an elliptic form. But it is not easy in all cases to apply these readings conveniently, and the fatigue of many readings is scarcely recompensed by a little superior accuracy, at least in well-made and well-divided instruments which are carefully handled.

VERNON, EDWARD, a distinguished English admiral, was born at Westminster, 12th Nov., 1684, and was the son of James Vernon, Esq., the descendant of an ancient Staffordshire family, who was secretary of state from 1697 to 1700. Young Vernon was carefully educated, and is said never to have forgotten his Greek and Latin; but nothing that his father could say or do would keep him from the sea, and it was at last found necessary to allow him to exchange his classical studies for navigation and gunnery. He first served under Admiral Hopson in the Prince George, on the expedition which resulted in the destruction of the French and Spanish fleets at Vigo on the 12th of October, 1702. In 1704 he was present in Sir George Rooke's squadron at the sea-fight with the French off Malacca. The next year he was appointed commander of the Dolphin; and he was afterwards transferred, in 1707, to the Royal Oak; in 1708 to the Jersey, in which he was sent to the West Indies as rear-admiral, under Sir Charles Wager; to the Assistance, of 50 guns, in 1713; and to the Griffin, of 70 guns, in 1726. He was returned as one of the representatives for Penryn to George III.'s first parliament, which met in November, 1727; and he sat for Portsmouth in the next parliament, which lasted from 1734 to 1741. It was the part which he took in the House of Commons which is said to have occasioned his being sent, with the rank of vice-admiral of the blue, on the most memorable expedition with which his name is connected. He had rendered himself considerable in the House, according to Smollett, "by loudly condemning all the measures of the ministry, and bluntly speaking his sentiments, whatever they were, without respect of persons, and sometimes without any regard to decorum." This writer proceeds:—"He was counted a good officer, and his boisterous manner seemed to enhance his character. As he had once commanded a squadron in Jamaica, he was perfectly well acquainted with those seas; and in a debate upon the Spanish depredations, he chanced to affirm that Porto Bello, on the Spanish Main, might be easily taken; nay, he even undertook to reduce it with six ships only. This offer was echoed from the mouths of all the members in opposition. Vernon was extolled as another Drake or Raleigh: he became the idol of a party, and his praise resounded from all corners of the kingdom. The minister, in order to appease the clamours of the people on this subject, sent him as commander-in-chief to the West Indies. He was pleased with an opportunity to remove such a troublesome censor from the House of Commons, and perhaps he was not without hope that Vernon would disgrace himself and his party by failing in the exploit he had undertaken." Vernon however, who set sail from Spithead with his six ships on the 23rd of July, 1739, completely succeeded; Porto Bello was taken on the 22nd of November, and was afterwards only abandoned for want of a sufficient land-force to keep it, after all the fortifications had been blown up. Vernon's next enterprise was the disastrous attempt on Carthagen in the spring of 1741, made famous by the graphic details given by Smollett, who was present in the fleet as a surgeon or surgeon's mate, in the concluding chapters of the first volume of his 'Roderick Random.' (See also his *History of England*, iv. 608, &c., 4to. edition.) This failure however did not affect the admiral's popularity in England: to the new parliament, which met this year, he was returned at once for Penryn, or Rochester, and for Ipswich. He made his election for Ipswich, and he was

returned for the same borough to the two next parliaments, which met in 1747 and in 1754. During the rebellion of 1745 Admiral Vernon was employed in guarding the coasts of Kent and Sussex, a service in which he acquitted himself with his usual zeal and ability; but soon after this he got into a quarrel with the Admiralty about the appointment of a gunner, the result of which was that he was struck off the list of admirals. In the course of this controversy, or after it was over, he is stated to have written several pamphlets in his own defence; but their titles are not given in the common accounts. He died at his seat, at Nacton in Suffolk, on the 29th of October, 1757. Vernon appears to have been a brave, high-spirited, and honourable man, with an impetuous temper, which he could not or would not rein in.

VERNON. [Ecan.]

VERNONIA, which has been named from W. Vernon, fellow of St. Peter's College, Cambridge, who collected many new plants in Maryland, inserted in the supplement to Ray's 'History.' The species are numerous, forming herbs or shrubs, in the tropical parts of the world, especially in Brazil; but several are found in India, and among them that which is best known. The genus has the heads one or many-flowered, discoid. Involucre imbricated, shorter than the flowers, with the interior scales lengthened. Receptacle usually naked; corolla regular; limb equalling the tube in length, with a cartilaginous callosity at the base, and a large epigynous disk. Pappus usually in two rays, seldom equal; the inner row setaceous, and longer than the outer one, which is usually chaffy. The leaves are alternate, seldom opposite, often glandular, some secreting volatile oil. Vernonia (Serratula, Roxb.) anthelmintic is a pretty, large, erect, annual species, common on dry uncultivated ground and rubbish in different parts of India, flowering during the cold season. The dark-coloured seeds are extremely bitter, and considered powerfully anthelmintic. They are also employed as an ingredient in compounds prescribed in snake-bites.

VERNONIA'CEÆ, a tribe of plants belonging to the natural order Compositæ. They are distinguished from Lactuceæ by their corolla, which is not ligulate, and from every other tribe by their style, which is the same as that possessed by Lactuceæ. There are several genera of plants belonging to this tribe, which are chiefly inhabitants of America: there are a few in Asia and Africa, but none in Europe. The most interesting genus is the type of this tribe.

VERONA, DELEGAZIONE DI, a Province of the Venetian division of the Lombardo-Venetian kingdom under Austria, is bounded on the north by the Italian Tyrol, east by the provinces of Vicenza and Padua, south by the provinces of Rovigo and Mantua, and west partly by Mantua and partly by the lake of Garda, which separates the northern part of the province of Verona from the province of Brescia. The length of the province is about 50 miles from north to south, and its greatest breadth is about 25 miles. The population was stated in 1833 by Serratori, in his 'Statistica,' to be 278,000 inhabitants. The northern part of the province is hilly, and even mountainous near the borders of the Tyrol: the highest summit of Monte Baldo is above 6000 feet high. The southern part merges into the great plain of the Po; but the territory of Verona does not touch that river, its southern boundary being marked by the Tartaro or Castagnaro, an affluent of the Adige, which divides it on that side from the province of Mantua. The province of Verona is divided into thirteen districts, namely, Verona, Valsfranca, Isola della Scala, Sanguinetto, Legnago, Cologna, Zevio, S. Bonifacio, Illasi, Badia Calavena, S. Pietro in Cariano, Caprino, and Bardolino.

The river Adige crosses the province of Verona in its length from north to south-south-east. It runs through a very narrow valley from the frontiers of the Tyrol down to the defile of Chiusa, near Rivoli, after which it emerges into the plains of Lombardy. The province of Verona has few towns of any consequence besides the capital. Legnago is a fortress of considerable strength, on the Adige, south of Verona; Valsfranca is a bustling market-town on the road from Verona to Mantua; Rivoli, on the right bank of the Adige, north of Verona, is famous for the battle won by Bonaparte and Massena over the Austrian general Alvinci, in January, 1797, which decided the surrender of Mantua, and confirmed the subjugation of North

Italy by the French. This country is full of the recollections of those memorable campaigns. On the banks of the Adige, near the wooden bridge of Arcello, is an obelisk, raised in commemoration of another hard-fought battle.

The eastern bank of the lake of Garda, which belongs to the province of Verona, is not so favoured by nature as the opposite or Brescia side: the ridge of Monte Baldo ranges close to the shore of the lake, and joins on the north the Alps of the Tyrol. The town of Malosine, with an old Gothic castle, is on this coast, as well as the little town of Garda, which has given to the lake its modern name.

In the mountains near Verona is the village of Gargagnano, where Dante, an exile from his country, and for a time a guest of Can della Scala, lord of Verona, wrote part of his 'Purgatorio.' A descendant of his by the female side, the Countess Sereno Alighieri, a woman of literary acquirements, was residing at Gargagnano in 1826, when Valéry visited that place: she had collected the best editions of the poem of her great ancestor, and intended to have a monument raised to him, but she died shortly after. The village of Colegnola was at one time the residence of the scholar Bonifazio, who has sung the praise of its scenery in Latin verse. [BONFADIO, JACOPO.] Near Colegnola is the mansion of the Counts Pompei, an old family of Verona, one of whom, Alessandro Pompei, in the first part of the eighteenth century, was a distinguished architect. The science of architecture seems to have perpetuated itself from the Roman times in this part of Italy.

The valley of Ronca, fifteen miles distant from Verona, is worth the notice of the geologist for its fossil fishes and its shells, some of which are not found in the Italian seas. The natural bridge of Veje is also a remarkable object.

(Valéry, *Voyages en Italie*; Denina, *Quadro Storico Statistico dell' Alta Italia*; Serriotti, *Statistica dell' Italia*; Persico, *Descrizione di Verona, e delle sue Provincie*.)

VERONA, the chief town of the Province of the same name, and the largest in the Venetian states next to Venice, is situated in 45° 25' N. lat. and 11° E. long., on the banks of the Adige, which divides the town into two parts, and at the foot of hills which are the lower offsets of the mountains of the Tyrol. The situation of Verona is pleasant and healthy; the town is substantially built, with long and tolerably wide streets, is surrounded by old walls flanked with towers, and retains much of the appearance of a town of the middle ages. The ramparts and bastions constructed by the architect and engineer San Micheli in the early part of the 16th century, were destroyed according to one of the conditions of the peace of Luneville in 1801, but parts of them which remain testify the great solidity and strength of the original construction. Among the many remarkable buildings of Verona the most worthy of notice are, the splendid palace Canossa, built by San Micheli for Louis Canossa, bishop of Bayeux in Normandy and papal nuncio in France and England; the palace called delle Gran Guardie in the Piazza di Bra, the elegant palace Giusta Verza by San Micheli; the palace Bevilacqua, whose once rich museum has been dispersed—the finest of its ancient sculptures are now at Munich. Several galleries of paintings, which existed at Verona have been likewise sold of late years. The palace Ridolfi has a curious representation of the cavalcade of Pope Clement VII. and Charles V. on the occasion of that emperor's coronation at Bologna. A fine engraving in eight sheets has been made of it, and published at Verona in 1830: 'La gran Cavalcata di Clemente VII. e Carlo V. dello sala Ridolfi,' dipinto da Brumozzi, incisa e contornata da Agostino Cornerio.' The palace del Consiglio is built on the design of Sansovino, but its spacious hall was constructed by Fra Giocondo the commentator of Vitruvius. The custom-house is a noble building raised in the last century by Count Alessandro Pompei.

The churches of Verona are numerous, and many of them interesting for their monuments and paintings. The church of SS. Nazario e Celso is said to be of the seventh century; its monastery, now suppressed, had some curious paintings of that age. The subterraneous galleries in its neighbourhood were once used as catacombs. The church of S. Zeno dates from the ninth century: its bronze gates, and a statue of the saint and his tomb, and its curious emblems, arabesques and figures, attest its anti-

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quity. The cathedral of Verona, a Gothic building, said to be of the age of Charlemagne, with its facade covered with old sculptures of men and animals, contains the tomb of Pope Lucius III., who being driven away by the people of Rome, died at Verona in 1185; several valuable paintings, among others an Assumption by Titian, a monument erected by the citizens of Verona to their townsman the learned Bianchini, a sepulchral monument of the Roman times bearing the names of Julius Apollonius and his wife Attia Valeria, and other interesting objects. The church of S. Fermo has a fine mausoleum of the Turriani, a family which produced eminent physicians and anatomists in the 15th century. This monument has been stripped of its bronze reliefs, which are now in the Louvre at Paris. In the same church are the monument of the Veronese chronicler Sereno, that of Piero and Luigi Alighieri, raised by their brother Francesco, the last male descendant of Dante in the 16th century, the monument of Francesco Calceolari, a botanist and the author of the 'Herbarium Baldum,' and other monuments of learned men, and also several very old paintings, one of which, by an unknown artist, is said to be anterior to the time of Cimabue. The church of Santa Maria delle Scale contains the tomb of Scipione Maffei, the author of 'Verona illustrata.' S. Giorgio Maggiore and S. Sebastiano are among the finest churches of Verona, and are rich with paintings by Brumozzi, l'Orbetto, Farinati, Dai Libri, and other artists.

The library of the Chapter of Verona is very ancient: it contains 12,000 volumes and about 540 MSS., among which is a palimpsest of the Institutes of Gaius, discovered by Niebuhr. [GAUZE.] It was in the same library that Petrarch discovered, to his great joy, Cicero's Epistles 'ad familiares.' Several valuable private libraries, such as those of Sabbanti and Giantilippi, have been sold of late years.

The Teatro Filarmico di Verona is a handsome structure; in the court and under the portico is Maffei's collection of Etruscan and other inscriptions, and of ancient bassi-relievi given by him to his native town. Maffei's bust is above the door of the theatre.

The sepulchral monuments of the Della Scala family in the shape of pyramids, surmounted by the equestrian statues of the various members of that family who were lords of Verona, are a remarkable object. The most splendid of these monuments however is not that of Can Grande, the friend and patron of Dante, but of one of his successors, Can Signorile, who murdered one of his brothers.

The pretended tomb of Juliet is still visited by credulous travellers.

The amphitheatre of Verona, one of the best-preserved monuments of its kind, is noticed under AMPHITHEATRE. Another classical monument, the Arco de' Gavii, the sepulchre of an ancient family, with its handsome fluted columns, was pulled down in 1805 in order to clear the approaches to the citadel. Its columns and capitals were still lying on the ground when Valéry saw them last. Pindemonte, the poet of Verona, has deplored in his verse the destruction of that ancient monument. The gate De' Borsari is said to have been built by the emperor Gallienus. There are also some pillars and other remains of an ancient gate called 'Porta di Leone.' The handsome modern gate called 'Porta del Pulio' is the work of San Micheli. Remains of an ancient theatre have been lately discovered.

Four bridges cross the Adige at Verona: that called Di Castelvecchio is remarkable for the width of the central arch.

Verona is a bishop's see: it has a lyceum, a 'Collegio delle Fanciulle,' or house of education for young women, a school of drawing and painting, an academy of agriculture and commerce, and a clerical seminary.

The general head-quarters of the Austrian army in Italy are fixed at Verona, a situation well suited for the purpose. Verona is altogether a very interesting city, one of the first among the second class of Italian towns: the population amounts to near 60,000 inhabitants. Many families of the local nobility have their residence at Verona, and in the pleasant country-seats which are scattered among the neighbouring hills. It has produced in various ages men, and also women, distinguished for their learning. Isotta Nogara, styled le Grande Isotta, a celebrated learned woman of the 15th century, resided at Azzano in the neighbour-

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hood of Verona. *Prencatore*, a physician, astronomer, naturalist, and poet, lived at Incaffi, near the banks of the lake of Garda. For a full notice of the learned men of Verona we must refer to the second part of the 'Verona Illustrata' of Maffei.

Verona was a town of the Cenomani, according to some, or of the Veneti according to others. Livy (v. 35) says that the Cenomani Gauls occupied the country previously held by the Libui, in which were *Bitunia* and Verona. Maffei maintains that Verona was never a town of the Cenomani, but was part of the Veneti. A voluminous controversy on this subject is found in a thick volume, folio, printed at Brescia in 1730, entitled 'Memorie Storico-critiche intorno all'antico stato de' Cenomani.' However this may be, Verona came under subjection to Rome, like the rest of the Veneti, without much struggle. Under the empire it produced many distinguished men, such as Catullus, Pliny the elder, Vitruvius, and others. After the fall of the empire, it was one of the principal towns of

the Longobards. It was afterwards taken by Charlemagne, and became subject to the new Western empire. In the 12th century it was a free municipal town, and joined the Lombard league. In the following century it fell under the power of *Ezzelino da Romano*, after whose death *Matino della Scala*, of an old family of Verona, was elected Podestà, about A.D. 1259. His descendants usurped the sovereign power, and created the dynasty of Della Scala or Scaligeri, which lasted above a century, until it was conquered by the Visconti, dukes of Milan, who became masters of Verona. After the death of *Giovanni Galeazzo Visconti*, Verona was seized by treachery by *Francis of Carrara*, lord of Padua; but in 1406, being besieged by the Venetians, the citizens gave themselves up to Venice, by a convention which secured their municipal liberties, and since then Verona has formed part of the Venetian state. (Sarnina, Maffei, and the other historians of Verona; Valéry, *Voyages en Italie*.)

Table of Principal Buildings.

	Date.	Architect.	Remarks.
The Amphitheatre . . . .	..	. . . .	An ellipsis of 506x404 feet. [AMPHITHEATRE.]
Porta de' Borsari	265	Vitruvius Cerdo	An ancient Roman arch with two openings.
San Zeno	1045—1178	. . . .	An interesting specimen of Lombardic style.
The Duomo	1453—1473	. . . .	Lombardic, pointed and round-headed windows. Entrance exceedingly rich. Originally begun in the eighth century. Brick and marble.
Santa Anastasia	1200	Niccolo da Pisa, &c.	Lombardic. Pointed windows.
San Fermo	1313	
Palazzo del Consiglio . .	15th century.	Fr. Giocondo.	The facade up to the architrave by him. Corinthian columns grouped with pilasters. The openings very bold and rich.
Santa Maria in Organo . .	1542	Sanmicheli	
San Tommaso	16th century.	Sanmicheli	Interior by him. A rotunda 32 feet diameter, 64 high. Very much decorated.
Cappella Pellegrini . . .	16th century.	Sanmicheli	
Madonna di Campagna . .	16th century.	Sanmicheli	Singular and beautiful in plan; a rotunda surrounded by a deep colonnade. Interior octagon; dome too large.
Palazzo Bevilacqua . . .	16th century.	Sanmicheli	
Palazzo Canossa	1528	Sanmicheli	Unfinished. Rusticated Doric and Corinthian, some of the columns of the latter fluted spirally. Unusually bold and rich frieze and cornice.
Palazzo Pellegrini	16th century.	Sanmicheli	
Palazzo Pompei	16th century.	Sanmicheli	Rusticated basement, with mezzanines. Corinthian order in coupled pilasters.
Palazzo Verri	16th century.	Sanmicheli	
Palazzo della Gran Guardia	16th century.	Sanmicheli	Rusticated basement. Order fluted Doric, with a single range of lofty arched windows.
Lazzaretto	16th century.	Sanmicheli	
Porta del Palio	16th century.	Sanmicheli	Basement, five open arches. Order fluted Doric pilasters, with arched windows and mezzanines.
Porta Nuova	16th century.	Sanmicheli	
Porta di S. Zenone	16th century.	Sanmicheli	The inner area 357x728 feet, entirely surrounded with wide arches on square pillars. Circular chapel in centre.
Museo Lapidario	18th century.	Sanmicheli	
Theatre	18th century.	Fr. Gelli-Bibbiena.	Rusticated. Fluted Doric, with enriched frieze. Inner front same order; rusticated columns, and five large arches.
Theatre della Accademia Filarmónica.	18th century.	Pompei	
Exchange	18th century.	Pompei	The front towards the city better than the other.
San Paolo di Campo Marzio	18th century.	Pompei	
Seminario	18th century.	Calderari	Ionic portico.
Casa Cozzarelli	18th century.	Calderari	
Collegio de' Fanciulli . .	1822	Malscarne	Octastyle Doric portico. Inner area 160 feet long.
Cemetery in Campo Marzio	1832	Barbieri	
			The facade.
			A spacious enclosure about 600 feet square, surrounded with a Grecian Doric colonnade, and with a building in the centre of each side.

VERONESE, ALESSANDRO, a celebrated painter of the Venetian school, was born at Verona about 1582. His family name was Turchi or Turco; he was called also L'Orbetto, according to Pozzo, from the circumstance of his having as a boy led about an old blind beggar, said to have been his own father. Alessandro used to amuse himself with drawing with charcoal upon walls, and some of his efforts having been seen by the painter Felice Brusasorci, he was taken by him as a colour-grinder in his studio, and was encouraged to cultivate his ability for drawing. He soon made great progress in drawing and in painting, surpassed his master, and, after the death of Brusasorci in 1600, completed some of his unfinished works. He afterwards went to Venice, and obtained employment there from Carlo Saracino, who soon discovered his ability and value as an assistant; he paid him a ducat a day, whilst he paid his other assistants only a quarter of that amount. After spending some time in Venice, Alessandro returned to Verona, but not meeting with the encouragement he expected, he set out for Rome in company with Antonio Bassetti and Pasquale Ottino, and ultimately established himself there, though he spent some time subsequently at Verona. In Rome he studied the works of Raphael and the Carracci, and forming a style for himself which combined many of the beauties of the Roman and the Venetian schools, entered successfully into competition with Sacchi and Pietro da Cortona in the church Della Concezione and elsewhere; and he acquired the reputation of one of the best painters of his time. His principal works are in Verona, where there are two of his masterpieces, a Pietà in the church Della Misericordia, which, though it contains only a dead Christ, the Virgin, and Nicodemus, is considered one of the best pictures in Verona; the other is the Passion of the Forty Martyrs, in the church of San Stefano; a picture, says Lanzi, which in impasto and foreshortening reminds us of the Lombard school, in design and in expression of the Roman, and in colouring of the Venetian; and it contains a selection of heads worthy of Guido. There is a very fine collection of his works in the possession of the Ghirardini family, all of which were painted by Alessandro for the Marquis Gasparo Girardini, who was a most generous patron to him, and, according to some existing documents, supported him when he first went to Rome. Alessandro married a Roman lady, and lived in great state in Rome, but died poor in 1649, without issue, according to Pozzo. Passeri says he died in 1650; and Passeri's account differs in some other respects from that of Pozzo: he says he was the scholar of Carlo, the son of Paolo Veronese, and that he left two sons and a daughter by his wife: the elder son followed the profession of the law; the second, Giacinto, was a painter, but he died in the flower of life, in 1673. Lanzi states that Passeri says that Alessandro was called L'Orbetto from a defect in the eye: but Passeri does not assert this, he simply mentions the fact of a defect in the eye, and says that he was called L'Orbetto because when a boy he used to lead his father about, who, he had heard, was blind. The works of this painter are admirably coloured; they appear not to have suffered any change of tint whatever from their original state, owing probably to the great care with which he is known to have mixed his colours and selected and prepared his oils.

(Dal Pozzo, *Vite de' Pittori, &c. Veronesi*; Passeri, *Vite de' Pittori, &c.*; Lanzi, *Storia Pittorica, &c.*)

VERONESE, PAUL. (CAGLIARI, PAOLO.)

VERONICA, a genus of plants belonging to the natural order Scrophulariaceae. The species consist of herbs, undershrubs, or shrubs, with opposite, alternate, or verticillate leaves. The flowers are of a blue, white, or red colour, and are arranged in spikes or racemes. The calyx is campanulate or compressed, 4- or 5-parted. The corolla rotate, with a very short tube, a 4-parted spreading limb; all the segments entire, the upper one the broadest. The stamens are 2, situated at the sides of the upper segment of the corolla, diverging; anthers 2-celled. Stigmas hardly thickened. The fruit a capsule, with a septum in the middle or bipartite. The species of this genus are exceedingly numerous: Don enumerates upwards of 170. They are distributed over all parts of the world, and are especially abundant in temperate climates. The Flora of Great Britain contains about 20 species.

V. spicata, Spiked Speedwell, has its flowers on a spiked

raceme, the leaves crenate, the radiolæ once ovate or obovate, and running into the petioles; the corolla leaves are lanceolate or oblongo-lanceolate, sessile, toothed, and entire at top; the whole plant downy, caespitose, and rather clammy. It is a native of Germany, France, and Switzerland, and is found in England, in some parts of the county of Suffolk.

V. officinalis, Common Speedwell, has spicate flowers, with leaves broadly ovate, serrated, and rough with pubescence; stem very downy, procumbent; the capsule obovate, deeply notched; the bracts longer than the pedicels of the flowers. It is a native of Europe and North America, in woods and on dry sandy banks, and is plentiful in Great Britain. It has pale blue-coloured corollas with veins of a deeper blue. Paullin, an old Danish botanist, endeavoured to prove that this plant was identical with the tea-plant of China, and it was once extensively used as a substitute for tea. It has an astringent bitter flavour, and is not so agreeable to the taste as tea. If however the consumption of tea depends on its containing chemical principles which it has in common with other plants, the analysis of the constituents of common European plants is perhaps an object worth the attention of the chemist. The abundance in which this plant occurs renders varieties not uncommon, and several have been recorded. It was at one time considered a remedy of some importance in various diseases, and administered as a tonic and diuretic, properties which it undoubtedly possesses.

V. Baccabunga, Brooklime, is a glabrous shining plant, with procumbent stems, and elliptic oval or oblong leaves, seated on short petioles, serrated or entire. It is a native of every country in Europe, and is also found in North America and Nepal, and is abundant in Great Britain. It grows in ditches, rivulets of clear water, and in running streams. It has racemes of deep-blue flowers marked with veins of red. It was at one time reckoned, in common with several species of Cruciferous plants, as an antiscorbutic, and found a place in some of the Pharmacopœias. It possesses no active properties, is almost destitute of smell, and has a saline slightly bitter taste.

V. Montana, Mountain Speedwell, has lax few-flowered racemes with ovate-cordate, serrated, petiolate leaves; a stem hairy all round; and an orbicular 2-lobed membranous capsule much larger than the calyx. It is a native of Europe, but is not very common in Great Britain. It is generally found in woods and groves on a calcareous soil, but not always in mountainous districts, as its name would infer.

V. Chamodrys, Germander Speedwell, has the whole plant hairy, the leaves deeply and unequally serrated, the racemes elongated and many-flowered, the capsule obovate and shorter than the calyx. On dry banks, in groves, meadows, pastures, and hedges throughout Europe, this plant is very common, and is a general favourite on account of its being among the very first that opens its flowers in the early spring. It is sometimes known by the name of Bird's-eye, and is often mistaken for the Forget-me-not.

V. Tauricum, Germander-leaved Speedwell, is a downy plant, with the lower leaves ovate-oblong, half-clasping the stem, obtuse, and coarsely serrated, the upper ones sessile, narrower, and serrated; the racemes axillary, opposite, on long peduncles, and the stems ascending or prostrate. It is a native of Italy, Switzerland, and Germany in clayey soils. This plant is called in the older Pharmacopœias the Mountain Speedwell, and at one time entered into the composition of several esteemed diet-drinks. It has much the same properties as the common speedwell.

V. longifolia, Long-leaved Speedwell, has opposite leaves, 3 or 4 in a whorl, cordato-lanceolate, acuminate, doubly serrated, clothed, as well as the stem, with a downy tomentum. It is a native of the Continent of Europe and Siberia. It is very changeable in its characters, and a great number of varieties have been recorded.

V. decussata, Cross-leaved Speedwell, is a glabrous plant with permanent, elliptic, decussate leaves, few-flowered racemes, and a shrubby stem. This is a shrub attaining a height of 1 or 2 feet. It is a native of the Falkland Islands and the Straits of Magalhães, and with care may be cultivated in the open air in this climate.

A number of foreign species of Veronice are commonly cultivated in British gardens. The hardy perennial, her-

baceous species are all fitted for growth in flower-borders: they require little culture, and are easily propagated by dividing their roots. The annual species, though some of them are very beautiful, are seldom grown in gardens: they may be propagated by seeds. Several of the species from New Holland and New Zealand require to be cultivated in the greenhouse.

VERRI, PIETRO, born at Milan, of a noble family, in 1728, studied at Rome and at Parma, after which he obtained a commission in an Italian regiment in the Austrian army, and served in Saxony in the war between Austria and Prussia. After the peace he returned to his native country, and was made a member of the Council of Economy instituted by Maria Theresa for the duchy of Milan, in 1795. He took an active part in the administrative and financial reforms which were effected about that time, and especially in abolishing the practice of farming to private individuals or companies the various branches of the revenue of the state, a system which was injurious both to the people and to the treasury; and also in drawing the plan of a new tariff or scale of duties, which proved a great relief to industry and commerce. His principal written works are noticed under *POLITICAL ECONOMY*. He besides wrote 'Storia di Milano,' down to the conquest of Charles V. in the 16th century, the publication of which was completed after the author's death. He also published 'Osservazioni sulla Tortura, e singolarmente sugli effetti che produce all'occasione delle unioni malediche alle quali si attribui la pestilenza che devastò Milano l'anno 1630,' an historical episode which has been since treated by Manzoni in his 'Promessi Sposi.' Verri has contributed greatly to illustrate the history of his native country, Milan. He continued in office in the economical administration of the duchy of Milan till 1786, when he retired to private life. He was made a knight of St. Stephen, and was a leading member of the 'Patriotic Society,' instituted at Milan in 1777, by Maria Theresa, for the encouragement of agriculture, arts, and manufactures. When the French invaded Lombardy in 1796, Verri was appointed member of the municipal council of Milan, but he died of apoplexy in June of the following year. His biography has been written by Isidoro Bianchi, Professor Ressa, Pietro Custodi, and lastly by Camillo Ugolini. He was one of the most distinguished and estimable Italians of the generation that preceded the French revolutionary invasion.

VERRI, ALESSANDRO, younger brother of Pietro, is chiefly known for a work, partly imaginative and partly historical, entitled 'Le Notte Romane al Sepolcro dei Scipioni.' The author evokes the souls of the leading political men of various ages of ancient Rome to appear before him in the newly-discovered vaults of the tombs of the Scipios, and makes them hold dialogues about the deeds of their earthly career. He tears down the veil of blind admiration, so long held sacred by Italian tradition and Italian vanity, and reveals the vices, the crimes, and the mistaken patriotism of ancient Rome. The style and language of the work are powerful and impressive. Alessandro Verri died in 1816. Both Pietro and Alessandro were the chief contributors to a literary journal of considerable merit, entitled 'Il Caffè,' published at Milan.

VERRI, ANTONIO, This Neapolitan painter was born at Lecce about 1629, and after he had made some progress in painting, for which he had displayed a great ability at a very early age, he visited Venice to study the colouring of the Venetian school. After making a stay sufficient for his purposes in Venice, he returned to his native place, and the success which attended the execution of some gay works there induced him to try his fortune at Naples, where, in 1660, he painted a large composition in fresco of Christ healing the Sick, in the college of the Jesuits, which was conspicuous for its bright colouring and forcible light and shade. Dominici says that Verri had such a love for travelling that he could not remain in his own country. He went to France and painted the high altar of the Carmelites at Toulouse. Shortly after this, Charles II. wishing to revive the manufacture of tapestry at Mortlake, which had been interrupted by the Civil War, invited Verri to England; but when he arrived, Charles changed his mind, and intrusted to him the decoration in fresco of Windsor Castle. Verri executed a series of extensive frescoes in that palace, with as much facility of execution as insipidity of invention. He painted most of the ceilings, one side of St. George's Hall, and the chapel;

but few of his works are now left. The following instances may serve as illustrations of the taste, character, and judgment of Verri:—On the ceiling of St. George's Hall he painted, Antony, earl of Shaftesbury, in the character of Faction dispersing libels; in another place he borrowed 'the ugly face' of Mrs. Marriot, the housekeeper, for one of the furies, in revenge for a private quarrel he had had with her; and in a composition of Christ healing the Sick he introduced himself, Sir Godfrey Kneller, and Mr. May, surveyor of the works, in long periwigs, as spectators. The painter of these works was recorded in the following inscription, written over the tribune at the end of the hall: 'Antonius Verri Neapolitanus non ignobilis stirpe natus, ad honorem Dei, Augustissimi Regis Caroli Secundi, et Sancti Georgii, moem hanc felicissimam manu decoravit.'

Verri was paid enormously for these and many other works he painted in England. Vertue found a paper containing an account of moneys received by Verri for works executed in Windsor Castle from 1670 to 1681, not including those in St. George's Hall, amounting to 5545*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.* The king also gave him the place of master-gardener, and a lodging in St. James's Park. Verri was of very expensive habits, and kept a great table, and 'often,' says Walpole, 'pressed the king for money with a freedom which his majesty's own frankness indulged. Once at Hampton Court, when he had but lately received an advance of a thousand pounds, he found the king in such a circle that he could not approach. He called out, "Sire, I desire the favour of speaking to your majesty." "Well, Verri," said the king, "what is your request?" "Money, Sir: I am so short in cash, that I am not able to pay my workmen, and your majesty and I have learned by experience that pedlars and painters cannot give credit long." The king smiled, and said he had but lately ordered him 1000*l.* "Yes, Sir," replied he, "but that was soon paid away, and I have no gold left." "At that rate," said the king, "you would spend more than I do to maintain my family." "True," answered Verri, "but does your majesty keep an open table, as I do?"

After the accession of James II. Verri was again employed at Windsor in 'Wolsey's Tomb-house,' then destined for a Roman Catholic chapel. He also painted James and several of his courtiers in the hospital of Christchurch, London: he painted likewise at Bartholomew's hospital.

After the Revolution he gave up his place of master-gardener, and refused to paint for William III. He executed however at this time the extensive works for Lord Exeter at Burleigh-house, which are considered Verri's best productions, and they are among the best specimens of the prevailing style of that age. For these paintings alone, says Dr. Waagen, Verri was paid more money than Raphael or Michael Angelo received for all their immortal works. He was occupied over them about twelve years, with a salary of 1500*l.* a year, besides his keep, and an equipage at his disposal. He painted also at Chatsworth and at Lowther-hall. Walpole says that the altar-piece of the Incredulity of St. Thomas, in the chapel at Chatsworth, is the best piece he ever saw by Verri. He was eventually persuaded by Lord Exeter to serve William III., and he was sent to Hampton Court, where, besides other things, he painted the great staircase so badly, that he appears to have done it so designedly. Towards the end of his life he began to lose his sight, and Queen Anne granted him a pension of 200*l.* a year, but he did not enjoy it long: he died at Hampton Court in 1707. The statement of Dominici that he was drowned in Languedoc is evidently an error.

Walpole has described Verri's style with great piquancy, but probably with as much truth; he says he was 'an excellent painter for the sort of subjects on which he was employed, that is, without much invention, and with less taste; his exuberant pencil was ready at pouring out gods, goddesses, kings, emperors, and triumphs, over those public surfaces on which the eye never rests long enough to criticize, and where one should be sorry to place the works of a better master—I mean ceilings and staircases. The New Testament or the Roman History cost him nothing but ultramarine; that, and marble columns, and marble steps, he never spared.'

Scheffers of Utrecht worked twenty-five years for Verri, and he employed a painter of the name of Lausson seven or eight years at Windsor.

⁷ (Dominici, *Vite de' Pittori, &c. Napolitani*; Walpole, *Anecdotes of Painting in England*; Waagen, *Kunstwerke und Künstler in England*, &c.)

VERRIUS FLACCUS, a Roman grammarian of the time of Augustus. He was a freedman, but distinguished himself so much by his learning and his method of teaching, that Augustus appointed him instructor to his two grandsons Caius and Lucius, the sons of Agrippa, and transferred him with his whole school to the Palatium, on condition however that he should not admit any additional pupils to the number he had already. He had an annual salary of one hundred sesterces. He died in the reign of Tiberius, at an advanced age. At Præneste a statue was erected to him in the lower part of the forum, opposite the Hemicycle, which contained on large marble plates the Fasti, which Verrius Flaccus had drawn up for the Prænestines. (Sueton., *De Illust. Grammat.*, 17.) These Fasti are the so-called Fasti Prænestini, of which considerable fragments were discovered in 1770, and published by P. F. Foggini, under the title, 'Fastorum anni Romani à Verrio Flacco ordinatum reliquiae, ex marmorearum Tabularum Fragmentis Præneste nuper effossis collectae et illustratae.' &c., Rome, 1779, fol. They are also printed in F. A. Wolf's edition of Suetonius, vol. iv., p. 321, &c., and in Orelli's Collection of Roman Inscriptions (o. xxii., vol. ii., p. 379, &c.). Before the discovery of these Fasti, which are of the highest value, some scholars believed that the Fasti Capitolini, which were discovered in 1547, were the Fasti of Verrius Flaccus, referred to by Suetonius: but this opinion is now shown to be untenable. Flaccus was also the author of several other antiquarian and grammatical works, which were highly valued for the vast quantity of information they contained, as well as for the purity of their style: 1. 'Libri Rerum Memoria Dignarum,' in which among other things he treated on Etruscan antiquities. It is frequently referred to by Pliny (Gellius, iv. 5); 2. 'De Verborum Significatione,' consisting of at least twenty-four books. It gave explanations of words in alphabetical order; and besides its philological value, it seems to have been an inexhaustible treasure of antiquarian knowledge. An abridgment of this work was made by the grammarian S. Pomponius Festus, and this was again abridged in the time of Charlemagne, in such a manner that the original character of the work was altogether destroyed. These wretched abridgments have, as in many other instances, caused the loss of the original work. (K. O. Müller, *Prolegomena ad Festum*, p. 12, &c.) 3. 'Saturnus' (Macrob., *Sat.*, i. 4 and 8) was, according to Müller's conjecture, only a part of a greater work, 'De Rebus Sacris'; 4. 'De Orthographia,' which was attacked by Scribonius Aphrodisius (Sueton., *De Illust. Grammat.*, 18); 5. 'De Obscuris Catonis,' a linguistic work, in which he explained the antique words and phrases of Cato, which had become unintelligible. (Gellius, xvi. 6); 6. 'Epistolae'; and 7. Poems. We still possess numerous fragments of the works of Verrius Flaccus, independent of the 'Fasti Prænestini' and the abridgment of his 'De Verborum Significatione.' They are collected in the work of Foggini above referred to; in Dacier's edition of Festus (i., pp. 14-27, ed. London, 1826); in E. Egger's 'Scriptorum Latinorum nova Collectio,' vol. ii.; and in Lindemann's edition of Festus, pp. 233-260.

VERROCCHIO, ANDREA DEL, a celebrated Italian painter, sculptor, goldsmith, and architect of the fifteenth century, was born at Florence in 1432. Vasari says he had little genius, but was the most laborious man of his time: he was, according to Baldinucci, a scholar of Donatello. He first distinguished himself as a goldsmith, both at Florence and at Rome; he then devoted himself solely to sculpture in bronze and in marble. His first marble work was a monument in the Minerva at Rome, to the wife of Francesco Tornabuoni; it is now in the Florentine gallery. The expression of the figures is good, but the execution is very imperfect. His next work was a colossal bronze figure of David, now also in the Florentine gallery. He executed several other works in metal, by which he acquired a great reputation: the principal of them were the monument in San Lorenzo, of Giovanni and Pietro, the sons of Cosmo de' Medici, and the Incredulity of St. Thomas, in the church of Or San Michele, at Florence, finished in 1483; it is a colossal group of two figures, weighing 3081 pounds, and for which, according to Baldinucci, he was paid 470 gold florins (Manni, in a note to

Baldinucci, says 800 heavy florins). In this work, says Vasari, Verrocchio left nothing to be wished for; and having attained perfection in sculpture, he began to turn his attention to painting. Some modern critics have differed from Vasari with regard to its great excellence. Von Rumohr speaks of the Winged Boy with a Dolphin, of the fountain of the first court of the Palazzo Vecchio, also by Verrocchio, as a very superior work: it is praised likewise by Vasari.

Vasari mentions many designs and cartoons by Verrocchio, some of which were copied and imitated by Leonardo da Vinci. Nothing is known of these designs at present; it has been conjectured that many of them now pass as the works of Leonardo. Verrocchio painted very few pictures; he gave up painting upon finding himself surpassed by his scholar Leonardo da Vinci, whom he had ordered to paint the figure of an angel in one of his works. (VINCI, LEONARDO DA.) The fame of Verrocchio reached Venice, and he was called to that place to cast an equestrian statue of Bartolomeo Colleoni, the celebrated general; but when he had just finished the model of the horse, he was told that Vellano of Padua was to make the figure of the general, with which he was so much offended that he immediately broke the head and feet of his horse, and left Venice without giving the slightest intimation of his determination to his employers. This so exasperated the signory of Venice in their turn, that they wrote to Verrocchio, and told him that he had better not return to Venice if he valued his head; to which Verrocchio answered, that he would be mindful of their admonition, for they were as little capable of restoring him his head as they were of finding another head sufficiently beautiful for his horse. This answer pleased them greatly; and they now earnestly solicited Verrocchio to return, promising him twice the remuneration formerly agreed to. Verrocchio returned and cast his model, but he caught cold in the casting, and died a few days afterwards, before the statue was quite completed. This work was finished by Alessandro Leopardi, who cast the pedestal, and fixed it in its place in the Piazza di Santi Giovanni e Paolo, in the year 1495, and it stands there still. Cicognara, who has given an outline of this monument in his 'Storia della Scultura,' supposes that Leopardi recast the statue itself, but he gives a very insufficient reason for this opinion. Verrocchio's remains were taken by his favourite scholar Lorenzo di Credi to Florence, and were deposited in the vault of Michele di Cione, in the church of Sant' Ambrogio. Over the vault is the following inscription:—'S. Michaelis de Cione et Suorum et Andreae Verrocchi, filii Domini Michaelis, qui obiit Venetiis M.CCCC.LXXXIII.' The S signifies Sepulchrum.

Verrocchio had many scholars, of whom the following were the most distinguished:—Leonardo da Vinci and Pietro Perugino, painters, and Lorenzo di Credi, Nanni Grosso, and Francesco di Simone, sculptors.

Bottari says that Verrocchio was one of the first who made plaster casts from living and dead subjects, but not the first, as Vasari states. This art was practised likewise by the ancient artists of Greece: it was invented by Lysistratus, the brother of Lysippus, in the time of Alexander the Great. (Pliny, *Hist. Nat.*, xxxv. 12, 44.) Verrocchio also assisted Orsino in his wax figures; they made together three figures of Lorenzo de' Medici, after the conspiracy of the Pazzi in 1478, which, says Vasari, appeared to be living men: they were differently dressed; one, which was placed in the church of the Monache di Chiarito, was clothed in the dress which Lorenzo wore when he was wounded by the conspirators. These figures are all now lost.

Verrocchio cast the first copper ball which supported the cross at the cathedral of Florence; it was thrown down by lightning, and the present ball, which is somewhat larger than Verrocchio's, was put up in its place. That of Verrocchio was four ells in diameter, and weighed 4368 pounds. This celebrated artist, with his other accomplishments, combined a good knowledge of geometry and great practical skill in music.

(Vasari, *Vite de' Pittori*, &c.; the same work translated into German by Schorn; Baldinucci, *Notizie dei Professori del Disegno*, &c.)

VERRUCA, Schumacher's name for a genus of *Cirripeds*, identical with *Clitia*, Leach. [CIRRIPEDA, vol. vii., p. 200.]

VERRUCARIA, a genus of plants belonging to the natural order of lichens, and to the tribe pseudo-lichens of the arrangement of Acharius. The name of this genus is derived from *verruca*, 'a wart,' on account of the appearance of its surface; it is known by the plant being crustaceous, cartilaginous, flatly expanded, adnate, uniform; the apothecia or receptacles wart-like, hemispherical, roundish at the base, growing into the thallus, with a double covering (perithecium); the exterior somewhat cartilaginous and thick, having above a little pimple or perforation; the interior very fine or membranous. The species of this genus are found on rocks and flints, and the bark of trees, and are abundant inhabitants of Great Britain. They are too numerous to afford any indications of the character of the barks to which they are attached, for which several of their allies are very remarkable.

VERSAILLES, a town in France, capital of the department of Seine et Oise, 8 miles in a direct line west-south-west of Paris, or 11 miles by the road through Sévres: in 48° 48' N. lat. and 2° 7' E. long.

Versailles was a mere village in the time of Louis XIII., who, as well as his father, Henri IV., used to hunt in the neighbouring woods. Louis XIII. having purchased (A.D. 1627) the house and lands of Jean de Sours, lord of the village, built here a small hunting-seat, which Louis XIV. converted, by his vast and expensive additions (A.D. 1661-1672), into the most magnificent palace in Europe. Under this prince (from the year 1672) and his successors Louis XV. and XVI. it was, except during the seven years of the minority of Louis XV., the ordinary residence of the court; and the village of Versailles grew into a handsome city of 70,000 (some accounts say 100,000) inhabitants. At present its population is less than half that number: it was, in 1826, 29,386 for the commune; in 1831, 28,477; and in 1836, 29,339.

The town is divided into two nearly equal parts by a noble avenue, 'the avenue of Paris,' nearly half a mile long, running east and west, planted with four rows of elms, forming three alleys, the centre alley 160 feet wide, and the two side alleys 64 feet each, making the total breadth of this noble avenue at least 288 feet: the middle part of the centre alley is paved. The road from Paris, of which this avenue forms part, enters the town on the east, making a bend at the entrance of the town, so as to bring the traveller immediately opposite to the palace, which faces the avenue at its western extremity; but the noble view of the palace which would be obtained is intercepted by a rising ground, over which the avenue runs, and which scarcely allows the top of the building to be seen. Before the bend at the entrance of the avenue of Paris, the road passes between the villages of Grand Montreuil on the right and Petit Montreuil on the left: these villages are now regarded as suburbs of Versailles.

Versailles itself is divided by the avenue into 'the quarter of St. Louis,' or 'Old Versailles,' on the left or south side, and 'the quarter of Notre Dame,' or 'New Versailles,' on the right. The quarters are named after the parish churches which they respectively contain: the names of Old and New Versailles are inappropriate, as the two parts are equally modern, and consist of straight streets crossing each other at right angles.

Beside the avenue of Paris, two other avenues, that of St. Cloud on the right, and that of Sceaux on the left, converge to the Place d'Armes, or *parade*, which is at the western end of the Avenue de Paris, immediately in front of the court of the palace. These avenues, though not so wide as that of Paris, are planted with fine elms, and lined with pleasant residences: that of St. Cloud leads by St. Cloud to Paris; that of Sceaux leads only to a round pond or basin faced with freestone, and constructed, as a pompous Latin inscription declares, 'by the *Édiles* of the city of Versailles.' Besides these avenues, which may be compared with the boulevards of Paris, there are in New Versailles three boulevards, called Boulevard du Roi, Boulevard de la Reine, and Boulevard St. Antoine, all planted with fine elms, and the first and second bordered with neat houses and other buildings. There are several 'places,' or open spaces: the Place d'Armes is the largest; the Place Hoche (adorned with a statue of the general from whom it is named), formerly the Place Dauphin, in New Versailles, is the handsomest. There are two market-places, one in Old and one in New Versailles. There are a number of fountains.

The centre of the town front of the palace is formed by the building of Louis XIII. This has a centre and two wings advancing at right angles from the centre, so as to enclose three sides of a court, which is open on its fourth or east side toward the Place d'Armes. This part of the building is of brick, and of ordinary appearance: two buildings of freestone which terminate the wings, and are adorned with Corinthian columns, are modern additions. Two long buildings of plain and heavy architecture, more like barracks than parts of a palace, appear to form prolongations of the wings, from which however they are really detached, and reclose the outer court, termed 'La Cour des Ministres'; the inner court, between the wings, is called 'La Cour Royale'; and its innermost part, immediately in front of the central pavilion, is termed, from the material of its pavement, 'Cour de Marbre,' or the 'Marble Court.' The central and principal part of the palace of Louis XIV. forms three sides of a quadrangle, sufficiently large to envelop in its enclosure the older palace of Louis XIII., so that the two palaces stand back to back, that of Louis XIII. fronting the town, and that of Louis XIV. fronting the garden. The central part of the latter, which incloses the older palace, presents three fronts to the garden, namely, the principal front and two side-fronts, and is in advance of the rest of the building; the wings, which have the same general direction as the principal front of the central building (*viz.* north and south), are thrown back about 250 or 300 feet, which is the extent of the two side-fronts of the central portion. The whole extent of the garden front is estimated at more than 1900 feet; but as this measurement includes the side-fronts of the central building, the space occupied by the garden-front is reduced to less than 1400 feet. This front, notwithstanding some serious faults, is in the estimation of many persons, one of the grandest and most beautiful in existence. It is adorned with Ionic columns, eighty-six in number, arranged in fifteen colonnades of four, six, or eight columns, each colonnade supporting a cornice crowned with as many statues as there are columns; and if the northern face or extremity of the north wing, and the southern face of the south wing, be included, the number of columns will be augmented to one hundred and two. The spaces between the colonnades are adorned with pilasters, or with columns engaged in the wall; and the attic has dwarf pilasters throughout, corresponding to the columns and pilasters of the principal story, and is surmounted by a balustrade, formerly crowned with sculptured trophies and vases. Niches immediately behind some of the intercolumns are occupied by statues, which, as well as those which crown the cornice of the colonnades, agreeably to the taste of the period, represent heathen deities or nymphs, or are allegorical representations of the arts or the virtues. A great number are mutilated. This palace was built from the designs of J. H. Mansard.

Immediately in front of the palace, on the west side, is the garden or little park, an irregular polygon about three miles long from the palace to its western extremity, and about two miles broad. It is included in the limits of the great park, which is estimated to be from 20 to 25 miles in circuit. The garden was laid out by Le Notre, agreeably to the fashion of the time, in formal terraces, parterres, and alleys, adorned with a profusion of statues, vases, and other sculptures; with a canal in the shape of a cross, and other pieces of water of the same formal character, and a number of fountains, which are supplied with water from the Seine by the forcing-pump (substituted for the former waterworks), aqueduct, and reservoirs of Marly. The fountains play on the first Sunday in the month during the summer, but not to their full extent; these exhibitions are termed 'Les petites eaux'; the more complete exhibitions of 'Les grandes eaux' are reserved for certain holidays, of which notice is given in the public prints, and attract a multitude of spectators from Paris. The orangery is remarkable for the number and beauty of the orange-trees which it contains.

The interior of the palace was fitted up with great cost by Louis XIV.: the most eminent painters were engaged to decorate the ceilings of the apartments; and gilding and sculpture were profusely employed. But after the overthrow of royalty in the first Revolution, the palace was neglected; and as neither Napoleon nor the Bourbons did anything effectual for its restoration, it came into a very dilapidated condition. The care of Louis-Philippe has

effected a considerable improvement, and the palace is now converted into a national museum or gallery of paintings and other monuments illustrative of different portions of the history of France. In the central building the ground-floor is occupied by the portraits of the high admirals and constables of France, of the marshals down to Grouchy, and of a number of generals of eminence, as Kleber, Foy, Carnot, &c., who did not attain that rank; and the first floor by paintings and other memorials of the time of Louis XIV. The south wing is occupied by paintings illustrative of the first Revolution; by a series of paintings of the great victories of France, from that of Tolbiac, under Clovis, to Wagram, the last decisive victory of Napoleon; by others illustrating the series of Napoleon's campaigns; and by busts and statues of the warriors and other celebrated men of the revolutionary period. The palace, thus furnished, was opened June 10th, 1837, on the marriage of the late duke of Orleans.

Adjacent to the north wing of the palace, on the back or town side, are the chapel and the opera-house; the first remarkable for its beauty, and the second for its size and magnificence. It was also used as a ball-room, on which occasions the pit was covered by a floor on a level with the stage. This opera-house, after having been long closed, was employed for dramatic entertainments at the opening of the national museum. The chapel was built by Louis XIV. (A.D. 1690-1710); the opera-house by Louis XV. (A.D. 1735-1770).

The cost of the palace, grounds, and waters of Versailles was enormous; and Louis XIV. is said to have thrown the documents into the fire to prevent the amount being known. The estimates which some writers have made, and which raise the cost to 100,000,000 livres, or 40,000,000*l.*, or even more, are obvious exaggerations; others, which reduce it to 307,000,000 livres, or 12,000,000*l.*, are also disputed. We have no trustworthy estimate; but that the expense was enormous there is no doubt, especially if we include the cost of all the connected works, as the palace of Le Grand Trianon, and the vain attempts to convey the waters of the Eure to Versailles. In this last attempt, in which 40,000 soldiers in a time of peace were employed, a great number of lives were lost.

In the park of Versailles are the two royal palaces of 'Le Grand Trianon' and 'Le Petit Trianon,' with their respective gardens. The Grand Trianon was built by Louis XIV.; Le Petit Trianon by Louis XV. The 'English garden,' which is the great attraction of Le Petit Trianon, was formed by the orders of Marie Antoinette, to whom her husband, Louis XVI., had granted the use of this palace. In the Place d'Armes, opposite to the town-front of the palace, are the two ranges of stables, Les Grandes Ecuries and Les Petites Ecuries, buildings of great extent, occupying respectively the spaces between the avenues of Paris and the converging avenues of St. Cloud and Sceaux. There are near the palace various other buildings, as the Grand Commun, a heavy building, which had a thousand sleeping-rooms, and could lodge two thousand persons. During the republic and the empire it was converted into a manufactory of fire-arms, and was pillaged by the Prussians in 1815. To the south-east and south of the palace are the kitchen-garden and a very large piece of water called 'La Piece des Suisses.' The former mansions of the Grand Maître de la Maison du Roi, or grand-master of the king's household, and of the grand-veneur, or chief huntsman, popularly termed Le Chénil, or the dog-kennel, are now converted respectively into the town-hall and the courts of law: the former Garde-Meuble is now the prefect's office. Besides these and other buildings connected with the court or the government offices, Versailles has two churches, namely, the cathedral of St. Louis and the church of Notre Dame; the latter erected by J. H. Mansard in the reign of Louis XIV., the former by another Mansard in the reign of Louis XV. There is also a beautiful chapel attached to the royal college (formerly an Augustinian priory, founded by the queen of Louis XV.), and there is a parish church in the village or suburb of Montreuil. The general hospital is one of the finest in France; and there are a Petit Séminaire, or seminary for boys designed for the priesthood; the primary normal school of the Académie Universitaire de Paris; a public library of 42,000 volumes, placed in what was antiently the foreign-office; a museum; a free-school for drawing; an agricultural society; a theatre; baths; several barracks; and a

prison. Near the town is the royal experimental farm of Grignon.

Versailles has some manufactures of fire-arms, files, clocks and watches, jewellery, cotton-yarn, net, pasteboard, hats, hosiery, wax candles, earthenware, and glass. There are breweries and tan-yards, and a number of nursery-grounds; and trade is carried on in grain, groceries, and fruit-trees. There are two weekly markets, of little importance, and three yearly fairs. A number of the old nobility and others of good families, French and foreign, reside at Versailles. A small garrison is kept there.

Several of the royal family of France were born at Versailles: among them, Philippe V., king of Spain; Louis XVI., XVII., and XVIII., and Charles X., kings of France; Marshal Berthier, the benevolent Abbé de l'Épée, and General Hoche, were also natives of Versailles or of Montreuil.

The treaty of peace which closed the American war was signed at Versailles (A.D. 1783), and some events of the earlier period of the Revolution occurred there. It was at Versailles that the states-general assembled (May, A.D. 1789), and the deputies of the Tiers-État, or Commons, constituted themselves the National Assembly. The disturbances and outrages of the following October led to the removal both of the king and of the National Assembly to Paris. In Sept., 1792, 845-five prisoners on their way from Orleans to Paris were nearly all massacred at Versailles, as well as a number of persons confined in the prisons. In 1815 a small Prussian detachment, having been repulsed in a skirmish near Versailles, Blücher, at the head of a considerable force, entered the place, and disarmed and plundered the inhabitants.

Versailles is the seat of a bishopric, the diocese of which comprehends the department; the bishop is a suffragan of the archbishop of Paris.

The arrondissement of Versailles has an area of 328 square miles, and comprehends 114 communes: it is subdivided into ten cantons or districts, each under a justice of the peace: the population was, in 1831, 130,741; in 1836, 133,551.

(Voyage de Villiers, *Raintraire Descriptif de la France*; Dulaure, *Environ de Paris*; Melte-Brun, *Géographie Universelle*; *Dictionnaire Géographique Universel*.)
VERSED SINE. (TRIGONOMETRY.)

VERSION. The word Version, or Translation, is used to express the transferring of some written composition from one language into another. Like many other terms, translation cannot be briefly defined: the notion of translation must be attained by a consideration of all the conditions of translation; and the right understanding of its nature involves a part of the general theory of language.

If two languages corresponded perfectly; if every term in the one language had its equivalent in the other; and if the forms of speech in the two languages were also perfect equivalents, the difficulty of translation would not be great. It would only be necessary to discover the equivalent terms and the equivalent forms of speech in the two languages, and translation would be effected by mere substitution. In this supposed case, as the terms and the forms of expression would be perfectly equivalent, a person who should read the translation would understand it exactly as a person would understand the original; for the supposition of the two languages being perfect equivalents involves the supposition of the objects of thought and the mode in which their relations to one another are viewed being the same for the people who use the two languages. Now no two languages have this perfect equivalence of terms and forms of speech, and therefore a perfect translation cannot be made.

The general distribution of words into notional and relational words is explained in the article NOTION. In no two languages are all the notional words perfectly equivalent. Such words as express many of the ordinary objects of sense, as sun, moon, man, woman, are perfect equivalents; but all the words which express objects of sense in one language have not their equivalents in another. Various nations have various articles of dress, various utensils, implements, and ornaments which are peculiar to them, and consequently have not their equivalents in another language. If such terms are rendered by some other term in the language into which the translation is made, the translation will not convey the exact notion of the original, though it may come near enough for many

purposes. In some cases the difference is immaterial, as may be shown by instances; in others the difference is material. The Latin words 'domus' and 'navis' may be respectively rendered by the English 'house' and 'ship', though Roman houses and ships differ considerably from English houses and ships. But if the word 'domus' is merely used to signify the general notion of a dwelling for man, as for example when one wishes to say that a man was killed in a house and not in the street, the precise difference between Roman houses and English is immaterial, for house in such case is used in its most general sense. But if in the original Latin passage anything turned on the difference between 'domus' and 'villa' as opposed to one another, then, unless the English language possessed two words which should stand in the same opposition to one another as 'domus' and 'villa', a translation could not be made simply by equivalent terms: it must be effected in some other way. Material objects then, for which there may be equivalents in two languages when the object is used in its most general sense, may not have equivalents in the two languages when used in this special sense. Thus the Latin words 'patra', 'urna', 'lanx', are words which express the general notion of a thing that is used to contain other things; but as they are also used to indicate a particular kind of containing vessel, there can be no translation of such terms unless we have both the things and the name for them. It appears then that, even in the case of such ordinary things as domestic utensils, a translator will often be at a loss to find a word equivalent to the original word; and he must either find a word which comes the nearest to it, or he must adopt the original word. In the one case he will not convey an exact notion to the reader, and he may convey a very erroneous notion; in the other he will convey none at all, unless the reader happens to know the thing intended by the term in the original language. The context may often help to the right understanding of a term, but that is not the matter at present under consideration.

The terms which denote the political and religious institutions or usages of a country often present still greater difficulty. The Roman terms 'Aedilis', 'Consul', 'Comitis', 'Tribus', 'Judex', 'Pontifex', 'Angur', cannot be rendered into our language by any equivalent terms. In these and many similar instances it has become usual to adopt the original term, with the termination sometimes slightly altered, and the reader of such translations is supposed either to know what these terms mean or to have books which will explain them. This is in fact the only practicable mode of translating such terms, and such translation is not liable to more objection than a book in one's own language which contains numerous technical terms, the explanation of which is not given in the book, and cannot be got from the context, but must be sought for in a dictionary or work of reference.

If the original language has been more cultivated than the language into which the translation is made, the translator will find that he is ill provided with terms equivalent to those of the original. Foreign works on jurisprudence or philosophy, when translated into English, present this difficulty, which can only be overcome by adopting the technical terms of the original language. If the translator were to attempt to make names which should correspond to the original terms, he would not be so likely to succeed in getting them adopted as by transferring the original terms into his translation.

That part of translation then which consists simply in finding equivalent notional terms is limited. It depends on the character of the two languages, the original and that of the translation, how far equivalent terms can be found. In all matters which characterize the usages of a people, it is impossible to find equivalents in two languages, for by the term character is here meant something which each has and the other has not. As to all terms which are the expression of universal notions, such as are in a great degree independent of the character of a people, those languages which have been cultivated to an equal degree, do possess terms which are sufficiently equivalent. But even here there is often a very great difficulty in ascertaining the equivalent terms, as any one may satisfy himself by attempting to translate into English such a work as Cicero's treatise on the Orator, or some parts of Tacitus.

Perhaps it is often easier to translate from one language

into another when the two languages have no historical connection, than when they are related as original and derived languages, or as languages which have interchanged terms, or where the exchange has been all on one side; for it often happens that words which are transferred from one language into another retain nearly the original form, and yet have either been adopted in a different sense from the original sense, or have in course of time acquired such different meaning. It would be easy to find numerous examples of such change of meaning in words that have been introduced into the English either directly from the Latin or through the medium of other languages.

The union of notional words into connected speech or language is effected by the words of relation, which are either appendages added to words, or separate small words, or both; and it is also effected by the order of the words. Now the words of relation and the order of words differ considerably in most languages, and hence arises a great difficulty in translation; for language consists not of single words, no more than a ship consists of trees: in the case of language and a ship, words and timber are materials, but materials without form have no significance. Yet in everything the nature of the material is an element in the capacity for receiving form; and in language the possession or absence of case-endings, and of suffixes which show the modifications of words, called mode and tense, materially influences the capacity of the language for expressing a given idea with perspicuity, brevity, and force: it also materially affects the possible order of the words. Those languages which possess case-endings and verbal terminations in abundance can vary the order of the words in a great number of ways, so as to place particular words in those positions where they shall be most effective. A language like the English, which, in its present form, has few suffixes, is much more limited in this power than the German, the Greek, and the Latin. Languages also differ greatly in the number of small words (relational words) which are adapted to express the relation of notional terms to one another. Some of the more delicate colours which are thus expressed in one language are absolutely incapable of being expressed in another by any corresponding relational words, and sometimes they cannot be expressed by any combination of words.

It will now not be difficult to ascertain in a general way what can be effected in a translation, and what ought to be attempted. Some people have had a notion that a translation should be literal, or near to the original, by which is meant that every word of the original should have its equivalent in the translation, or nearly so. There is no objection to this, so far as it can be done consistently with the proper idioms of the translator's language; yet such a translation is not commendable because it is literal, but because it is true. The idiom of the translation must not be corrupted by an imitation of the idiom of the original. If what is called a literal version is a sufficient version of the meaning, and if it is also expressed in a true idiom, the translation is good; but its literal character is a mere accident. It will depend both on the character of the two languages and on the character of the original work how far the version shall in its form correspond to the original. Simple narrative is generally easily rendered from one language into another without varying much from the form of the original. Works which have more of an artistic character present greater difficulties, whether they are historical, critical, or poetical. Poetry presents the greatest difficulties, because, in addition to the general difficulty of transferring the meaning of one language into another, there is the difficulty of reproducing the rhythmical form of the original, and this is sometimes impossible. Horace succeeded in introducing the Greek lyric metres into the Latin language in his translations or imitations; but Horace was a master of his art, and he had a language which was sufficiently near to his original. The translations of Virgil from the Greek and Latin poets have the advantage of being in a language which, from its copiousness, its grammatical forms, and its capacity of combining words, renders such an undertaking practicable in skilful hands. The English language has copiousness and energy, but less flexibility than the German, and the imitation of the rhythmical forms of other languages is sometimes impossible in an English version; and without this imitation the translation of poetry is incomplete, for the metrical form is a part of poetry. It is indeed often as

easy to express in a prose translation the ideas of poetry as those of prose composition, for the essential qualities of poetry are not destroyed by reducing it from its metrical into a prosaic form. In this form it may still fill the mind with the images of the original, but it will not equally affect the passions; for the passions are most vehemently moved by direct sensuous impressions, and the sensuous character of poetry is its metrical form. All attempts therefore at poetical translation from one language into another can only be partially successful, unless the character of the two languages admits of a perfect metrical imitation in the translation.

A translator should show his judgment by the choice of his subject as well as by his manner of handling it. He will not choose what is incapable of being rendered adequately. He will not attempt to fashion his form of expression to that of the original by doing violence to his own idiom. He will neither servilely follow the division of sentences nor the forms of expressions. He will labour to penetrate through the author's language to his meaning, and he will then strive to express that meaning in his own language. He must rigidly scrutinize the result of his labour, to see if it conveys the same meaning as the original, and neither more nor less. When this is accomplished, his translation will be sufficient, though it may not be perfect. It will be all that a translation often can be—a sufficient copy of the original.

But there may be something wanting. Every writer has peculiarities which constitute his style. One writer is sententious, compressed, and energetic, but perhaps obscure; another is diffuse, flowing, and redundant, but fills the ear more than the mind; a third may be perspicuous and simple, but withal feeble. Now a translator who should so far mistake his original as to give a diffuse version of a sententious writer, or to express any original in a form which should be altogether unlike it, would show that he had ill appreciated the writer's character, and this would not be the only blunder that we might expect from him. A version of a prose writer which should possess a general character altogether unlike the original would as little merit the name of a translation as a dull prosy version of the *Iliad* would deserve the name. To fix a true medium between a close imitation of the style of the original and a wide departure from it, belongs to that department of the business of translation in which taste is concerned. It is something wherein precise rules can never be laid down, and yet the best critics will not disagree in their judgment. It is a gross error which we see in some attempts to translate Tacitus, to reproduce the original with all its obscurity and brevity: it is a grosser blunder to weaken his sententious energy by a profusion of words, many of which, being impertinent and idle, only form a stronger contrast with those of the original, which have been selected and arranged with studious care.

Like portrait-painting, translation has only one rule, and that not a rule which shows us how to act, but only prescribes a certain end. Make your copy like the original; let no man mistake it. Many copies may be made, and all may be pronounced to be likenesses. Compare the likenesses with one another, and you will find one which shall be more like than the rest. Ask the master how he made it: he will say that he copied the original; but how he did it you cannot understand, nor can he say.

VERSTEGAN, RICHARD, was the grandson of Theodore Rowland Verstegan, the descendant of a family of ancient respectability in Guelderland, who came over to this country a young man towards the end of the reign of Henry VII., and, dying soon after he had married an Englishwoman, left a child not more than nine months old, with his mother, when he grew up, bound apprentice to a cooper. Verstegan the cooper, who, when he became his own master, carried on his trade in the parish of St. Catherine, London, appears to have been in good circumstances: Richard was his son, and after having been instructed in the classics at school, was sent by him to the University of Oxford, where he soon came to distinguish himself, especially by his proficiency in Saxon literature and the knowledge of the national antiquities, studies then much in vogue. He left the University however without taking a degree, objecting, it seems, to the oath; and soon after, openly declaring himself a Roman Catholic, he left England and took up his residence at Antwerp. Here he published his first work, a thin quarto, P. C., No. 1051.

new of great rarity, entitled 'Theatrum Crudelitatum Hæreticorum nostri Temporis.' It is a violent attack upon Queen Elizabeth and her government, especially in reference to the executions of Jesuits and other Popish recusants; but it is chiefly curious for a number of copperplate engravings it contains, representing the hangings, beheadings, and quartering of these martyrs, as they are styled, after drawings made by the author. This appears to have been before 1585, although the only edition of the book that is now known is dated 1592; for in 1585 Verstegan is stated to have gone to Paris, and to have been there thrown into prison by order of the king, Henry III., on the English ambassador's representation of the abusive nature of the work. However, he was not long detained in custody; and upon his release he returned to Antwerp, where he set up as a printer, and is said to have prospered in that business, and soon acquired the means of living in good style. In 1605 appeared at Antwerp the first edition, in small quarto, of his best-known work entitled, 'A Restitution of Decayed Intelligences concerning the most noble and renowned English Nation.' This performance, which is adorned, like his other book, with engravings from drawings by the author, and which was reprinted at London in 4to. in 1634, and in 8vo. in 1653 and 1674, contains a few curious facts and remarks; but it had been nearly superseded before it came from the press by Camden's 'Britannia,' the first edition of which appeared the preceding year. It is now considered as of hardly any authority. Verstegan is also supposed to be the author of 'Odes in imitation of the Seven Penitential Psalms,' professing to be by R. V., and some other tracts in English with the same initials, printed abroad in the first years of the seventeenth century, of which a list is given in Wood's 'Atheæ Oxonienses.' He married some years before his death, which is believed to have taken place about 1635. Sir Egerton Brydges has given a short account of the rare volume of 'Odes,' attributed to Verstegan in his 'Censura Literaria,' ii. 95-97 (1st edition.)

VERTEBRA. [SKELETON.]

VERTEBRALINA. [FORAMINIFERA, vol. x., p. 349.]

VERTEBRATA, the principal grand division of the animal kingdom, consisting of the Vertebrate Animals or those which have a true backbone. This division includes Man and the animals which most resemble him.

In the *Vertebrata* the brain and principal trunk or chord of the nervous system is enclosed in a bony or cartilaginous case composed of the skull and the vertebrae. To the sides of this central column are attached (when present*) the ribs and bones of the limbs. [SKELETON.] This bony framework forms the support of the muscles, by which the machinery is put in action; and the viscera are enclosed in the head, the chest, and the trunk.

The animals of this division have all red blood; a muscular heart; a mouth with two jaws, one placed above or in front of the other; and generally distinct organs of the senses of sight, smell, hearing, and taste, placed in the cavities of the face. They have never more than four limbs; the sexes are always separate; and there is always a very similar distribution of the medullary masses and the principal branches of the nervous system.

Cuvier, from whom, chiefly, this definition is taken, remarks, that in examining more closely each of the parts of this grand series of animals, one always finds some analogy, even in the species most distant from each other, and may follow out the degradations of the same plan, from Man to the lowest of the Fishes.

The following are the classes of the *Vertebrata*:—MAMMALIA; Aves [BIRDS]; REPTILIA [RAPTILES]; PISCES [FISH].

VERTICE, a name given to any remarkable or principal point, particularly when that point is considered as the top or summit of a figure. Thus we have the three vertices of a triangle, the vertex of a cone or pyramid, &c.

VERTICAL. The zenith being considered as a vertex, which in fact it is, when the word vertex means summit, a vertical plane is one which passes through the line drawn from the spectator to his zenith; a vertical plane therefore merely means one which is perpendicular to the horizon, and a vertical line has the same meaning.

* The Lamprey, for instance, is an exception.

* Snake is an exception.

‡ The Cetacea are exceptions.

VERTICILLUS, in Botany, a term applied to the arrangement of flowers and leaves around the axis. Whenever leaves are seated on the same plane on the axis of the plant, and on different sides of the axis, they are said to be opposite; but if several leaves are seated on the same plane in a stellate manner, they form a verticillus. Whenever there are more than two leaves and two flowers arranged on the same plane, they are called verticillate. In many Laminaeous plants the flowers are arranged on the same plane on opposite sides of the axis, several flowers existing opposite each other on the same side: this is sometimes called a spinous whorl, *verticillus spinosus*. In many plants the flowers are only developed on one side of the stem, as in *Teucrium Chamædrys*, *Hyssoopus officinalis*, and some species of *Rumex*; and in these cases the flowers are said to form a half-whorl, *verticillus dimidiatus*. According to the theory of the normal spiral arrangement of the parts of plants, the regular verticillus results from the suppression of internodes on all sides of the axis; the spinous verticillus, from the suppression of internodes on two sides only; whilst the dimidiatus is the result of suppression on one side only.

VERTIGO, or Giddiness, is a peculiar sensation depending probably on some disturbance of the circulation in the brain. It need not be described, for whoever has not felt it may do so at once by turning round a few times rapidly. The nature of the change produced in the brain by the numerous causes of giddiness is altogether unknown; probably the sensation may be the result of several different conditions, for it comes alike when the pressure of the blood upon the brain is diminished by bleeding, and when it is increased in plethora, or what is called determination of blood to the head: it is a sign too as well of deficiency of food as of repletion; and of the various continued movements by which the steady flow of blood through the brain may be disturbed, though the rotatory motion is the most general cause of giddiness, yet the movement of the head backwards and forwards or from side to side will produce it as effectually, and the vertical movement, such as is endured in the pitching of a ship, more certainly still. At present therefore it must be concluded that whatever disturbs the movement or the pressure of the blood within the brain may produce giddiness; and that in some cases it occurs without any cause of this kind, as a sympathetic or purely subjective sensation, dependent on the state of the substance of the brain itself.

As a sign of disease vertigo by itself indicates very little. No judgment can be formed from it except by taking it in connection with the other characters of the affection of which it is a part, and these will generally be sufficiently indicative. Its most common cause is some disturbance of the digestive organs, and it may be safely treated in that view, except in those who are prone to apoplexy or other cerebral disease, in whom it must be always regarded with fear.

VERTIGO, Müller's name for a genus of the *Columacea* of Lamarck.

Generic Character.—Shell cylindrical fusiform, sinistral, hyaline; the aperture margined, unius, and denticulate on the inner edge; the peristome somewhat reflected.

This terrestrial genus is minute, and bears some resemblance to *Pupa*; but the shells are sinistral, or left-handed, to use the collector's term, and of a glassy transparency. [*HALICINA*.]



Vertigo pusilla. (Great Britain.)

VERTOT, RENE-AUBERT DE, was the second son of a poor Norman gentleman, who claimed kindred with every family of distinction in his province. René was born on the 23th of November, 1655. He studied in the Jesuits' College at Rouen. He was characterised from childhood by an earnest spirit of piety. Towards the close of the second year of his collegiate studies he disappeared, and although an active search was immediately instituted, it was not till after the lapse of six months that he was discovered in the Capuchin convent at Argeuian. All efforts to divert him from his intention of joining that order were

fruitless: he took the vows, and adopted the conventual name of Brother Zachary. The rigour of the order undervalued a constitution naturally delicate; he was obliged to visit his family for the restoration of his health. The opinions of medical men and of the doctors of the Sorbonne persuaded him, with some difficulty, to join a less ascetic order; and the pope's dispensation having been obtained, he entered in his twenty-second year the Premonstratensian Abbey at Valéry.

The abbé Colbert was at this time general of the Premonstratensian order. Hearing a favourable account of the talents and acquirements of young Vertot, he appointed him his secretary. Soon after he presented him with the priory of Joyeux. By the canon law, any regular priest who had obtained a licence to quit one order and join another was declared incapable of holding any charge or dignity in his new fraternity. The order opposed the promotion of Vertot on this ground. The appointment was confirmed by a papal bull: still the monks were refractory. A royal injunction was obtained to corroborate the decree of the pope, but at this stage of the business Vertot withdrew his claim. Probably he anticipated little comfort in an abbey where the inmates had so stoutly opposed his admission. He applied for the cure of Crècy-la-Croix, near Marly. The presentation to which he belonged to the order; and retiring to it, devoted himself to the discharge of his spiritual duties and literary pursuits.

Thitherto Vertot's name had been unknown beyond the circle of his private friends and his ecclesiastical brethren. At the instigation, it is said, of Fontenelle, St. Pierre, and other friends, he undertook historical compositions. His first publication was his 'Histoire de la Conjuration de Portugal,' which was published in 1689. The recent revolution in England rendered the title attractive; the work became fashionable—and judges, such as Madame de Sevigné and Père Bouhours, expressed highly favourable opinions of the work. Vertot might have become a lion in the circles of Paris; but although in the immediate vicinity of the city, he stood aloof. His chief desire was to return to his native province. With this view he asked and obtained a cure in the Pays de Caux. Not long after he was transferred to a richer living near Rouen, which, not being dependent on his order, in a great measure released him from their control.

Increase of wealth seemed but to increase his industry. Seven years after the publication of his first work he gave to the world his 'Histoire des Révolutions de Suède.' This work has more of personal adventure and interest than the former, and its success was proportionally greater. Five editions followed each other in rapid succession. The work was translated into several languages. The Swedish envoy at the court of France was instructed to engage Vertot to compose a general history of Sweden, an overture which led to nothing.

In 1701 the king re-organised the Academy of Inscriptions and Belles-Lettres. Vertot was nominated Académicien Associé. The appointment was embarrassing. He could not afford to relinquish his cure and reside in Paris, and by the new regulations the Académiciens were required to be resident. The strict rule was relaxed in his favour, and he did not take his seat in the Academy till 1703, when he had been long enough a resident clergyman to entitle him to a retiring pension. His arrival in Paris was the close of a retired life, which however had been marked by stormy passages. The wits among his acquaintances said, 'Here end the revolutions of the Abbé de Vertot.'

In 1705 he was appointed Académicien Pensionnaire. From this date his contributions to the Annals and Memoirs of the Academy are frequent. They turn chiefly upon historical topics. A discussion in which he was engaged in the Academy led to his next publication. The assertion of the intent independence of their province by the Bretons appeared to Vertot, as salaried Académicien, in the light of a rebellion against the royal authority. He undertook to disprove their claims. The arguments swelled to such a bulk, that in 1710 he published them in a separate volume, entitled 'Traité de la Mouance de Bretagne.' The continuance of the controversy ultimately extended this essay into his 'Histoire complète de l'établissement des Bretons dans les Gaules.'

These occupations did not divert Vertot from his favourite topic—the revolutions of the Roman republic.

This work is no result of a philosophical and critical examination of the Roman authorities. Its merit is simply artistic—the elegant and agreeable narrative of statements taken for granted at the hands of the classical authors. It was Vertot's favourite work: he was accustomed to read fragments of it as he advanced, at the meetings of the Academy, and was known to burst into tears at his own pathos. This history, which appeared in 1719, was still more favourably received than its predecessors.

The reputation of Vertot induced the Order of Malta to invite him to become its historian. He complied with the request, and published, in 1725, his '*Histoire des Chevaliers Hospitaliers de St. Jean de Jerusalem, appelés depuis les Chevaliers de Rhodes, et aujourd'hui les Chevaliers de Malte*.' Vertot was advanced in years when he undertook this work, and he did not sympathise with the heroes and exploits of the middle ages as with those of the classic ages of Rome. The '*History of Malta*' is inferior in point of finish and picturesque energy to his earlier writings, but infinitely more valuable on account of its originality. His access to authentic information rendered it valuable, and might have done so to a greater extent had he possessed more the spirit of an historian and less that of a mere narrator.

Besides the works already mentioned and his contributions to the memoirs of the Academy, two works by Vertot have been published: the first, an account of the negotiations of the brothers De Noailles, in 1755-57, in England, compiled from documents placed in his hand by the family. The author of the notice of Vertot in the '*Biographie Universelle*' speaks of this work as unpublished: this is a strange oversight in an otherwise able article; the book was deposited in the archives of the Noailles family, and published, after the author's death, in four volumes, 12mo., at Leyden, in 1763. Two tracts, one on the '*Origin of the Papal Sovereignty*,' the other on the '*Election of Bishops and Abbots*,' were published twenty years after his death. Their authenticity has never been questioned. They appear to have been compiled at the request of a minister, on the occasion of some quarrel with the court of Rome.

Vertot died in the Palais Royal on the 15th of June, 1735. His works are more valued for their style—for a certain power of dramatic portraiture—than for any other recommendation, with the exception of the '*History of Malta*' and the '*Account of the Negotiations of the two De Noailles*,' which contain materials for history not to be found elsewhere. The excessive enthusiasm of his youth appears to have sobered down into a tempered habitual piety. He was a zealous royalist. The controversy respecting the ancient history of Bretagne was carried on by him less as an antiquarian than a political discussion. He went so far in his zeal as to denounce Freret to the government for some opinions expressed in that author's '*Origine des Français*.' In his private conduct Vertot was irreproachable: the only trace of passion in his life was the ardent platonic attachment he conceived for Madeleine de Launay (better known as Madame de Staël) in his sixtieth year. There was a vein of effusiveness both in the intellect and character of Vertot; yet it is impossible not to respect him.

VERTUE, GEORGE: this celebrated English engraver and antiquary was born in London in 1684, of parents more honest than opulent; yet 'if vanity had entered into his composition,' says Walpole, 'he might have boasted the antiquity of his race. Two of his name were employed by Henry VIII. in the Board of Works: but I forget—a family is not ancient if none of the blood were above the rank of ingenious men two hundred years ago.' At about the age of thirteen Vertue was placed with a Frenchman, who was the principal engraver of arms in London at that time; but, being of extravagant habits, he 'broke,' and returned to his own country three or four years after Vertue was bound to him. Vertue, in his memoir, has concealed his name; Walpole questions whether Scaliger would have been so tender. After this he spent two years at home, which he devoted to the study of drawing; he then engaged himself for three years with the engraver Michael Vandergrucht, which term he protracted to seven; and in 1709 he set up for himself. He was introduced to Sir Godfrey Kneller, an acquaintance which proved of great service to him shortly afterwards, upon the death of his father, when the support of his mother and brothers and sisters de-

veloped entirely upon him. The patronage of Sir Godfrey procured him much employment, and in a very short time his own merit procured him much more. Lord Somers commissioned him to engrave a portrait of archbishop Tillotson, and this print, for which he was richly rewarded, was the foundation of his future fortune. Walpole says nothing like this print had appeared for some years, and Vertue stood without a competitor in any country. Edelink of France, White of England, and Van Gunst of Holland, were dead.

In his leisure hours Vertue practised drawing and music, and studied French and Italian, and later he acquired also Dutch. In 1711 an Academy of Painting was instituted in London, of which Sir Godfrey Kneller was placed at the head, and Vertue was one of its first members: he drew a little in water-colours, and painted a few portraits, but his productions in this style consisted chiefly of copies of old or interesting works which he intended to engrave.

During the reign of Anne, Vertue was chiefly employed over portraits after Kneller, Dahl, Richardson, Jervase, Gibson, and others; and at the accession of George I. he engraved a large head of the king after Kneller, of which several thousands were sold, and which brought him a great increase of business, though by no means a very excellent performance. He commenced early in this reign to make his researches for his '*History of the Arts in England*.' In this undertaking he found two valuable patrons in Robert Harley, second earl of Oxford, and Henrice Finch, earl of Winchelsea: the latter, who was president of the Society of Antiquaries in 1717, appointed Vertue, who was a member, to be its engraver; and he executed nearly all the prints which were published by that society during the remainder of his life. Lord Coleraine was also one of his patrons; and Vertue made many journeys in various parts of England, in furtherance of his researches, in company with these noblemen, by whom his expenses were paid. Many other noblemen also encouraged him in a less degree. In 1728 he was invited by the duke of Dorset to Knowle, where he copied several portraits of the poets, of which he published a set of twelve in 1730, namely, Gower, Chaucer, Spenser, Shakspeare, Ben Jonson, Beaumont, Fletcher, Milton, Butler, Cowley, Waller, and Dryden. It is one of his best works, and was the first collection of illustrious heads published in England. His next work of this class was ten plates of the heads of Charles I. and the loyal sufferers in his cause, with their characters subjoined from Clarendon. These were followed by his portraits of the Kings of England, &c., for the translation of Rapin's '*History of England*,' published in numbers, in folio, of which, says Vertue, thousands were sold every week (probably without the prints). Over these works he was occupied three years. In 1734 he renewed his journeys about England; he made a tour with Roger Gale the antiquary; one in 1737 with Lord Oxford; another with the same nobleman in 1738; and in 1739 one in the east of England with Lord Coleraine.

In 1737 he was employed by the Knappens, the publishers of the translation of Rapin, to engrave some of their series of illustrious heads, the greater part of which were engraved by Houbenken. The portraits of Houbenken are very superior to those by Vertue; yet, says Walpole, his by no means deserved to be condemned, as they were, and himself set aside. Vertue's fault was his scrupulous veracity, which could not digest imaginary portraits, as are some of those engraved by Houbenken, who, living in Holland, engraved whatever was sent to him. The heads of Carr, earl of Somerset, and secretary Thurloe, by Houbenken, are not only not genuine, but do not in the least resemble the persons they are meant to represent, says Walpole. 'Vertue was incommode; he loved truth.'

In 1740 he published proposals for the commencement of a series of historic prints, of which he published only two numbers, containing each four prints with explanations. In the first number there is a print of Queen Elizabeth's procession to Hamdon House; the original picture, of which Vertue made an exact copy, in water-colours, for Lord Oxford, was, in Walpole's time, at Sherborne Castle, Dorsetshire. In 1741 he lost his patron the earl of Oxford, which so depressed him, that 'for two years,' says Walpole, 'there is an hiatus in his story.' In 1743 however he was a little revived by the notice of the duke

of Norfolk, for whom he engraved the large plate of the earl of Arundel and his family, and performed other services. But in 1742 he found a more valuable patron in the then prince of Wales, whose taste coincided with his own, and whose patronage was all he could desire; 'He saw his fate,' says Walpole, 'linked with the revival of the arts in love; he was useful to a prince who trod in the steps of the accomplished Charles—but a silent and unexpected sue drew a veil over this scene of comfort.' The prince died in March, 1751: Vertue, after speaking of his character and accomplishments, alludes to his death in the following words—'But alas, *Nos ultima luca rerum!* O God, thy will be done! Cunnappy day, Wednesday, March 28th, 1751!'

'Vertue lost his friends,' says the same writer, 'but his piety, mildness, and ingenuity never forsook him.' He worked almost to the last, anxious to leave a competent support to his wife, with whom he had lived many years in happiness. He died July 24th, 1756, and was survived by his wife nearly twenty years; he was buried in the cloisters of Westminster Abbey. His collection of books, prints, and drawings, as sold by auction in 1757: Walpole purchased several of his drawings.

Vertue was a strict Roman Catholic; yet he has preserved more monuments of the reign of Queen Elizabeth than of any other, but that of Charles I. was his favourite period. Walpole describes him as 'simple, modest, and scrupulous—so scrupulous that it gave a peculiar slowness to his delivery; he never uttered his opinion hastily, nor hastily assented to that of others. Ambitious to distinguish himself, he took but one method, application. Acquainted with all the arts practised by his profession to usher their productions to the public, he made use of none.'

Walpole's well-known work, entitled 'Anecdotes of Painting in England,' was written entirely from manuscripts which he bought of Vertue's widow, although he resorted to the original sources when Vertue drew his information from books. Vertue commenced his compilations in 1713, and they amounted in the whole to nearly forty volumes large and small. He visited and made catalogues of every collection, attended sales, copied all papers he found relative to the arts, searched registers, examined all English authors, and translated many of other countries which related to his subject. And Walpole observes in his preface:—'One satisfaction the reader will have, in the integrity of Mr. Vertue; it exceeded his industry, which is saying much. No man living, so biogoted to a vocation, was ever so incapable of falsehood. He did not deal even in hypothesis, scarce in conjecture.'

The prints of Vertue are very numerous: Walpole has given a complete list of them in his 'Catalogue of Engravers.' He has divided them into eighteen classes, as follows: royal portraits; noblemen; ladies; bishops and archbishops, of whom he engraved thirty-eight; clergymen; chancellors, judges, and lawyers; ministers and gentlemen; physicians, &c.; founders, benefactors, &c.; antiquaries, authors, and mathematicians; poets and musicians; foreigners; historic prints, and prints with two or more portraits; tombs; plans, views, churches, buildings, &c.; coins, medals, busts, seals, charters, gems, and shells; frontispieces, head- and tail-pieces; and, lastly, miscellaneous pieces; besides many plates for the Society of Antiquaries, and a series of Oxford almanacs.

(Walpole, *A Catalogue of Engravers who have been born or resided in England*, &c., constituting a fifth volume to the *Anecdotes of Painting*, &c.)

VERUS, LUCIUS, a Roman emperor who reigned as the colleague of Marcus Aurelius, from A.D. 161 to 169. He was born at Rome, and was a son of Aelius Verus, who had been adopted by the emperor Hadrian and raised to the rank of Cæsar. After the death of Aelius Verus, in A.D. 138, Hadrian adopted T. Aurelius (Antoninus Pius), on condition that he should adopt Marcus Verus (Marcus Aurelius), the son of Annia Faustina, and Lucius Verus, the son of Aelius Verus. After the death of Antoninus Pius, in A.D. 161, Marcus Aurelius, who succeeded him, and was of a weakly constitution, voluntarily shared his imperial dignity with his adoptive brother L. Verus, who was then about 32 years old, and whose complete name is Lucius Cæsar Aelius Commodus Verus Antoninus. Up to this time L. Verus had lived as a prince in a private station, with the title of 'Augusti filius' and without

either the honours or burdens of government. He had been educated by the most distinguished grammarians and philosophers of the time, but he had no taste for intellectual occupations. So long as he remained at Rome and was under the direct influence of M. Aurelius, his vicious character did not fully disclose itself. Soon after his accession the Parthians had cut to pieces a Roman legion stationed in Cappadocia, with its leader Servilius. L. Verus took the field against them, in A.D. 162, but instead of conducting the war in person, he left it to his generals, who gained brilliant victories, while the emperor revelled in the luxuries and debaucheries with which he became familiar in the towns of Asia, especially at Antioch. In A.D. 164 he went to Ephesus, where he celebrated his marriage with Lucilla, the daughter of his adoptive father, or, according to others, of his adoptive brother. After the close of the war he returned to Rome, accompanied by hosts of actors, freedmen, and other low persons who ministered to his vulgar pleasures, and in A.D. 166 he and Marcus Aurelius solemnized a triumph over the Parthians. Soon after this Rome was visited by a fearful pestilence, and at the same time the Marcomanni and Quadi invaded the empire from the north. Both the emperors at the head of their armies marched to Aquileia. Verus again took scarcely any part in the war, but as usual gave himself up to his pleasures. At last when hostilities had ceased, the two emperors returned to Rome. On his way thither L. Verus was seized by a fit of apoplexy at Alifum in the neighbourhood of Venice, where he died A.D. 169, in the forty-second year of his age.

A long catalogue of his vices is given by Julius Capitolinus in his 'Life of Verus.' Indeed Verus was one of the most contemptible persons that have disgraced regal power. The only thing that can be said in his praise is, that he did not oppose his adoptive brother in his administration, and that he did not, like most effeminate and licentious rulers, aggravate his vices by acts of cruelty. The good understanding between him and the noble Marcus Aurelius is almost unaccountable; but it appears to have been considerably diminished after the Parthian war. There is a marble bust of Lucius Verus in the Townley Gallery of the British Museum. [AURELIUS, MARCUS.]

VERVAIN. [VERBENA.]

VERVIERS, a very thriving manufacturing town in the province of Liege, in the kingdom of Belgium, is in 50° 38' N. lat. and 5° 55' E. long., on the small river Vesdre or Wetz. It is well-built and pleasantly situated, partly in a deep valley, partly on the declivity of a mountain. It is surrounded by mountains on every side. There are 12,000 inhabitants, or, if we include the population of Hodimont, Francmont, and Envaux, which are almost blended with the town, not less than 20,000. The town is indebted for its prosperity to the very important manufacture of fine woollen cloth and kerseymer, which is said to employ 40,000 workmen in the town and neighbourhood. They are exported to the north of Europe, Germany, Italy, and Turkey. Formerly large quantities were consumed in Holland. The Belgian army is clothed in the manufactures of Verviers. The water of the Vesdre, on the banks of which the manufactories are situated, is said to possess properties which render it peculiarly fit for dyeing. There are also manufactories of wool-cards, oil of vitriol, aquafortis, and soap. There is an exchange, a chamber of commerce, and a tribunal of commerce.

(Broekhaus, *Conversations Lexicon*; Murray's *Handbook of Northern Germany*; Hassel's *Handbuch*; Stein, *Lexicon*; Cunnabach, *Lehrbuch*.)

VESALIUS, ANDREAS, the greatest anatomist of the sixteenth century, was born at Brunsia in 1514. His father, Andrea Vesalius the elder, was an apothecary to the emperor Maximilian; and his uncle Everardus was a physician, and the author of some commentaries on the works of Rhaesus. He received from an early age his classical and philosophical education at Louvain, and gained a degree of knowledge in physics which was unusual even with the best educated of the time. From Louvain he proceeded, to study medicine, to Montpellier, and thence to Paris, where he had for instructors Guntherus ab Andernach, Sylvius, and Fernelius. In 1528, distinguished already by extraordinary zeal in the pursuit of anatomy, and exposing himself even to great personal danger in the ub-

raising of bodies for dissection, Guntherus made him his chief assistant; and in the same year he discovered the origins of the spermatic blood-vessels. After a long residence in Paris, he returned to Louvain, where he was soon appointed to teach anatomy: but in 1535, in order that he might obtain better opportunities for learning it himself, he joined the army of the emperor of Germany, who was then at war with France. In 1538 he was at Bologna, and in 1539 at Pavia, where in the following year he was appointed professor of anatomy, having not long before published his celebrated *Epistola docens venam axillarem dextri cubiti in dolore laterali secundum*, Basle, 1539, 4to., in which he gave an improved though imperfect anatomy of the vena azygos, and maintained that blood should always be drawn from the right arm, because of the near connection between its vessels and that vein. Vesalius remained professor at Pavia for nearly four years; in 1543 he held the same office at Bologna; and not long afterwards he was appointed professor of anatomy, with an annual stipend of 800 crowns, at Pisa. His knowledge at this time is said to have been so unusual, that the best anatomists of the day left his demonstrations silenced. He had in 1539 published some anatomical plates; and for the four succeeding years he gave a great portion of his time to the preparation of a complete work of the same kind, employing as his assistants some of the most skilful artists of the day. Moeslen says that Titian was among those whom he employed, but this is not certain; for the name of that great artist is not mentioned in Vesalius's works, and yet is not likely to have been willingly suppressed. In 1542 a part of the work was published, with the title *'Suum librorum de Corporis Humani fabrica Epitome'*, Basle, folio; and in 1543 the whole appeared. It was called *'De Corporis Humani Fabrica Libri Septem'*, Basle, 1543, folio. Another and somewhat enlarged edition was published by Vesalius at Basle, 1555, folio; and, after his death, numerous editions appeared at various times and places. Haller calls it 'an immortal work, by which all that had been written before were almost superseded.' Senac speaks of it as the discovery of a new world; and probably nothing has been written, either before or since, which has had so great an influence on the progress of anatomy. The boldness with which Vesalius attacked the accepted and long-revered opinions and statements of Galen and the other ancient writers; the completeness of the evidence with which he supported his own descriptions and arguments; the number of discoveries of structures which he announced, and the more accurate accounts which he gave of nearly all that had before been known; the extent of the work, and the number and unusual excellence of the plates, were enough to mark the commencement of a new era in the science of medicine.

But instead of the honour which Vesalius has received, and while anatomy is studied will never fail to receive from his successors, his contemporaries, or at least the most distinguished of them, heaped on him the most virulent reproaches; for the authority of Galen in the schools was at that time supreme, and to question it was to destroy the credit of all the learning to which the teachers pretended. Sylvius said that Vesalius ought henceforth to be called *'Vesanus'*; and declared perpetual hostility against him. Piccolomini more craftily maintained that all the truth Vesalius had written was taken from the Galen and Hippocrates whom he calumniated; and Driander, Puterus, Eustachius, and Fallopius, though with less virulence, each in his way assailed him. Their attacks appear to have greatly irritated Vesalius, who seems to have been disposed to resist the authority of the ancients, not less by his temper than by his conviction that they had often been in error. In 1546 he wrote *'De rubrica Chinese usque Epistola'*, Basle, 1546, folio, a work in which he attacked Galen with much more violence than before, but which he rendered of great interest by proving, by numerous examples, that Galen's descriptions must have been drawn from the dissections of monkeys and other animals, and very often from the works of his predecessors without any dissections at all.

In spite of the opposition of his contemporaries, the fame of Vesalius, both for skill in practice and for learning in the science of medicine, greatly increased after the publication of these works; and anatomy soon suffered much more from the honour than from the abuse which was lavished upon him. About 1544 the emperor

Charles V. appointed him his chief physician; and he was gradually obliged to be so constant in his attendance on the court of that prince, and afterwards of Philip II. of Spain, that anatomy was entirely neglected, except in the occasional opportunities which were afforded by the examination of the bodies of those who died of strange diseases. In 1561, when he wrote his *'Anatomicarum Gabrielis Fallopi Observatorum Examen'*, which was published at Venice in 1564, he was at Madrid, where, he says, he could not even procure a skull to examine in order to settle some point on which he was in doubt; and both this work and the *'Examen Apologum Fr. Putai pro Galeno'*, which was published under a feigned name, at the same time and place, prove, Haller says, that since he left Pisa, in 1544, he had added scarcely anything to his anatomical knowledge. His knowledge of practical medicine and surgery however appears to have greatly increased; and many wonderful stories are recorded of the skill with which he treated those about the court.

In 1563, or the beginning of 1564, Vesalius suddenly left Madrid and the court, and went on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. The circumstances which led to this strange step are very doubtful. The story commonly received is, that having obtained leave from the friends of a Spanish gentleman, who had apparently died under his care, to examine the corpse, he proceeded to the dissection, and the heart, on removing it from the body, quivered in his hand. The friends, hearing of this, accused him, not of murder only, but of impiety, before the Inquisition; and it was only by the intercession of Philip II. that he was permitted to expiate his error by a pilgrimage. There is no other evidence for this tale than that it was current not long after Vesalius's death; and, on the whole, it seems more probable that he left Spain in consequence of being mixed up in some of the political or court plots which were at that time very numerous, and of the results of which, as he was of a melancholy disposition, he might very well be in fear. Whatever led to his pilgrimage, its end was most disastrous. While he was at Jerusalem, in 1564, Fallopius died, and the Venetian senate invited him to the vacant professorship of anatomy. On his voyage to Padua, his vessel was wrecked on the isle of Zante, and there the great Vesalius died of starvation, according to the accounts of some, but, as it seems more probable, of the fatigue and exposure which he had suffered.

Besides the works already mentioned, the only others that can certainly be ascribed to Vesalius are some *'Consilia'*, published in the collections of Montanus, Garetijs, Ingrassias, and Scholzius; and a papyrus and translation of some of Rhazes' works. The *'Chirurgia Magna in septem libros digesta'*, which Prosper Borjaerucius published at Venice, in 1568, and ascribed to Vesalius, was probably not written by him, but collected by the editor from the works of Fallopius and others.

Vesalius left a half-brother Francis, who refused to study the law, for which his parents had destined him, and commenced the pursuit of anatomy, that he might defend the memory of his brother from the attacks which were made on it, not less virulently for some time after his death than they had been during his life. But an early death prevented his design.

The whole of Vesalius's works and his life were edited by Boerhaave and Albinius, at Leyden, in 1725, in 2 vols. folio. Portal's *'Histoire de l'Anatomie et de la Chirurgie'*, t. i. p. 394, and Haller's *'Bibliotheca Anatomica'*, t. i. p. 180, contain, together with the life of Vesalius, analyses of his chief works.

VESICANTS. (BLISTER.)

VESOUË. (SAÛNE, HAUTE.)

VESPASIANUS, TITUS FLAVIUS, was born near Reate, in the Sabine country, on the 17th of November, A.D. 39. The Flavian gens had never obtained distinction, though some of its members were mentioned in the history of the later period of the republic and the commencement of the empire. (Sueton., *l'emp. i.*) Vespasian was educated by his paternal grandmother Tertulla, at her estate near Cosa in Etruria, and when emperor he displayed his affection for the place, and instituted rites in honour of his grandmother's memory. He served in Thrace as military tribune, and having held the magistracies of aedile and quaestor, in the latter of which he had for his province Crete and Cyrenica, he became praetor. He had great difficulty in obtaining the nobleship or the quaestor

ship (the uncertainty of the text of Suetonius leaves it doubtful to which of the two magistracies this statement refers), but the praetorship was conferred on him at his first petition, probably through the influence of Caligula, who honoured him with a seat at his table. For this favour Vespasian thanked the emperor in the senate. He called for extraordinary games at Caligula's mock triumph over the Germans, and proposed that the bodies of conspirators against the emperor should be left unburied. These statements fix his praetorship at the third year of Caligula, A.D. 39.

At this time he married Flavia Domitilla, by whom he had two sons, who afterwards became the emperors Titus and Domitianus, and a daughter, Domitilla.

Vespasian distinguished himself as a soldier in the reign of Claudius, first in Germany, where he obtained the station of *legatus*, by the influence of Claudius's freedman Narcissus (A.D. 41-42). Thence he was transferred to Britain (A.D. 43), where he served as *legatus* in the expedition under Aulus Plautius, and under Claudius himself, with such distinction that the triumphal honours were granted to him, and after receiving two priestly offices within a short time, he was advanced to the consulship, which he held as *Consul Suffectus* during the last two months of the year 51 A.D. During the interval between this time and his praetorship he remained quiet through fear of Agrippina, who was bitterly hostile to the friends of Narcissus. It was therefore probably after her murder (A.D. 59) that he governed Africa as praetor. He returned, after an upright and honourable administration, in such pecuniary embarrassment that, after mortgaging all his landed property to his brother, he was compelled to trade in slaves in order to support his rank. From this circumstance he obtained the nickname of *Mulio*. He accompanied Nero in his tour through Greece (A.D. 67), but having offended the emperor by falling asleep or leaving the room in the midst of his poetical performances, he was banished from the court, and had retired to an obscure city, when Nero appointed him to command in the war against the revolted Jews with an army of three legions. In less than two years he had conquered the whole of Judaea except Jerusalem [Jews; JERUSALEM], when he was persuaded by his son Titus, and by Mucianus, the praetor of Syria, to assert his claim to the imperial throne, which had been already marked as his by repeated omens. (Sueton., *Vesp.*, v.) The interval during which Galba, Otho, and Vitellius were struggling for the purple was spent by Vespasian in secret preparations, so that when he was proclaimed emperor at Alexandria, by Tiberius Alexander, the prefect of Egypt, on the 1st of July, A.D. 69, his cause was immediately espoused by the legions of Judaea and Syria, by three legions in Moesia, and by two in Pannonia. The legions of Moesia and Pannonia were brought over by Antonius Primus, who, without waiting for the commands of Vespasian, or for the aid of the Syrian legions, marched at once into Italy. The councils of Vitellius were betrayed by Cacus, the Consul Suffectus, and his army, though superior in numbers to that of Antonius, was completely routed by the latter in a nocturnal battle between Bedrinum and Cremona. Antonius now advanced slowly towards Rome, receiving by the way the submission of the Italian cities, while Vitellius, in a state of the utmost indecision, left his cause in the hands of the populace of Rome, who compelled Vespasian's brother Sabinus, the prefect of the city, to take refuge with his adherents in the Capitol, which they then burnt. The arrival of Antonius at once subdued the mob; Vitellius was dragged from his hiding-place, and cruelly put to death on the 24th of December, and the authority of Vespasian was established in Rome. [VITELLIUS.]

The emperor now proceeded to Rome, leaving the reduction of Jerusalem to his son Titus. He arrived in the city at the end of the summer of the year 70 A.D., the Senate having in the mean time appointed him, with his son Titus, to the consulship, and conferred upon him all the accustomed imperial honours. His government has obtained the highest praise. He restored the privileges of the Senate, reformed the courts of justice, restored discipline to the army and order to the finances. He repaired the devastations which Rome had suffered in the recent civil wars, and adorned the city with many new buildings. Among the buildings which he began or completed were the restoration of the Capitol, the temples of Peace and of

Claudius, and, above all, the Amphitheatre, which has become celebrated under the name of the Coliseum.

Temperate in his own habits, he exerted himself to restrain luxury in his subjects, and himself discharged the duties of the censorship. He was affable to his friends, and even suffered severe strictures on his conduct to pass unheeded. The banishment and death of Helvidius Priscus are said to have been executed against the will of the emperor. He was fond of money, but what he exacted from his subjects he spent on public works, not on his own pleasures. He was a liberal patron of literature and art.

The reign of Vespasian was signalized by great military successes, of which the most important were the victories of Petilius Cerealis over the Treviri (A.D. 70), those of Agricola in Britain, and the conquest of Jerusalem, for which the emperor and his son Titus triumphed in the year 71, when the temple of Janus was shut, and that of Peace was built. In the following year the kingdom of Comagene was taken from Antiochus and added to the Roman empire.

In the last year of his reign a conspiracy was formed against him by Aulus Cecina and Eprius Marcellus, who were detected and put to death. Not long after this Vespasian died of a fever, on the 23rd of June, A.D. 79, in the 70th year of his age and the 10th of his reign.

(Tacitus, *Histor.*; Suetonius, *Vespasian*.)
VESPERTILIONIDÆ. The reader will find this extensive family treated of under the article CHIROPTERA. Mr. Swainson is of opinion that the passage to the *Vespertilionidæ* may be considered as established by the flying Lemurs [PLACOTTERA], and adopts Mr. J. E. Gray's arrangement, as much more natural than that of Cuvier; he gives the following table of the primary divisions of the former:—

Vespertilionidæ (Gray). The Bat Family.

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| 1. Typical | { Nasal appendages complicated, membranaceous; index finger of one joint; wings large and broad. | Rhinolophine. |
| 2. Subtypical | { Nasal appendage simple, fleshy, solitary, or double; the index finger of two joints. | Phyllotomine. |
| | No appendage. | |
| | { Grinders bluntly tubercular; index finger 3-jointed, clawed; head long, hairy; tail often wanting. | Pteropine. |
| 3. Aberrant | { Grinders acutely tubercular; index finger 2-jointed; wings large, narrow; head short, blunt; lips very large. | Noctilionine. |
| | { Grinders acutely tubercular; index finger 1-jointed; wings large, broad; tail long; head long, hairy; tongue short; lips simple. | Vespertilionine. |

Mr. Gray, in the last edition of the *Synopsis of the Contents of the British Museum*, remarks that the Leaf-nosed Bats (*Lepidopteri*) have the nostrils placed in a separate bald space, which is often elevated behind into a leaf; their teeth are acutely tubercular, and their index-finger is not clawed.

The true Leaf-nosed Bats (*Phyllotomine*) have the nasal disk expanded into a distinct leaf, which is simple behind, and pierced with the nostrils in front: these are peculiar to warm climates. Those which are only found in the New World are remarkable among bats for having four joints to their middle finger. Those which are found in the Old World, like the rest of the family, have only three joints to the middle finger.

The Horse-shoe Bats (*Rhinolophine*) have the nasal disk expanded into a leaf behind, and with a pit or process between the nostrils in front.

The True Horse-shoe Bats have a long tail inclosed in a large interfemoral membrane, and there is a process between their nostrils: these are found in the Old World only.

Mr. Gray states in continuation, that the remainder of

the Bats have been called Simple-nosed Bats (*Anistophori*), because their nostrils are simply pierced in the end of the muzzle without any nasal disk.

The tribe of True Bats (*Vespertilioninae*) have, he observes, acutely tubercular grinders, broad and large wings, with an elongated tail, as long as, and inclosed in, a large conical interfemoral membrane. The upper cutting-teeth are near the canines, and separated by a space from those of the opposite side. Their generic distinctions depend, principally, on the form of the nostrils and ears.

The Bull-dog Bats (*Noctilioninae*) have acutely tubercular grinders, and feed on insects, like the True Bats; but their wings are very long and narrow, their bodies thin, and their tails thick. Their lips are, in general, very thick and prominent, resembling in appearance those of a bull-dog. Their generic distinctions depend principally on the position of the tail. Warm climates generally.

The last tribe of Simple-nosed Bats (*Pteropinae*), according to Mr. Gray's arrangement, live almost entirely on fruit. They are characterized by having bluntly tubercular grinders, and the end of the fore-finger furnished with a claw; they have a simple nose with rather tubular nostrils placed on the side of the muzzle; their thumb is long and webbed at the base; the interfemoral membrane is short, and they have only a very short tail or none. Found only in the warm parts of the Old World and the Australian islands, where they are called Flying Foxes. The following is Mr. Gray's latest arrangement (1842):—

Fam. 6. Vespertilionidae.

Subfam. 1. *Phyllostominae*.

Genera:—*Artibeus*; *Phyllostoma*; *Carollia*; *Lophostoma*; *Macrophyllum*; *Brachyphyllum*; *Diphylla*; *Senecellus*; *Endostoma*; *Phyllorhina*; *Glossophaga*; *Micronycteris*; *Anoura*; *Rhinopoma*; *Megaderma*; *Lasia*.

2. *Rhinotominae*.

Genera:—*Aritus*; *Rhinolophus*; *Hipposideros*; *Aeliu*.

3. *Vespertilioninae*.

Genera:—*Nyctalis*; *Nyctophilus*; *Barbastellus*; *Plecotus*; *Romice*; *Vesperugo*; *Furia*; *Natalus*; *Myotis*; *Capaccius*; *Scotophilus*; *Lasiurus*.

4. *Noctilioninae*.

Genera:—*Taphozous*; *Noctilio*; *Probatheia*; *Centronycteris*; *Emballonura*; *Aillo*; *Chilonycteris*; *Mormops*; *Pteronotus*; *Chromola*; *Nyctinomus*; *Thyropterus*; *Molossus*; *Dirops*; *Myotis*; *Diclidurus*.

5. *Pteropinae*.

Genera:—*Pteropus*; *Cynopterus*; *Epomops*; *Macroglossa*; *Haryia*; *Cephalotes*; *Acerodon*.

Vampyrus, belonging to the *Phyllostominae*, is omitted (apparently by an error of the press, for Mr. Gray speaks of the genus as belonging to that subfamily in his preface remarks) in this list of genera. The true Vampires have a deep fissure in the centre of the lower lip, into which their tongue fits; and we would add the following evidence of their feeding on the blood of living animals to that given in the article VAMPIRE:—

Mr. Waterton, a very good observer, relates that the Vampire in general measures about 26 inches from wing to wing, though he once killed one which measured 32 inches. He says that this bat frequents old abandoned houses and hollow trees; and he states that, sometimes, a cluster of them may be seen in the forest, hanging head downwards from the branch of a tree. According to him there are two species in Guiana, a larger and a smaller: the former sucks men and other animals; the smaller seems to confine itself to birds chiefly. He learned from a gentleman, high up in the river Demerara, that the latter was completely unsuccessful with his fowls on account of the small vampire. This luckless proprietor showed Mr. Waterton some that had been sucked the night before and were scarcely able to walk.

Mr. Waterton twice notices the fact of the great toes of his sleeping companions being sucked, though he never caught the animal in the act of sucking. The hole made by the bite of the beast is described as triangular, something like that which is produced by the bite of a leech, but smaller. The operator is said to be so skilful, that the patient sleeps profoundly while the vampire sucks, and often loses many ounces of blood.

The species of *Vespertilionidae* recorded by Mr. Bell, in his interesting *History of British Quadrupeds*, are—The Great Bat or Noctule, *Vespertilio noctula*; the Hairy-

armed Bat, *Vespertilio Leisleri*; the Parti-coloured Bat, *Vespertilio discolor*; the Common Bat, Flittermouse or Pipistrelle, *Vespertilio pipistrellus*; the Pygmy Bat, *Vespertilio pygmaeus*; the Serotine, *Vespertilio serotinus*; the Mouse-coloured Bat, *Vespertilio murinus*; Bechstein's Bat, *Vespertilio Bechsteinii*; the Reddish-grey Bat, *Vespertilio Nattereri*; the Notch-eared Bat, *Vespertilio emarginatus*; Daubenton's Bat, *Vespertilio Daubentonii*; the Whiskered Bat, *Vespertilio mystacinus*; the Long-eared Bat, *Plecotus auritus*; the Lesser Long-eared Bat, *Plecotus brevimanus*; the Barbastelle, *Barbastellus Daubentonii*; the Greater Horse-shoe Bat, *Rhinolophus ferrugineus*; and the Lesser Horse-shoe Bat, *Rhinolophus hipposideros*.

VEPIDÆ. The insects of the order *Hymenoptera*, composing the genus *Vespa* of Linnaeus, of which the common Wasp and the Hornet are familiar examples, were formed into a family by Latreille, under the name of *Diploptera*, afterwards changed into *Diplopteryga* by Kirby. They form the third and last division of the first subsection (*Proctosæ*), of the second section (*Aculata*) of *Hymenoptera*, in Westwood's revision of Latreille's arrangement. When at rest they fold their wings throughout their entire length, whence their distinctive appellation. The wings of all the insects of the family have a similar venation, their eyes are lunate, and there are glands at the extremity of the labrum. The fore-wings have one marginal and three perfect submarginal cells, with an incomplete terminal submarginal cell.

Whilst some of these characters are so peculiarly distinctive of the *Diplopteryga* that they are not to be seen in any other insects of the order, they, strange to say, do not at all indicate a community of habits. Among the Wasps are insects of the most dissimilar habits; some solitary, others living in societies, some phytophagous, others carnivorous. Such as are social rival the bees in the complicated instincts which regulate their societies. At first sight these great differences of manners would seem to point to a classification superior to that founded on such unimportant characters as the folding of the wings, &c. But when we find on further inquiry that the latter apparently insignificant distinctions correspond to essential modifications of structure common to all the insects of the family, we are led to conclude that among the wasps, structure, and not economy, is the real source of essential character. Some authors, laying greater stress on habit than on structure, have been inclined to separate far apart the social from the solitary wasps; but the utmost to which a separation can be admitted is that arrangement adopted by Mr. Westwood, viz. the division of the *Diplopteryga* into two families, the *Eumenidae* and the *Vespidae*.

Besides the characters already mentioned, the wasps are distinguished by the form of the antennæ, which are usually angled and somewhat clavate at their extremities. Their tongues are trifid and laciniate at the tips; the palpi are short and filiform; the maxillæ long and compressed; their eyes are notched; the thorax is entire. The bodies of the wasps are usually black, with yellow markings, the males differing from the females in having the clypeus not marked with yellow spots. They are naked, or but slightly hairy. The abdomen is often pedunculated, and the females and neuters are provided with a powerful sting. Their legs are unprovided with apparatus for the collection of pollen.

The solitary wasps, each species of which comprises males and females only, constitute the family *Eumenidae*. The genera *Eumenes* and *Odynerus* belong to it. Their peculiarities of organization are adaptations to their peculiarities of habit. Thus the mandibles form a kind of rostrum, resembling that of the *Passeres*, for the purpose of seizing and carrying off the insects on which they prey. The antennæ are composed of 12 or 13 distinct joints, according to the sex, and are pointed. The labrum is divided into four pilose setæ, with glands at their extremities; the lateral ones narrow and pointed, the intermediate longer. The clypeus is oval or heart-shaped, and anteriorly more or less truncate. The basal segment of the abdomen in the typical species is elongated into a peduncle. Their larvæ are fleshy grubs, with tubercles serving instead of feet.

The habits of the solitary wasps are interesting. *Rasmus* informs us that the *Odynerus maritimus* (*Vespa maritima*) of Linnaeus makes a hole several inches deep in the sand,

or in the sides of walls, constructing a tube of earthy paste, at first straight, and then curved at its entrance. In this burrow it constructs its cells, and deposits in the cavity of the interior cell from 8 to 12 little green caterpillars, arranging them spirally in layers above each other. In the midst of these it deposits its egg, then closes the mouth of the hole with the materials of the tube, which it had used as a sort of scaffold. The larva when hatched feeds upon the caterpillars. Mr. Westwood states that the *Odynerus Antelope* bines its cells with mud, of which it carries small round pellets into its burrow under its breast. Bouché observes that *Odynerus parietum* stores up flies and other perfect insects, along with caterpillars, for the food of its young. In the 'Gardener's Magazine' for 1837, a most remarkable instinct displayed by a species of *Odynerus* is related by Mr. Westwood. The insect he describes stores in its nest the leaf-rolling larva of a *Tortrix*, which it obtains by introducing its sting into the rolls of leaves, and then running to the end of the roll to catch the larva, which it finds endeavouring to make its escape from its unknown enemy. According to Geoffroy, the *Eumenes coarctata* constructs upon stems of heaths and other plants a spherical nest of fine earth, which it fills with honey, and there deposits an egg. In the first volume of the new series of the 'Magazine of Natural History' Mr. Shuckard gives an interesting history of a new British *Odynerus*, *O. Loxipex*, which builds its nest in excavations made in the pith of dead bramble-sticks. In this case there was no appearance of any food having been laid up with the grub.

The genus *Ceramius* is an exception to its family, since its upper wings are not folded longitudinally, and are furnished with only two submarginal cells. It differs also in some other characters. In its habits it resembles the *Odyneri*. The species inhabit Europe and South Africa. The genus *Mesurus*, constituting Latreille's family of *Mesuridae*, is also anomalous in some of its characters, but agrees with *Eumenes* in the manner of folding its wings.

The Social Wasps constitute the restricted family of *Vespidae* of Westwood, the *Polistidae* of Saint Fargeau. They live in numerous societies, consisting of males, females, and neuters, which are temporary, being dissolved at the approach of winter. The mandibles of the *Vespidae* proper are not longer than broad, and are broadly and obliquely truncated at their extremities. The labrum is short and but slightly elongated, and the clypeus is nearly square. They are voracious insects, preying upon others, and on meat, honey, fruit, &c. The winged insects prepare the food in their stomachs for their young, which they feed daily. The males are drones and do not work, leaving all labour to the females and neuters. The larvae are fleshy grubs, destitute of feet, but furnished with lateral tubercles. Some of the species, as the hornet (*Vespa crabro*), are of considerable size. Such as belong to the genus *Vespa* build a covering to their nests. The nests of *Polistes* have the cells undefended. The nests are constructed of a papyraceous substance made from wood or the bark of trees, and those of some species include an immense number of cells of an hexagonal form, arranged in tiers with their mouths downwards; sometimes as many as 16,000. A Brazilian species makes honey. A Demarene wasp suspends its nest by a ring from the uppermost branches of trees, so as to be out of the reach of monkeys. In the collection of the Zoological Society is a wasp's nest from Ceylon, built inside a great palm-leaf, and not less than six feet in length. In the British Museum may be seen some curious nests of exotic species. The hornet constructs its nest of a coarser substance than that used by the common wasp, and builds it in the trunks of trees and in old walls. For further information on this family consult Mr. Westwood's excellent work on the *Modern Classification of Insecta*. For an account of the habits and economy of the common wasp, see Wasm.

VESPUCCI, AMERIGO, was born fifteen years later than Columbus, on the 9th of March, 1451, at Florence. He was the third son of Anastasio Vespucci, a notary of Florence. The family had been enriched by commerce some generations earlier, and possessed landed property at Peretola near Florence. Giorgio Antonio Vespucci, uncle of Amerigo, a monk of the congregation of St. Mark, was a friend of the Platonian Ficini of Florence. Giorgio Antonio took charge of the education of his nephew, who

appears however to have profited little by his classical studies. Bandini has published a Latin letter written by Amerigo to his father in 1478 (when the writer was twenty-five years of age), in which he confesses that he had been obliged to consult his Latin grammar while writing, and that he was afraid to venture on a few lines of Latin in his uncle's absence.

Amerigo resided at Florence in 1480. Before this time however mercantile avocations had led him to Spain. Documents published by Muñoz show that Amerigo was a factor in the wealthy Florentine house of Juanoto Bernardi, at Seville, in 1486. In 1483 we find him again in Spain, and anxious to quit the country. On the death of Juanoto Bernardi, in 1493, he was placed at the head of the factory. His name occurs in the Spanish archives for the first time on the 12th of January, 1496.

In the narrative attributed to Vespucci, published at St. Dié in Lorraine, in 1507, and republished at the same place in 1509, he is said to have made four voyages: two under the auspices of the king of Castile, in 1497 and 1499; two by command of the king of Portugal, in 1501 and 1503. The first has been alleged to be apocryphal by some warm supporters of the claims of Columbus to be the original discoverer of the mainland of America, as well as of the islands, who have not scrupled to attribute to Vespucci a fraudulent attempt to arrogate to himself the honour due to Columbus. Humboldt in the fourth volume of his 'Histoire de la Géographie du Nouveau Continent,' has successfully vindicated Vespucci from this imputation, and proved that there is every reason to believe that the voyage really was made, though at a later date than appears in the printed book. M. Humboldt has by a minute and exact analysis identified the four voyages of Vespucci: the first, with the voyage of Alonso de Hojeda, commenced on the 20th May, 1498, terminated on the 15th October, 1499; the second, with the voyage of Yeliez Pinzon, commenced in the beginning of December, 1499, terminated on the 30th September, 1500; the third, with the voyage of Pedro Alvarez Cabral, commenced on the 10th of May, 1501, terminated 7th September, 1502; the fourth, with that of Gonzales Coelho, commenced on the 10th of May, 1503, terminated on the 18th of June, 1504.

These dates remove all doubts as to the priority of Columbus's discovery. The expedition of Hojeda coasted in 1499 the shores of Paria, which had been discovered by Columbus in the preceding year. For the mistake of substituting the year 1497 for 1499, M. Humboldt has shown that Vespucci cannot be held responsible. The brief and unsatisfactory narrative in which the error occurs was printed in Lorraine, without his knowledge and consent. It is evident from authentic documents that Amerigo was in the later years of Columbus's life an attached and trusted friend of the admiral; and from the footing on which he stood with the family and friends of Columbus, years after the publication of his narrative, that they did not suspect him of any attempt to arrogate to himself the honours due to their parent. The accident of the new continent receiving its name from Amerigo has been attributed by M. Humboldt with great plausibility to ignorance of the history of the discovery (at that time jealously guarded as a state secret), lending the publisher of Vespucci's narrative to propose that it should be called after him, and to the musical sound of the name catching the public ear.

Vespucci appears to have served, in all the expeditions he was engaged in, in the capacity of astronomer. It is evident from the letters of that age, that, owing to want of confidence in the astronomical knowledge of the practical pilots, it was customary to associate with them some person of scientific acquirements in the great voyages of discovery. Vespucci himself tells us that his taste for adventures of discovery was contracted while engaged as a merchant in the outfit of exploring squadrons. As early as 1493 he had expressed dissatisfaction with his position at Seville; a dissatisfaction probably originating in aversion to mercantile pursuits. His writings, fragmentary and ill-printed though they be, evince scientific tastes and acquirements.

From the service of the crown of Spain, in which Vespucci made his earliest voyages, he was allured into that of Portugal, in which he made the third and fourth. Disappointed in his expectations, he returned to Spain, and appears to have been soliciting employment at the time

of Columbus's death. In 1507 he was intrusted with the victualling and furnishing of a royal fleet fitted out in that year. On the 22nd of March, 1508, he obtained the appointment of *piloto-major*, which he retained till his death. His commission contains bitter complaints of the ignorance of pilots, and charges him, before licensing any person to exercise the employment, to examine him strictly in the use of the astrolabe and the quadrant, and to ascertain whether he understands the practice as well as the theory of the instrument.

Amegio Vespucci died at Seville, on the 22nd of February, 1512. He died poor: his widow found considerable difficulty in obtaining payment of a miserable pension of 10,000 maravedis, with which the emoluments of his successor were burdened in her favour. An accident has given notoriety to the name of Amegio Vespucci, at the expense of suspicions which he deserved as little as his chance-medley distinction. He appears to have been a skilful astronomer for his age; an able manager of the commissariat department; an enthusiastic adventurer in the career of discovery; a warm-hearted, honest man. But he is far inferior to Columbus, Cabot, Diaz, or Gama, men who combined originality of conception with their enterprising spirits, and who belong to the class of heroes and men of genius.

(Humboldt, *Eraume Critique de la Histoire de la Géographie du Nouveau Continent*, Paris, 1839; *Cosmographie Introductive, ou pour Quatre Americi Vespucci Navigations*, Strasbourg, 1547 and 1569; Bandini, *Vita e Lettere di Amerigo Vespucci*, Florence, 1745; Irving, *A History of the Life and Voyages of Christopher Columbus*, London, 1828.)

VESTA (*Vesta* or *Votiv*), one of the great divinities of the ancients, and common both in name and mode of worship to the Greeks and Romans. According to Hesiod, she was the first-born daughter of Cronos and Rhea, and sister of Zeus, and the Romans therefore made her the daughter of Saturn and Ops. She was a maiden divinity, and was said to have vowed eternal virginity by the head of Zeus.

The worship of Vesta was based upon some of the noblest ideas of social life. She was the goddess of the hearth, and as the hearth was with the ancients the centre of the family, where the members met, conversed, and took their meals, Vesta was regarded as the goddess of domestic union and happiness. Strangers and friends were hospitably received at the hearth; suppliants sought safety and protection there; and there the members of a family swore fidelity to one another. The fire burning on the domestic hearth, the symbol of domestic union, was also regarded as the symbol of Vesta herself, and in early times we scarcely hear of any representation of the goddess in works of art. As according to the notions of the ancients the state was formed on the model of a single family, each political community, city, or state had its public hearth or altar of Vesta, on which a perpetual fire was kept burning. At Athens the public hearth of Vesta was in the Prytaneum, and here the guests of the state and foreign ambassadors were received and hospitably treated. The public hearth was to the members of a civil community what the domestic hearth was to the members of a family; and when a state sent out colonists, they took from the public hearth of the metropolis the fire which was henceforth to blaze on the public hearth of the colony. Larger communities than a mere town or city had likewise their public hearth and centre of union. Thus the common hearth of the Greeks was at Delphi, and that of the Latins at Lanuvium, the metropolis of the Latins. Later speculators and mystics extended this idea even further, and spoke of a central fire or a common hearth of the earth and the universe. Vesta, as the protectress of the family, is intimately connected with the Penates, and she herself is sometimes called a Penas or Den Penetralis. Her connection with the house led some ancients even to ascribe to her the art of building houses.

In Greece Vesta had very few temples, because every house and every prytaneum was regarded as her sanctuary; and because she had her share in all the sacrifices which were offered to other gods, and at all sacrificial feasts the first and last libations were offered to Vesta. But at Hormione in Argolis she had a special temple, though, like her temple at Rome, it contained no image of the goddess. The sacrifices offered on her altar con-

sisted of seeds, fruit, libations of water, oil, or wine, and of young cows.

Vesta was believed to have brought the sacred fire of Vesta together with the Penates and the Palladium from Troy to Italy; and at Rome the worship of Vesta was said to have been introduced by Romulus or Numa. Her worship at Rome was of much greater importance than in Greece. Her temple, which was of a round form, stood in the forum near that of the Penates; it was open during the day and closed by night. According to Ovid's description, its walls consisted in the earliest times of wicker-work and the roof of reeds. The temple contained the altar of the goddess with her sacred fire, the extinction of which was regarded as an omen of the greatest calamity to the republic, and priestesses (at Athens and at Delphi widows, and at Rome virgins) were appointed to keep the fire alive. With the exception of the Pontifex Maximus, no male being was allowed to enter the temple of Vesta; and hence we never hear of the senate meeting in it as in other temples. The Roman praetors, consuls, and dictators, on entering upon their offices, and to offer sacrifices to the Penates and to Vesta at Lanuvium. Representations of Vesta in works of art were not frequent in antiquity, as she was worshipped in the form of the sacred fire burning on the hearth. But some are mentioned by Pausanias and Pliny, and she was represented in the grave and dignified attitude of a majestic and pure maiden, with the attire and veil of a matron, and holding in her hand a sceptre or a lamp.

(Hartung, *Die Religion der Römer*, ii., p. 111, &c.; R. H. Klausen, *Aeneas und die Penates*, ii., p. 624, &c.; Hirt, *Mythologie*, Bilderbuch, i., p. 70.)

VESTA. The discovery of CERES by Piazzi, in 1801; of PALLAS, by Olbers, in 1802; and of JUNO, by Harding, in 1804; all three being small planets and revolving in orbits near to one another, was followed by that of Vesta, March 29, 1807, by Olbers. When the second planet was found, Olbers and others started the idea, from the contiguity of the two, that they might be pieces of some planet which had been broken up. If this were true, it seemed probable that there might be other parts; and if these were describing orbits round the sun, the intersection of their planes must fall nearly at the same point. By examining the parts of the heavens corresponding to the two intersections, such planets must infallibly be found. On this principle the German astronomers proceeded in a systematic look-out for new planets. In September, 1804, Harding discovered Juno; and in March, 1807, after monthly examinations during three years, Olbers discovered Vesta. No others have been found, though the same system of examination was long kept up. In Lindenau's *Zeitschrift*, vol. i., is a notification by Olbers that he had examined the same parts of the heavens with such regularity, that he was certain no new planet had passed between 1808 and 1816. Nothing can give a more forcible idea of the perseverance which led to these discoveries. (Airy, *Report on Astronomy*, Brit. Assoc., vol. i.)

Vesta performs its revolution in about 1326 mean solar days. Instead however of giving the elements of this planet alone, it will be worth while to set down for all the four planets the elements recently given in the Nautical Almanac for 1845; Vesta being the nearest to the sun and Pallas the most distant.

Elements of the Orbit of Vesta.

Epoch 1845, December 3, 0^h mean astronomical time at Greenwich.

Mean longitude of planet . . .	69° 32' 15" .3	From mean
Longitude of perihelion . . .	251 2 37 .4	equinox of
Longitude of ascending node . .	103 20 3 .4	the epoch.
Inclination	7 8 23 .2	
Angle of excentricity	5 5 19 .9	
Mean daily sidereal motion	077" .43630.	

Elements of the Orbit of Juno.

Epoch 1845, February 18, 0^h mean astronomical time at Greenwich.

Mean longitude of planet . . .	115° 43' 15" .1	From mean
Longitude of perihelion . . .	54 8 33 .3	equinox of
Longitude of ascending node . .	170 52 28 .0	the epoch.
Inclination	13 3 5 .6	
Angle of excentricity	14 42 23 .7	
Mean daily sidereal motion	813" .06349.	

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*Elements of the Orbit of Ceres.*Epoch 1845, August 17, 0^h mean astronomical time at

Greenwich.

Mean longitude of planet	327° 41' 7" .4	From mean
Longitude of perihelion	148 14 6 .2	equinox of
Longitude of ascending node	80 48 18 .7	the epoch.
Inclination	10 37 8 .7	
Angle of excentricity	4 32 58 .0	
Mean daily sidereal motion	771° 55' 788.	

*Elements of the Orbit of Pallas.*Epoch 1845, August 5, 0^h mean astronomical time at

Greenwich.

Mean longitude of planet	304° 56' 26" .4	From mean
Longitude of perihelion	121 22 43 .5	equinox of
Longitude of ascending node	172 41 48 .1	the epoch.
Inclination of the orbit	31 37 40 .2	
Angle of excentricity	13 54 1 .2	
Mean daily sidereal motion	769° 10' 607.	

By the angle of the excentricity is meant the angle which has the excentricity for its sine; and accordingly it is conveyed in the preceding that the excentricities of the planets are—

Vesta	0.0847007	Ceres	0.0793237
Juno	0.2589691	Pallas	0.2402336

From the given sidereal daily motions, it follows that the semiaxes of the orbits (that of the earth's orbit being unity) are taken as follows:—

Vesta	2.36236	Ceres	2.70553
Juno	2.67007	Pallas	2.77121

VESTAL (*Virgo vestalis*, *feracia*), a priestess of Vesta. The number of these priestesses, according to the regulations of King Numa, was four, two for each of the ancient tribes. Serrius Tullius, or, according to others, Tarquinius Priscus, added two more, to represent the third tribe, or Lucretes. In the earliest times they were chosen by the kings, but afterwards by the Pontifex Maximus, who had the especial superintendence of everything connected with the worship of Vesta. At first it seems to have been left to his discretion what girl he would choose, but subsequently whenever there was a vacancy in the sisterhood, he drew by lot one out of twenty select virgins in the assembly (in concione). It might also happen that a parent offered his daughter, though this seems to have been the case very rarely. After the lot was drawn, the Pontifex took hold of the virgin, as if she was a prisoner, and having pronounced a certain solemn formula, he conducted her to the atrium of Vesta. Parents had no right to oppose their daughter being thus taken from them and devoted to the service of the goddess, except in three cases: first, if one of her sisters was already a vestal; secondly, if the parents had no more than three children; and, thirdly, if the father held one of certain high priestly offices. In those cases parents were exempt from the obligation of allowing their daughter to become a priestess of Vesta. The conditions, on the other hand, on which alone a virgin, could be made a vestal were—1, that her father was not carrying on a disreputable occupation; 2, that her parents were free and free-born, and settled in Italy; 3, that both her parents were alive; and, 4, that she was neither younger than six nor older than ten years. From the moment that a vestal virgin was chosen and taken to the atrium of Vesta, she was emancipated from her father's power: she required no patron in any court of justice, and had the right to dispose of her property by testament; and if she died without having made a will, her property fell to the republic. A vestal virgin, if once appointed, was obliged to serve the goddess for thirty years. The first ten years were a period of novitiate, during which they received instruction respecting the various duties that they had to perform. Then followed ten years during which they were allowed to perform all the functions of their office; and during the last ten years they instructed those who were going through their apprenticeship. After the expiration of the thirty years they might, if they liked, unconsecrate (*exaugurare*) themselves, and might marry. This however happened very seldom, and it was considered unlucky for an ex-vestal to marry. The habits which the vestals had acquired during their priesthood generally induced them to continue in the service of their goddess for life. These *virgines priestes* enjoyed at Rome the highest distinctions. When they went

out a lictor walked before them; praetors and consuls when they met them lowered the fasces, and any criminal whom their eye caught sight of was immediately set free. In the theatres honorary seats were set apart for them. Augustus however prohibited their being present at the athletic games. Here, on the other hand, abolished this law, and permitted them to be present, on the ground that the priestesses of Ceres were allowed to be present at the Olympic games. They had an official residence on the Via Sacra, and salaries derived from estates of the goddess, which were increased from time to time. A vestal virgin was considered to be of the same rank as the Flamen Dialis, and in a court of justice she could not be compelled to confirm her evidence by an oath. Their prayers were believed to be of particular efficacy, and wills and important documents were often intrusted to their keeping. They had also the privilege of being buried within the pomerium.

The duties of the vestals were to keep the fire on the altar in the temple of Vesta burning, to guard the sacred relics and symbols preserved in the temple, to sprinkle the temple of the goddess every morning with water from the Egerian well, and various other things connected with the worship of Vesta. Besides the functions directly connected with the worship of Vesta, they had to perform in the course of the year various others. Thus, for instance, they conducted the mysterious worship of the *Bona Dea* on the first of May, and had to prepare the sacrifice to be offered on certain occasions. If ever the sacred fire in the temple of Vesta became extinct by the carelessness of a priestess, the neglect was atoned for by sacrifices, and the guilty vestal was scourged by the Pontifex Maximus on her naked back. The fire was not rekindled from a common fire, but from one produced by the Pontifex by the friction of two pieces of wood, or from the rays of the sun by means of a burning-glass, and the vestal caught in a brass sieve by means of tinder, and thus carried it into the temple. On entering on the priesthood every vestal had to make a solemn vow to keep her chastity pure, like the goddess whom she served, during the years of her priesthood. A breach of this vow was regarded as a terrible crime and as a fearful calamity to the whole state. When a vestal was found guilty by the college of pontiffs, she was condemned to death without having the right of appeal to the people. As nothing but death could atone for her crime, and as it was nevertheless not allowed for any mortal to lay hands on the priestess of Vesta, she was buried alive in a subterranean vault in the Campus Sceleratus, near the Colline gate. The mournful solemnity on such occasions was this. The guilty vestal was laid on a bier, tied fast with leather thongs, and covered in such a manner that not even the sound of her voice could be heard. In this position she was carried, as it were, in a funeral procession, accompanied by her friends and relations, amidst the dead silence of all the people, to the place of execution near the Colline gate. On her arrival here she was relieved of her bands, the Pontifex Maximus with uplifted hands said a mysterious prayer, and then conducted the veiled vestal to the ladder which led into the tomb. The executioner took her down and drew up the ladder; and during this process the pontiff and the other priests turned away their faces. In her tomb the vestal found a couch, a lamp, and some bread, water, milk, and oil. The tomb was closed and covered over with earth to a level with the rest of the ground. The man who had seduced a vestal was sentenced to death. Notwithstanding the severity of the punishment, Roman history has on record several instances in which the punishment was inflicted. During the time of the republic the violation of chastity on the part of a vestal was always visited by the punishment prescribed by law, unless the goddess herself interposed in some miraculous manner to show that her priestess had been unjustly charged with the crime. Several interesting instances of this kind are related by the Roman historians. During the early part of the empire the conduct of the vestals appears to have become rather loose, since Domitian found it necessary to make the law concerning it more strict.

(Lipsius, *De Vesto et Vestalibus Syntagma*; Hartung, *Die Religion der Römer*, ii., p. 115, &c.; Götting, *Geschichte der Römischen Staatsverfassung*, p. 180, &c.)

VESTIBULE, the room which first presents itself on entering a building, and which leads to the others. In

general it is little more than a mere passage or lobby; but in large mansions and public buildings is frequently made the most spacious and striking part of the interior, to such degree that it quite overpowers the rest, and seems to occupy too much of the plan, causing the other apartments to look small by comparison. This is a very common error, where, in order to impress at the first glance, the immediate entrance is made a *hall* or *saloon*, unless it be one reserved exclusively for state occasions; and even in such case it should be so treated as not to excite expectation too strongly. While the vestibule ought to be striking and effective, it should not promise so much as to be an anticlimax in the general design. Being merely an approach to them, it should be rather smaller than at all larger than any of the principal sitting-rooms, on which account it will sometimes be desirable to contract or divide it into smaller spaces, by means of columns right and left, so introduced as really to screen those portions of it from the entrance. Unless there be an ante-vestibule or lobby, none of the principal rooms should open immediately into the vestibule, but if the plan will at all admit of it, their doors should be so placed as not to be exposed to view on first coming into the house; and least of all is it desirable that the door of such a room should be immediately facing the entrance one. Nevertheless there ought to be either some kind of vista or striking object provided for that situation—an opening to the staircase, a decorated niche, &c. A thorough light should be avoided; or if there be any window on the side or end facing the entrance, it should be filled with stained glass, and of course in accordance with the style of architecture. Glass-doors, on the contrary, opening into a conservatory, produce a pleasing effect in such situation, and rather, than the contrary, increase the idea of the extent of the house. A light from above, at the further end of a vestibule or corridor, is likewise almost certain to produce a striking and picturesque appearance. These however are matters so entirely dependent upon the circumstances of the individual plan, that it is impossible to lay down rules for them; but they are those which the architect ought to bear in mind, for unless they be sought for, and care be taken to secure them, many effects that might, with a little study, be brought in, will be overlooked or disregarded. Vestibules admit of greater variety of plan than other rooms, and, among other forms, that of the semicircle may be adopted with great propriety and effect; and being hardly applicable to any other kind of room, it serves to contrast with the sitting apartments, and gives a decided character to the vestibule.

VESTRY is the name of that part of a parish church where the ecclesiastical vestments are kept; and inasmuch as meetings of parishioners have been usually held in this portion of the building for parochial purposes, such meetings, duly convened, have acquired the name of vestries; so that even where a building remote from the church has been erected for parochial meetings, it is usually called, by a somewhat odd corruption, the *vestry-room*. When the meeting is held in the church, or even in a building within the precincts of the churchyard, the ecclesiastical courts claim jurisdiction over the conduct of the parishioners. Sir William Scott however makes this distinction: 'that may be *chiding* or *bravering* in a church which would not be so in a vestry. The vestry is a place for parish business, and the court would not interpose further than might be necessary for the preservation of due order and decorum.'

It is of the constitution and functions of a vestry as a meeting of parishioners that this article is intended to treat; and when it is remembered that there are in England many parishes containing more than 20,000 inhabitants, some more than 100,000, the subject will not seem unimportant.

At the common law all rated inhabitants of a parish have a right, either periodically or when specially convened, to meet in vestry for the affairs of the parish, and to vote the necessary pecuniary rates for the purpose of effecting the resolutions they have made. But this common law right has been modified in many ways.

1. By custom, which has vested the government of some parishes in a select and usually a self-elected body of persons, probably the successors of individuals to whom the parishioners at some previous time delegated the management of their parish for a stated and short period, but who, by the indifference and neglect of their

constituents, came to hold permanently the powers thus temporarily intrusted to them. The principal act for the regulation of those vestries is the 58 Geo. III., c. 69. It requires that three days' notice shall be given of the holding a vestry; that if the incumbent of the parish is not present, a chairman shall be elected by the meeting, and that minutes of its proceedings shall be kept and signed by the chairman and such of the parishioners present as think fit; and it gives to each inhabitant, provided he has paid his rates, one vote, if he is rated on a rental under 50*l.*, and, if on a higher rental, one vote for every 25*l.* for which he is rated, so that no one however shall have more than six votes. This act does not extend to parishes within the City of London or borough of Southwark.

2. Section 20 of the act 10 Anne, c. 11, gives to the commissioners appointed by that act (for the purpose of erecting fifty new churches in London and its neighbourhood) power to appoint, under their seals, with the consent of the ordinary, 'a convenient number of sufficient inhabitants' in each parish erected under the act, to form a select vestry of such parish. It vests in the majority of such select vestry the power to supply vacancies, and gives them all the powers of other vestries. The 59 Geo. III., c. 134, another church-building act passed to explain and amend the act of the previous session, gives a similar power (§ 30) to the commissioners under those two acts to appoint, with the like consent, a select vestry out of the 'substantial inhabitants of the district, parish, or chapelry, for the management of the affairs of the church, and the election of church or chapel wardens, vacancies being supplied by the select vestry itself; and the 10th section of the act 3 Geo. IV., c. 72, confines the powers of the vestryman to his own district with respect to ecclesiastical matters, and provides that any deficiency (a somewhat vague expression for an Act of Parliament) in the select vestry shall be supplied as vacancies have heretofore been filled up in the vestries of the particular parish. Local acts have also created vestries.

3. The 59 Geo. III., c. 12 (Sturges Bourne's Act), enables general vestries to appoint special vestries, consisting of not more than twenty, or fewer than five, parishioners to superintend the relief of the poor, the overseers of the poor being placed under their authority. As these special vestries are little more than committees of the general vestries, to which they are responsible, it is not necessary to treat them here further.

4. A fourth kind of vestry is created by 1 and 2 Wm. IV., c. 40 (Sir John Hobhouse's Act). The adoption of this act is left to the discretion of each particular parish; but rural parishes of less than 800 rated householders are however excluded from its operation. In order to apply the act to any parish, either one-fifth, or else fifty, of the rated parishioners must sign a requisition to the churchwardens to take the votes of the parishioners for or against its adoption. The churchwardens must affix on the church-doors a notice of such requisition, appointing three days for receiving the written declarations of the parishioners; all the inhabitants may vote who are rated to the relief of the poor, and have paid all parochial rates (excepting those due within six months previous to the time of voting); and if two-thirds of the voters, being an absolute majority of the rate-payers, concur in the adoption of the act, it becomes the law for the election of vestrymen and auditors of accounts in that parish; if the act is rejected, its adoption cannot be again proposed until after an interval of three years. When the act has been adopted, the parishioners who have been rated one year to the relief of the poor meet on some day in May (21 days' notice having been previously given on the church-doors), and elect out of the resident householders assessed upon an annual rental of not less than ten pounds (or if the parish is in the City of London, or contains more than 3000 resident householders, upon an annual rental of 40*l.*) persons as vestrymen, in the proportion of twelve for every thousand rated householders; but the number of vestrymen is never to exceed 120. The election may, if five parishioners demand it, be made by ballot, to be taken on the three following days. Afterwards, one-third of the vestry goes out of office in rotation annually, and their places are supplied by the method already described: five if a quorum of the smallest, and nine of the largest vestry. The incumbent of the parish is entitled *ex-officio* to be a member of the vestry; indeed the rector of the parish is supposed to be

entitled to preside at vestries, but by what authority, other than an implied opinion of the ecclesiastical courts, and the provision already cited from the 28 Geo. III., c. 69, is not very manifest. This act also prescribes that the parish accounts shall be open to the inspection of all the parishioners; and that on the day of electing vestrymen the rate-payers shall elect, out of persons with the same qualification as is necessary for vestrymen, five auditors of the accounts, who shall not be members of the vestry, or concerned in any contract with the parish. These are to audit the accounts every half-year, and an abstract of the accounts is to be published by the vestry clerk within a fortnight after the audit, and distributed to the rate-payers at the price of one shilling each copy. A statement is also to be made out annually, for the inspection of the parishioners, of all the estates and charitable foundations of the parish, their nature and application.

The functions of vestries are to see to and provide funds for the maintenance of the edifice of the church and the due administration of public worship; to elect churchwardens (CHURCHWARDENS); to present for appointment fit persons as overseers of the poor (OVERSEERS); to administer such estates and other property as belong to the parish; and in some cases, under local acts, to superintend the paving and lighting of the parish, and to levy rates for those purposes.

The remedy for neglect of duty by a vestry is a mandamus from the Court of Queen's Bench, directed to the officer whose duty it would be to perform the particular act, or in some cases by an ordinary process against him, or by a process against the churchwardens out of the ecclesiastical courts.

VESUVIAN. [IDOCRASE.]

VESUVIUS (written also by the Romans *Vesuvius*, and by Strabo *Ovessivus*), a mountain situated east of the bay and east-south-east of the city of Naples, celebrated for many centuries as one of the principal and most active volcanoes of Europe. Its height above the sea is variable, according to the condition in which eruptions leave the crater; and owing to the same causes the figure of the mountain, though in a general sense always conical, changes from time to time. During the early part of the present century the top of Vesuvius had become 'a rough and rocky plain, covered with blocks of lava and scorie, and cut by numerous fissures, from which clouds of vapour were evolved.' But by the violent eruptions of October, 1822, this was all thrown out, and replaced by a vast elliptical gulf or chasm three miles in circumference, three-quarters of a mile in the longest diameter, and perhaps 2000 feet in depth. More than 800 feet of the summit of the ancient cone were carried away by the explosions, and the height of the mountain was thus reduced from 4000 to 3200 feet. (Lyell.)

Such changes of height and form appear to have occurred previously. Dr. Daubeny observes that the present cone of Vesuvius may be regarded as of modern date, the result of modern volcanic action, while the mountain called 'Somma,' which surrounds for half a circle, with a precipitous escarpment, the true peak of Vesuvius, is part of the ancient large crateriform cone described by the Roman historians, the summit and part of the sides of this ancient cone being destroyed by the explosion of the year 79 A.D.

The history of Vesuvius, though it goes not back into such remote antiquity as that of *Ætna*, is of great importance in guiding the speculative researches of geologists into the nature and situation of the internal fires which from time to time burst forth in old volcanic vents, or sink these and other parts of the earth's crust with the fearful throes of the earthquake.

The history of the eruptions of Vesuvius has been traced by several writers, especially Dr. Daubeny, in his 'Treatise on Volcanoes,' and Mr. Lyell, in his 'Principles of Geology.' It does not appear that any record exists of an actual eruption of Vesuvius prior to the Christian era. Diodorus Siculus notices (iv. 21) that it has 'many signs of having been burning in ancient times;' and Strabo infers its igneous origin from the nature of the rocks (p. 247, ed. Casaub.); but the slopes were richly cultivated and proverbially fertile ('frequens amœnitas orae,' Pliny; Virgil, *Georg.* ii. 224), though the top was a rough, sterile, slightly concave plain, in which Spartacus was besieged by the Roman army. (Florus, iii. 20.)

Ætna was active while Vesuvius was tranquil, ten eruptions being recorded of the former in the five centuries before Christ.

In the year A.D. 63 the long-dormant volcano gave the first symptoms of renewed agitation in an earthquake, which occasioned considerable damage to many of the cities in its vicinity, amongst others to Pompeii. In the month of August, A.D. 79, occurred the first and perhaps the greatest of all the recorded eruptions of Vesuvius, described in the letter of Pliny the Younger to Tacitus, which records the death of Pliny the naturalist. (The whole of the narrative is given under the article PLINY THE ELDER.) The cities of Stabiae, Pompeii, and Herculaneum were overwhelmed by showers of cinders and loose fragments, no lava having been ejected on this occasion. Other eruptions succeeded in 203, 472, 512, 685, 903, and 1036, which last is said to be the first which was attended by an ejection of lava. Eruptions were renewed in 1049, 1138 (or 1139), 1306, 1500, and 1631. These long intervals of rest in Vesuvius corresponded in part to periods of extraordinary activity in *Ætna*, which from the twelfth century has never been long tranquil. Eruptions happened however in some other part of the volcanic tract around Naples, as of the Solfatara in 1194, of Mount Epomeo in Ischia in 1302, and the Monte Nuovo in 1538. The eruption of 1631 was very destructive on the populous side of Vesuvius toward the bay of Naples. Eruptions succeeded in 1680, 1692, 1694, 1698, from which time to the present, phenomena of this nature have been repeated very frequently, so as to seldom leave any interval of rest exceeding ten years. Sometimes this mountain has flamed twice within a few months.

The eruption of 1737 gave forth lava currents, which passed through Torre del Greco into the sea, the solid contents being estimated at 33,247,058 cubic feet. In 1794 the lava followed the same course, and amounted to 46,098,766 cubic feet. Well then may the ancients have remarked that Vesuvius appeared to have given out more than its own volume of earthy matter, a fact which Seneca has explained by regarding this mountain as furnishing the channel, not the food, of the internal fire. In the various eruptions of this mountain, currents of melted rock, torrents of heated water, clouds of ashes and scorie, and great volumes of steam and gases have at different times been observed. The force with which the subterranean agencies operate during their paroxysmal excitement may be judged of by the height to which stones have been projected and the distance to which they have been thrown. Sir W. Hamilton speaks of the height to which stones and scorie have been thrown; by counting the seconds of time which stones have occupied in falling (11") in some cases, it appears that considerable masses have been thrown 2000 feet high; Dr. Clarke mentions their being thrown to half the height of the cone above it. Stones of 8 lbs. in weight fell on Pompeii in the eruption of A.D. 79, while masses of an ounce weight overwhelmed Stabiae; and in a later eruption fine ashes were transported by the winds even to Constantinople.

Of such materials, lava currents radiating from fissures in the mountain side, dry ashes falling in partially concentric sheaths round the volcanic vent, and similar ashes mixed with and re-arranged by water, consist the conical mass and the expanded base of Vesuvius, as well as the more ancient Somma. They seem to be accumulations from the volcanic action, mounds naturally and necessarily resulting from the ejected materials, or, in theoretical language, they are 'cones of eruption' rather than 'craters of elevation.' Across these mingled materials pass dykes of lava of various degrees of compactness, filling cracks or irregularly ramified cavities, nearly as some trap-dykes lie in stratified rocks.

Among the minerals recognised in the igneous products of Vesuvius and Somma, augite or pyroxene is perhaps the most abundant, and is associated with felspar, leucite, mica, olivine, titaniferous iron, melonite, idocrase, and many other substances, even to the number of 100. These are mostly collected from the masses presumed to have been ejected from Mount Somma, which also yield granular limestone, the nearest calcareous rock which rises to the surface of the country being in the Apennines. The crystalline character of this limestone may be the effect of the internal heat.

The reader will find ample details and references on Vesuvius and the volcanic district of Naples generally in

Dr. Daubeny's work on Volcanoes and Mr. Lyell's *Principles of Geology*. [ÆTNA; HERCULANEUM; POMPEI; PLINY THE ELDER; VOLCANO.]

VETCH. [TAKES; VICINE.]

VETTORI, PIETRO, loc. of a noble family at Florence, in 1499, studied classical literature in his native town, and afterwards law at Pisa. He went to Rome with his relative Francesco Vettori, on a mission to Pope Clement VII. On his return to Florence he joined the republican party which drove away the Medici in 1527. His relatives Francesco and Paolo Vettori acted a vauillating and even false part in those transactions. When the arms of Charles V. subdued Florence and gave it to Duke Alessandro de' Medici, Pietro Vettori retired to the country and applied himself entirely to study. He afterwards went to Rome, until he was recalled to Florence by the duke Cosmo I., who appointed him professor of Latin and Greek literature. He remained many years in that chair, which he filled with great reputation. He published editions of Cicero, Terence, Varro, Sallust, of the Roman writers on agriculture, as well as the Greek text of Æschylus, of the 'Electra' of Euripides, of several dialogues of Plato and Aristotle, and other Greek writers. He wrote commentaries, in Latin, on the works of Aristotle, and on the book on elocution of Demetrius Phalerus. He wrote in the same language his 'Varian Lectures', in thirty-eight books, in which he explains and comments upon numerous passages of ancient writers, and also several orations. In Italian he wrote orations on the occasion of the death of Duke Cosmo I. and of the emperor Maximilian II. He also wrote several small poems in Italian, and a didactic treatise on the cultivation of the olive-tree. 'Trattato delle Lodi e della Coltivazione degli Ulivi', Florence, 1574, often reprinted and much valued. Many of his letters are inserted in the collection of the 'Prose Fiorentine' and in other collections. Vettori was one of the most accomplished scholars of a learned age. He died at Florence in December, 1595.

[Tiraboschi, *Storia della Letteratura Italiana*; Corniani, *I Secoli della Letteratura Italiana*.]

VEVAY. [VAUD.]

VEXIN. [NORMANDY.]

VIADUCT is the name usually applied to such an extensive bridge or series of arches as may be erected for the purpose of conducting a road or railway above the level of the ground, in crossing a valley or a thickly inhabited district, where it may be necessary to avoid interference with previously existing lines of communication. Strictly speaking, a similar structure for supporting a navigable canal is also a viaduct, although it is more commonly called an *aqueduct* or *aqueduct-bridge*; and there appears to be no better reason for applying the name viaduct merely to a road supported on arches, and not to an embankment or even an excavation formed for a line of road, than there is for the similar limitation of the term *aqueduct*. [AQUEDUCT, vol. ii., p. 204.]

Many circumstances, such as the value of land, the nature of the soil, and the quantity furnished by neighbouring excavations, must be taken into account in calculating the comparative expense of elevating a road or railway to a given height by an embankment or by a viaduct. In ordinary cases an embankment is the cheapest, unless the elevation be very considerable; but beyond a certain limit, which must be ascertained in each individual case by a consideration of such circumstances as are indicated above, a viaduct will be cheaper; and its superior economy will increase in an accelerating ratio with every further increase of elevation. Supposing, for example, that an embankment is found to be the cheapest up to the height of 30 feet, it would be far otherwise were the elevation increased to 60 feet. Taking the slope of the sides of the embankment at two horizontal to one vertical, the width of land required for the base would be, allowing 30 feet for the width of the road, in the one case 150 feet, and in the other 270 feet; while the transverse sectional area would be increased nearly four-fold, being 300 square yards in the former, and 1000 square yards in the latter case. In addition to these grand items of enlarged expense, the cost of culverts and bridges for communication under the embankment would be greatly increased by every addition to its weight and breadth, to say nothing of the additional risk of accident by slips. In a viaduct, on the contrary, the increased width of base required would be but

trifling, the expensive masonry of the arches themselves would remain nearly the same, and almost the only difference of cost would be that occasioned by the increased elevation of the piers, and by a small addition to their strength.

The superior advantages of a viaduct being determined, it remains to ascertain, by a careful comparison of local and other circumstances, what material it may be most advisable to employ, and what proportions it may be most economical to adopt for the arches and piers. These are points upon which much diversity of opinion exists among engineers; and in many cases the desire to produce works of grand and extraordinary character has led to the adoption of arches of much larger span than a due regard to economy would warrant. In a paper on this subject published in the 'Railway Times' for October 15, 1842, some valuable data are collected respecting the dimensions and cost of the principal railway viaducts erected in this country, which may serve to give an idea of the cost of such structures, and a rule for calculating it sufficiently accurate for the purpose of a rough estimate. From these it appears that the viaduct across the valley of the Weaver, on the line of the Grand Junction Railway, which was one of the earliest viaducts erected of similar dimensions, consists of twenty segmental arches of 60 feet span, in 1484 feet long, 84 feet in mean height from the foundation to the top of the parapets, and 30 feet in mean width above ground. The cubical or solid content given by these dimensions amounts to about 1,385,507 cubic yards, and as the expenditure was £53,103*s.*, the cost was about 7*s.* 8*d.* per cubic yard for this whole space occupied by the viaduct. The Weaver viaduct is built of stone, upon piled foundations; but similar structures of brick, when estimated in the same way, appear to have, in many cases, cost about as much for every cubic yard of space occupied by them. The Stockport viaduct, for example, upon the Manchester and Birmingham railway, a plain substantial structure of brick and stone, consisting of twenty-six semicircular arches, twenty-two of which are of 63 feet span, cost, according to the above mode of computation, 7*s.* 7*d.* per cubic yard; its extreme length being 1792 feet, its mean height 80 feet, and width 32 feet. At the point where this viaduct crosses the river Mersey the rails are about 120 feet above the foundation, and the top of the parapet is 111 feet above the water. To account for the nearly equal cost of these viaducts, notwithstanding the difference of the materials, it is stated that the piers and openings in the Weaver viaduct are as 8 to 60, while those of the Stockport viaduct are as 10 to 63; and also that that expense was saved in the foundation of the former by the use of piling. The Dane viaduct, also on the Manchester and Birmingham Railway, though similar in dimensions to that at Stockport, being 1717 feet long, 88 feet 3 inches in mean height, 31 feet wide, and having twenty-three semicircular arches of 63 feet span, cost only 6*s.* 3*d.* per cubic yard; a degree of cheapness accounted for by its being almost entirely constructed of brick, and by its construction being intrusted to the same contractor as the Stockport viaduct, and its design so arranged that the centering and expensive carpentry required for the one might be subsequently removed and made use of for the other. Another brick viaduct upon the same line consisting of eleven semicircular arches of 49 feet span, and having a mean height of 73, and width of 28 feet, cost no more than 6*s.* per cubic yard. Among the other viaducts mentioned by the writer of the paper referred to is that over the Avon valley, at Rugby, on the Midland Counties Railway; a structure almost exclusively composed of brick, and which nevertheless cost 7*s.* 4*d.* per cubic yard. The length of this viaduct is 720 feet, and its mean height 51 feet, and mean width 304 feet; and its comparatively high cost is accounted for by the semicircular form of the arches, which requires a considerable excess of brickwork in the haunches, and by the disproportionate extent of their span, which is 50 feet, compared with the height of the viaduct. The Anker viaduct, on the Birmingham and Derby Railway, at Tamworth, consisting of 19 arches of 30 feet span, and one oblique arch of 60 feet span, and of the mean height of 45 feet, cost 8*s.* 4*d.* per cubic yard; but here, independent of the increase of expense by the large oblique arch, some of the foundations were unusually costly; and, owing to local circumstances, the viaduct was, with the exception of the arches, entirely built of stone, and rather profusely

ornamented. It were to be wished that the means existed of carrying out such a comparison, so as to embrace railway viaducts of every material and variety of construction; but as this is not the case, the author of the above paper gives an analysis of the cost of only one of the viaducts on the Great Western Railway, which, if founded on accurate data, appears to show strongly the impolicy of adopting arches of extraordinary dimensions, and of an elliptical form. The structure referred to is the Wharncliffe viaduct, at Hanwell, the length of which is stated to be 806 feet, the mean height 83½ feet, and the width 35 feet, which dimensions make the cubical contents 91,737 yards. The arches are, as intimated above, semi-elliptical, and of 70 feet span, and the structure is composed of brick and stone, chiefly the former; and as the expenditure is stated to have been 55,000*l.*, the cost per cubic yard appears to have been about 12*s.*

Several engineers have, of late, strongly recommended the use of timber in lieu of brick or stone for the construction of large viaducts, on the score of economy; but, so far as a judgment may be pronounced from the instances quoted in comparison with the above, the saving of expense does not appear to be so important as might be conceived. At the point where the Birmingham and Derby Railway crosses the junction of the rivers Tame and Trent, there is a bridge or viaduct composed entirely of timber, 1280 feet long, 33 feet high on an average, and 29 feet wide, in which, owing to the inconsiderable height, the openings are of only 20 feet span; yet the cost of this bridge averaged 7*s.* 2*d.* per cubic yard, from which it would appear that, excepting in similar cases, where the expense of coffer-dams is avoided by the use of timber, a wooden bridge has no claim to preference on the ground of superior cheapness. The Willington Dean viaduct, one of the extraordinary timber-arched bridges erected by Mr. Green for the Newcastle and North Shields railway, consisting of seven arches, varying from 115 to 128 feet span, and of the mean height of 73 feet, and width of 34 feet, cost 24,000*l.*, or 7*s.* 1*d.* per cubic yard. The piers of this viaduct are of stone, and the arches consist of ribs formed of planks laid over each other, with the joints carefully broken, so as to form massive arcs, each consisting of several laminae of planks, and being far stronger than a solid piece of timber, supposing it had been possible to procure each of the requisite dimensions. A viaduct on the same principle has been very recently constructed over the river Kierow, for the Sheffield and Manchester Railway, consisting of three arches, of which the centre one is 150 feet span, while the western and eastern arches are 135 and 120 feet, respectively. The arches are all of the same radius, in order to equalize the thrust on the piers, and the versed sine of the centre arch is 40 feet. Each arch consists of three ribs, 5 feet in depth, composed of three-inch planks, previously rendered impervious to dry-rot by immersion in a solution of sulphate of copper, and further secured from decay by the insertion of a layer of brown paper, dipped in tar, between each layer of planks. The centre ribs are 2 feet 4 inches wide, and those at the sides 1 foot 10 inches each. The total height of this extraordinary bridge, from the foundation, is 136 feet; its total length is 506 feet; and its cost was about 25,000*l.*, but we do not possess data sufficient for comparing it accurately with the viaducts previously mentioned. As a proof of the general expensiveness of timber bridges however it may be mentioned that a bridge erected for the Paris and Rouen Railway at Bezons, across two branches of the river Seine, consisting of ten timber arches on stone piers, cost about 8*fr.* 8*c.* per cubic yard.

The construction of timber bridge or viaducts on a peculiar modification of the suspension principle has been briefly alluded to under *SCAPESHOOT-BRIDGES*, vol. XXIII., p. 338; and Stevenson, in his 'Sketch of the Civil Engineering of North America' (p. 231, &c.), describes another form of timber bridge which has been much used on American railways under the name of *Town's patent lattice-bridge*, in some cases for spans of as much as 150 feet. In this kind of bridge the roadway is supported by a series of lattice-like frames of timber, arranged in parallel vertical planes, and extending continuously from end to end of the viaduct, simply resting upon the piers, which may safely be made slender and far apart, because the construction of the lattices or trusses effectually prevents any lateral strain which might tend to overturn them. One of

these viaducts on the Philadelphia and Reading Railway is 1100 feet long, and is supported by ten stone piers. Long's patent frame-bridge, in which the timber trusses are above instead of underneath the roadway, is also much used in the same way.

Lieutenant Lecomte, in the article 'Viaduct,' in the seventh edition of the 'Encyclopædia Britannica,' details at considerable length the matters to be attended to in preparing contracts for, and in superintending the erection of, viaducts, which, from their importance, are frequently let as independent works.

It is always important, but especially when the arches of viaducts are to be converted into warehouses or dwelling-houses, as has been done to some extent in the Greenwich, Blackwall, and a few other railways, to render them impervious to water. This is sometimes effected by puddling with clay, a mode which seldom fails if well done. Draining by means of pipes passing through the piers has been tried, but Lecomte states that it has failed. A plan which has been found successful is to coat the arches with a mixture of coal-tar and lime, or with coal-tar alone, in which case the tar should be previously boiled for ten or twelve hours to evaporate the water and ammoniacal liquor which it contains. The surface of the brickwork should be swept clean before applying the tar, and it should not be laid on in wet weather. Asphalt has been used in several instances, and with the most perfect success, but it is more expensive than coal-tar: the arches of the Greenwich Railway viaduct, which were originally erected without any efficient protection against the percolation of water, have been rendered dry by the application of this cement. Coating the arches with sheet-lead is another very efficient cure, but too expensive for ordinary use.

VIANA. [ENTRE DEROO E MINHO.]

VIAREGGIO. [LAUCA.]

VIATKA (Wiatka, or Wiatk), an extensive government of the kingdom of Cassin, in Asiatic Russia, is situated between 55° 50' and 60° 5' N. lat. and 56° 46' and 54° E. long. Its area is 52,500 square miles, and the population 1,520,000. It is bounded on the north by Volozha, on the east by Perm, on the south by Orenburg and Cassin, and on the west by Costroma. The country is covered by branches of the Ural mountains and by morasses, some of which are many thousand square miles in extent, and there are also immense forests. The climate is cold and inclement, especially in the northern portion of the country, but salubrious. The soil is in general clay or moor, with no considerable tract of rich mould, except on the banks of the Kama, which rises in the north part of the government, but soon enters that of Perm, through which it flows from north to south: it then runs along the south-eastern frontier next to part of Perm and Cassin. The principal river is the Viatka, which rises near the source of the Kama, and with various windings traverses the government from north to south, and falls into the Kama at the south-western corner of the province. It receives in its course the Tachepza, Metecheda, Malmyschka, Schosma, Cholmitra, and several other rivers.

Agriculture is the chief occupation of the inhabitants; and notwithstanding the rigour of the climate, the annual produce is not only sufficient for the home consumption, but leaves a considerable surplus. The species of grain cultivated are rye, barley, and oats, and a little wheat; pulse of different kinds are grown, and flax and hemp sufficient for the consumption of the inhabitants. There are good gardens which produce abundances of culinary vegetables. Potatoes are not yet duly appreciated. The forests, chiefly consisting of pines, with some mixture of oaks, elms, limes, and other trees, are a source of immense advantage: they are the resort of abundances of deer and of fur-bearing animals. The breeding of oxen, sheep, swine, and goats is much attended to. The country-people have also great quantities of bees, and the fishing in the rivers is likewise profitable. The minerals are copper, and iron.

The population consists of Russians, Volozha, Toheromasses, Baschkins, Teptians, and Tartars. The people of Finnish origin have become gradually amalgamated with the Russians, and have embraced the Greek religion. Of Mohammedans there are 45,000 Tartars and 2500 Baschkins and Teptians.

Besides the occupations of agriculture and breeding of cattle, the inhabitants build boats, manufacture coarse

cloth and linen, tan leather, and make iron and wooden utensils. The Finns, as well as the Russians and Tartars, provide for almost all their own wants. Three or four million yards of linen, woven in the huts of the peasants, are annually sold; they manufacture also two million yards of woollen cloth. A good deal of brandy is distilled. Manufactories, properly so called, are few. Schmidtlin however says that 'manufacturing industry is daily becoming more extensive, because there is not a sufficient market for agricultural produce.'

The principal commerce of the government is with Archangel, to which it exports corn, flax, linseed, honey, tallow, leather, furs, timber, boats of various kinds, iron, copper, and charcoal, and receives foreign wines and colonial produce.

This government is in the district of the university of Casan, but education is in a very backward state, not more than one inhabitant in 500 receiving instruction in the schools. The government is divided into ten circles.

VIATKA, the capital of the government, is situated in 56° 22' N. lat. and 49° 45' E. long., at the confluence of the Viatka and the Chlenopka, not far from the junction of the Tvebeys with the Viatka. There are 23 churches, all of stone, and about one in nine or ten houses are also of stone. The town is the seat of government and the see of a bishop. There are a gymnasium, a seminary, and the convent of Uspenski Triniten, founded in 1520, and which formerly possessed 24,000 serfs. The greater portion of the trade of the government is in the hands of the inhabitants of Viatka; some follow the trade of gold and silver smiths, but the greater part live by agriculture.

The second town in the government is Sarapol, on the Kama, nearly 400 miles south-west of Viatka. It is a well-built town, and has 6000 inhabitants. Siobodskoi, on the Viatka, has 6000 inhabitants, with manufactures of iron and copper. Votka has also about 6000 inhabitants: the chief articles manufactured here are anchors and crucibles; the latter are for the mint at Petersburg, and some of the largest weigh 2500 lbs., and 100 lbs. of silver can be melted in them at once. At Iech, on the river Iech, 27 miles south-west from Votka, there are large stone buildings, which were erected at the beginning of this century at the emperor's private expense, where fire-arms are manufactured for the army: the population is about 8000.

(Schmidtler, *La Russie, La Pologne, et la Finlande*; *Erman Reise durch Nordasien*; also Hassel, Stein, and Canabich.)

VIATKA.—*History of.* In the year 1117 a considerable number of the inhabitants of Novgorod, partly disgusted with the troubles by which their country was agitated, and partly induced by the great increase of population to seek a new field for their exertions, resolved to emigrate. They descended the Volga as far as the mouth of the Kama, where they established a settlement. Knowing however that the country which extended farther to the north was covered with immense forests rich in various products, and inhabited by rude half-savage people, a great number of these adventurers sailed up the river Kama, easily defeated the tribes of the Votiacks and Cheremissas, took their settlements, and being soon joined by the remainder of their party, founded a town on the banks of the river Viatka, where the rivulet Khlimovetz falls into it. They called their new city Kblinov. They were joined by a large number of their countrymen, and having introduced the republican institutions of Novgorod, they established an independent state. By degrees the population increased; they built several towns and many villages, expelled the native tribes from their vicinity and occupied a large extent of country between the rivers Kama, Yeog, Sisola, and Viatka. At first they traded with the Bolgars of Volga, the eastern principalities of Russia and the adjacent tribes; but having increased in wealth and power, they exercised piracy on the rivers Kama and Volga, which was at that time the principal commercial road between Central Asia and Europe. Their depredations extended also over the neighbouring countries, and for a long time they preserved in their church festivals the commemoration of the advantages which they had obtained over their enemies. They were generally at variance with the mother-country, Novgorod, the inhabitants of which, envying their success, called them their runaway slaves.

The prosperity of the republic of Viatka continued without interruption for more than two centuries, but the reputation of its wealth attracted towards the end of the fourteenth century the rapacity of the Tartars. Tokhtamish, khan of the Golden or Kipchak horde, sent an expedition in 1392, which, having crossed the immense forests, suddenly invaded the territory of Viatka. The inhabitants, taken by surprise, offered little resistance, and fled into fastnesses, whilst many were massacred or made prisoners. When the Tartars retired, they recovered from their fear, assembled a force, and having united with many inhabitants of Novgorod and Usting, invaded the Tartar settlements on the Volga, burnt Kasan and several other towns, and carried away a considerable booty.

The independence of Viatka was destroyed, like that of Novgorod and Plescow, by the grand-duke of Moscow. Vassili, son of Demetrius Donski, sent an expedition in 1425 against Viatka, but it was not successful. Viatka was however soon obliged to acknowledge the supremacy of Moscow, but it continued to retain its local government, and it appears to have resumed for some time its ancient liberty. It was only in the year 1400 that a numerous army, sent by the grand-duke of Moscow, compelled Viatka to submit. It retained however its municipal form of government, but was obliged to pay a tribute to the grand-duke and to furnish him with a military contingent.

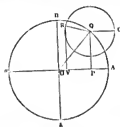
In 1480, when the grand-duke John was engaged in a war with Kasan, the inhabitants of Viatka expelled his lieutenant, and resumed their independence. An overwhelming force was sent to subvert them, and seeing no chance of resistance, the inhabitants of Viatka offered to pay tribute to the grand-duke, and to serve in his wars, but refused to surrender the leaders of the insurrection. The town however, being surrounded with burning materials and threatened with immediate conflagration, surrendered at discretion. The three leading patriots were executed, the principal merchants, citizens, and land-owners were transferred with their families to different provinces of Moscow, and Viatka lost its liberty.

VIBRATION. We have had in many articles to consider the effects of vibratory motions, but we have never yet given the explanation of the simple vibration, so as to enable a student with no very extensive knowledge of mathematics to form some conception of its character. The theory of the vibrations of the particles of an elastic fluid is the key to what is known of the phenomena of sound and light [ACOUSTICS; UNULATORY THEORY]; and there is some reason to suspect, or at least those whose opinions are worthy of attention have suspected, that the causes of the sensible phenomena of heat, electricity, and magnetism will also be found in the vibrations of matter of some kind. All the particles of material bodies, even when solid, are probably in continual vibration; and it is certain that very slight disturbances will communicate sensible amounts of vibration to considerable distances, and this through all manner of different substances, from loose earth to compact stone, and those in every kind of state, from the æthereal to the solid.

Little as may be known of most of the vibrations which are perpetually occurring, nothing is more certain, from the fundamental laws of mechanics, than that every such vibration in every individual particle is either made up of one or several motions of one particular kind, or of an exceedingly close approximation to such simple motion or combination of motions. It is not merely swinging backwards and forwards which constitutes a vibration; such a motion might certainly be so called, at the pleasure of any one, but another name must then be invented to designate that particular sort of vibration of which, and of no other, we have to speak in the first instance. The piston of a steam-engine, for example, which is forced upwards with continually accelerated velocity until it strikes the top of the cylinder, and is then forced downwards in the same manner, does not show what is mathematically called a vibration; but take one of those more recent constructions in which the steam is checked as soon as the piston has acquired momentum enough to carry it to the top of the cylinder, so that the force is nearly spent before it begins to return, and we have something to which the term vibration is much more nearly applicable.

The simple vibration, of which we have said all others may be compounded, is best imagined as follows:—Let a

point Q revolve uniformly round a circle AQA, and from Q draw QP perpendicular to Aa. Then P moves over Aa in the manner of a simple vibration; the whole vibration being from A to A again. At A and a the velocity of P



is extinct, the whole motion of Q being perpendicular to Aa; but at O the velocity is greatest, P then moving as fast as Q. If we measure the time t from the epoch of Q being at B, and suppose the motion of Q to be in the direction BQA, and n to be the angular velocity of Q, we have ($OP = x$, $OA = a$) $x = a \sin nt$, while the velocity of P is $na \cos nt$, the acceleration of P is $-n^2 a \sin nt$, or $-n^2 x$, and if w be the weight of a particle at P, the pressure necessary to maintain it in this state of vibration is always directed towards O, and is, in units of the same kind as w ,

$$\frac{n^2 x}{32 \cdot 1608} \times w,$$

If x and a be measured in feet, n in theoretical angular units [ANGLE], and t in seconds [VELOCITY]. If T be the number of seconds in the whole vibration from A to A again, we have $n = 2 \times 3 \cdot 14159 \div T$, and the pressure is $1 \cdot 22642x \div T^2$. The pressure, it appears, requisite to maintain a simple vibration must be always in a given proportion to the distance of P from O, and always directed towards O; and the relation between the pressure at a given value of x and the time of vibration is wholly independent of a , the excursion of the particle. For the mechanical reason of this property, see ИСОСНОВЫМ. To form a more convenient expression, let N be the number of vibrations in a second, and let x be measured in hundredths of inches instead of in feet; then $T = 1 \div N$, and for x we must write $x \div 1200$, which gives for the pressure $\cdot 001022 N^2 x$. For example, if a particle vibrate only 100 times in a second, which is not much [АКУСТИКА], and have an excursion of one five-hundredth of an inch ($N = 100$, $x = \cdot 2$), the force of restitution at the extremity of the excursion is more than twice the weight of the particle. By this formula it is easy to get a just idea of the greatness of the molecular forces required to produce those vibrations which are constantly excited in sonorous and other bodies.

If we suppose a second vibration to be communicated to P, in the same line, and of the same duration, but whether of the same extent or not does not matter, the compound vibration is only equivalent to another simple vibration. Let a circle move with Q, and in that circle let a point R revolve uniformly, and let RV be perpendicular to OA. Then while P vibrates about O, V performs a vibration in the same time relatively to P: or a spectator who does not see the motion of P, will see no motion in V except a vibration about P. Now it is easily shown that R not only describes a circle about Q, but also actually describes either a circle in space, about the centre O, or an ellipse, in the manner presently explained. And V, vibrating about P, which itself vibrates about O, does, if these vibrations be of the same duration, nothing but vibrate about OA. Mathematically, this is easily obtained as follows: let the angles OAQ and CQR (QC being parallel to OA) be at the same moment α and β , and let $OQ = a$, $QR = b$, and let the time be measured from the instant at which the angles are α and β . Then we have

$$x = a \cos (nt + \alpha) + b \cos (nt + \beta)$$

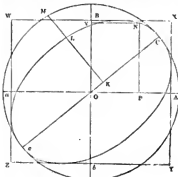
the sign + being used when the circular vibrations are in the same, - when they are in opposite, directions. This

is equivalent to $x = l \cos (nt + \lambda)$, provided l and λ be found from

$l \cos \lambda = a \cos \alpha + b \cos \beta$, $l \sin \lambda = a \sin \alpha + b \sin \beta$; and the joint vibration is one of the excursion l , and such that the angle is λ when the angles of the component vibrations are α and β . It is easy to show in like manner that any number of vibrations whatsoever, made in the same times and in the same lines, are not distinguishable from one single vibration, of the same duration and in the same line.

Again: it is easily shown that a vibration which is represented in direction and excursion by the diagonal of a parallelogram, is the compound effect of two vibrations of the same duration, represented in direction and excursion by the two sides of the parallelogram, if the particles of the component vibrations begin to describe the sides at the same instant as the particle of the resultant vibration begins to describe the diagonal; and the same thing may be shown of the diagonal of a parallelogram and its three sides. Hence any number of vibrations of equal times about any lines drawn through one point may each be decomposed into three in the direction of three given axes passing through that point, and those in the several axes may be compounded together into one. The student who appreciates the similarity of the laws by which velocities, pressures, and rotations are compounded and decomposed, will see that to the list must be added vibrations. But the only vibrations which bear the application of these rules are those of equal duration.

Let us now suppose that any number of vibrations of equal times, and about the same point, are reduced to three, in the directions of three axes of x , y , and z . When a $\sin t$ represents the distance of a vibrating particle from its centre of vibration, let the angle t be called the phase of the vibration. If the three vibrations be always in the same phase, the diagonal of the parallelepiped described on the three excursions represents the direction and excursion of the resulting vibration, which is simple and rectilinear. But if the simultaneous phases be not the same, so that $x = a \cos (nt + \alpha)$, $y = b \cos (nt + \beta)$, $z = c \cos (nt + \gamma)$, represent the simultaneous distances in the three vibrations, and also the co-ordinates of a point which is affected by them all, the particle, thus triply vibrating, does not move in a straight line, but in an ellipse. Let us consider two vibrations in a plane, and let Aa and Bb be their double excursions about the common centre O. The axes in the figure are drawn at right angles, but any angle will do equally well. Draw the parallelogram WXYZ, which always contains the particle, and suppose that P and V are contemporaneous positions in the two vibrations, whence N is one of the positions of the particle. Through N can be drawn two ellipses, having the centre O, and touching all the four sides of the parallelogram WXYZ. The particle must describe one or other of these ellipses; one when P and V are both leaving the centre or both returning to it; the other when one is leaving the centre and one returning to it. In the figure, and supposing CNe to be the direction of motion, V is leaving, and P returning to the centre. And if CMe be the circle



described about this ellipse, and KLM be always perpendicular to Cr, the law of the motion of the particle L is that M moves uniformly round the circle, or K moves through a simple vibration. This is exactly the law of motion shown by Newton to obtain when the particle L is attracted towards O by a force which varies as its distance from O; and mechanical considerations might easily be used to establish the whole theorem. If the vibrations be thus compounded for each pair of axes, three ellipses are obtained on the three co-ordinate planes, which are the projections of the ellipse which the particle describes in space.

We may attempt to compound two different vibrations on the same line, that is, two vibrations of different durations. If in the first figure we suppose the angular velocity of R round Q to be different from that of Q round O, we see that R describes a TROCHOIDAL CURVE, and supposing such a curve to be described by uniform circular motions, the motion of the projection of R upon the line of vibration will show the effect of the two vibrations. Some simple instances may be readily obtained from the diagrams in the article cited; but an attempt at a description of the multifarious effects of even two vibrations would baffle all human power of classification.

We now proceed to some account of the principal mechanical considerations connected with vibrations. If any system whatsoever be slightly disturbed from a position of stable equilibrium, every particle makes an effort to return to that position; and it can be shown that the force of restitution varies as the distance from the position of equilibrium, so that all the particles perform either simple vibrations, or motions compounded of simple vibrations. Not that it is accurately and geometrically true that the force of restitution always varies as the distance from the position of equilibrium, but only exceedingly near to it. The consequence of the restitutive force is, that the system, in returning to its position of equilibrium, acquires velocity, and the several particles pass through or near to their positions of equilibrium with their several velocities, until the force of restitution, which begins to act in a contrary direction the moment the position of equilibrium is passed, destroys the acquired velocity, and causes the particles to return. The same vibration is then repeated, or rather would be repeated if there were no retarding forces: as it is, the resistance of the air, &c., continually diminish the extent of the vibrations, until at last they become insensible. But it can be satisfactorily shown that these resistances have no sensible tendency to alter the times of the vibrations; and few persons are aware how much of their comfort depends upon this circumstance. Whenever a sound is produced, a musical note generally accompanies it; the sound is the consequence of the vibrations excited in the disturbed system, and the permanency of its musical pitch is the consequence of these vibrations being all made in the same time, or very nearly so. The air does not retain the vibrations communicated to it, but passes them on, so to speak; and it is therefore an agent which communicates the successive vibrations of a disturbed body just as they are communicated to it. If the vibrations gradually slacken in their times, as they do in their excursions from the effect of the resistances, the consequence would be that there would be no sustained notes, but every sound would be a sliding chromatic descent, like the cry of some animals, which are therefore considered very annoying neighbours; and most musical instruments would be rendered unusable.

There is a principle in mechanics which is called that of the *coexistence of vibrations*, and sometimes the *superposition of vibrations*, which seems to be only a particular case of what might be called the coexistence or superposition of small changes of any kind. If a set of small vibrations be given to any system, solid or fluid, the disturbance of any particle at any one instant, arising from the united effect of the vibrations, will be the sum or difference of the disturbances arising from the several different vibrations, according as they are in the same or opposite directions. This is not strictly true in any case, but it is very nearly true when the vibrations are small, and the more nearly so, the smaller the vibrations are. For instance, two stones are dropped into water at two different places, and at a certain time, on a certain part of the surface, the resulting waves cross one another. If there be a particle which is at the same time raised on both waves, a tenth of

an inch say, from one only, and three-tenths of an inch from the other, that particle will altogether be raised four-tenths of an inch, or insensibly near to it. Thus the effects of the two waves travel without any apparent interference with each other, and the eye can easily follow any one wave, even though a dozen disturbances should have been excited at the same time. A handful of small pebbles thrown into smooth water will show the coexistence of the resulting waves very satisfactorily; and it is curious to observe how readily the non-interference of the several disturbances is seen when looked for, so readily, that it never is looked for unless the attention is specially directed to it.

What we know of the vibrations of bodies, except from mechanical deduction, amounts almost to nothing. When a sensible effect is produced, such as sound or light, our perceptions enable us to examine nature with great success. But on the vibrations of bodies, except so far as they communicate with us by an interposed elastic medium, little has been done, either mathematically or experimentally. If sand or non-adhesive powder of any kind be strewn upon a surface, the mode of vibration of that surface may be estimated by the displacement of the sand, which will be thrown away from the parts which vibrate, towards those which are at rest. In this manner Chladni examined the vibrations which can be produced in a rectangular plate of glass, fixed at one end, and excited in various manners by the bow of a violin rubbed against the edges. And thus he found that the lines which are at rest when a plate is excited into vibration comprise many curious symmetrical curves. In a paper printed in the 'Philosophical Transactions' for 1833, Mr. Wheatstone has made what we think is certainly the most decided step towards knowledge of the subject which has yet been made. He shows that all Chladni's figures and others may be produced by the superposition of rectilinear vibrations: that is to say, by motions compounded of those in which the lines of rest are parallel straight lines, and every line parallel to a line of rest is similarly raised or depressed throughout, at any one instant. The great difficulty in conceiving properly the modes of vibration of solid bodies lies in want of knowledge of the fundamental forms out of which all others are to be compounded; and as far as the bodies go which he has considered, Mr. Wheatstone has made an important addition to this power of conception.

VIBURNUM, a genus of plants belonging to the natural order Caprifoliaceae. The species consist of shrubs with opposite petiolate leaves and corymbose flowers. The limb of the calyx is 5-leaf, permanent; the corolla rotate, subcampanulate, and tubular; the fruit a berry, ovate or globose, with 1 seed by abortion, and crowned by the calycine teeth. The species are natives of Europe, America, and Asia, and are of easy culture in British gardens. Some of them were known to the Greeks and Romans, though the species have not been always identified.

V. Tinus, the Laurustinus, has ovate-oblong, quite entire, permanent leaves, with the veins beneath furnished with glandular hairs; the corymba flat; the flowers white, rose-coloured before expansion; berries dark blue. This plant, now so common throughout Europe, and the most general inhabitant of the gardens of Great Britain, is a native of the south of Europe and the north of Africa. It was introduced into England in 1596. Its ancient name was *Tinus*, and, from its resemblance to the laurel, *laurus*, it was called Laurustinus. There are several varieties of this plant known in gardens. *V. T. Arta* has oval-oblong leaves, hairy beneath and on the margins. It is a native of Portugal, Spain, and the vicinity of Nice. *V. T. lucida* has ovate-oblong leaves, glabrous on both surfaces and shining. It is a more delicate plant than the other varieties; its leaves are much larger and more shining, and the branches fewer. It is native about Algiers and on Mount Atlas. It seldom blossoms till the spring.

All the varieties of Laurustinus are hardy shrubs, are evergreen, and bear the climate of Great Britain well: most of them blossom from November till April, and sometimes during May and June. Under these circumstances they have become general favourites, and although they do not bear the smoke of towns well, there are few gardens, however small, within from 5 to 20 miles of London, that are not ornamented with them. They are well adapted for fencing flower-garden hedges, and for varying the low iron palisades, pales, or brick-walls which separate the

front gardens of street and suburban houses.' (Loudon.) In decaying the leaves have a very fetid odour, and when near houses should be swept away. In cultivation the most expeditious way of increasing this plant is by layering, but all the varieties are easily propagated by cuttings planted in the autumn. In two years these cuttings will form small plants fit for removal.

V. Lentago, the Lentago, or Tree Viburnum, has broad, ovate, acuminate, sharply serrated, glabrous leaves; petioles with narrow curled margins; terminal sessile corymbs; white flowers, and black fruit. It is a native of North America, and is found in hedges and on the borders of woods from New England to the Carolinas, and also in Canada. It is a shrub rising from 6 to 10 feet high. It was introduced into British gardens in 1761, and forms a strong shrub or small tree, flowering freely in July, and producing abundance of fruit, which is soon devoured by birds. Several other North American species of the genus Viburnum have been lately introduced as ornamental shrubs into British gardens; amongst them are the following:—*V. prunifolium*, plum-tree Viburnum; *V. pyrifolium*, pear-tree Viburnum; *V. nudum*, naked Viburnum; *V. cassinoides*, thick-leaved Viburnum; *V. loricatum*, smooth Viburnum. Of these the three first are supposed by Loudon to be varieties of *V. Lentago*.

V. Lantana, the Wayfaring Tree, has coriaceous, rounded, finely-serrated leaves, clothed beneath, but more sparingly above, with a stellate mealy pubescence; the cymes pedunculate, broad, flat, consisting of numerous white flowers. This plant forms a shrub or low tree, and is a native of Europe and the west of Asia, in low woods and hedges, and chiefly on calcareous soils. In Great Britain it is not uncommon. When cultivated it forms a handsome shrub, rising from 18 to 20 feet in height, with large broad leaves, corymbs of white flowers, and heads of fruit first green, then red, and then black. The fruit is eaten by birds, and has been recommended as an astringent. In the autumn the leaves turn of a deep red colour. The young shoots are used in Germany for basket-making, and branches two or three years old are employed in the Crimea for making the tubes of tobacco-pipes. The wood is employed sometimes in turning and cabinet-making; the berries are used for making ink, and the bark will form birdlime. There is an American wayfaring tree, very common in the beech-woods of Canada about Quebec and Lake Huron, and which has been called *V. Lantanoides*. It is of bumber growth than the British tree, but its botanical characters are very similar. In America it is called Hobble-bush.

V. Opulus, the Guelder Rose, or Snow-ball, is a glabrous plant, with broad, 3-lobed, acuminate, unequally serrated, veiny leaves; petioles beset with glands towards the top, and several oblong leafy appendages lower down; flowers of a white colour arranged in cymes, the lateral berries dilated, flat, and without stamens or pistils; the berries elliptical, bright red, very juicy, bitter, and nauseous. This is a small tree, rising from 6 to 12 feet in height, with bright green leaves in summer, but in autumn assuming a beautiful pink or crimson hue. It is native throughout Europe, and is especially frequent in Britain and Sweden. In a wild state it is not remarkable for the beauty of its flowers, but its beautiful bunches of red berries render it a very attractive plant in the autumn of the year. The Guelder Rose seemed to have derived its name from growing in the Low Countries, in Guelderland, where it was first planted, and its flowers developed in all their beauty. It is now very generally planted in lawns and gardens throughout Europe, where its 'silver globes, light as the foamy surf that the wind severs from the broken wave,' airy unfold themselves in spring, and render it deservedly a great favourite. The fruit is eaten in Sweden, and the young shoots are made into tobacco-pipes and the handles of whips. In Siberia the berries are fermented with flour, and a spirit is distilled from them: sometimes they are made into a paste with honey and flour, and eaten.

V. Argenteum, the Cranberry Guelder Rose, has 3-lobed, acute, 3-nerved leaves; the lobes divaricate, are acuminate, and coarsely and distantly serrated; the petioles glandular; the cymes of white flowers radiant; the berries subglobose, red, and very much resembling cranberries. This plant is a native of North America, on the mountains of New York and New Jersey, and throughout Canada to the arctic circle. It grows in swamps and shady woods,

and attains a height of from 6 to 12 feet, and flowers in July. Only a few plants have been at present grown in Great Britain. It bears abundances of white flowers in July, which are followed by large bunches of red fruit in September. Several other species of Viburnum, with the same character of flower, have been described under the name of Guelder Roses, and some of them, more especially those of America, are cultivated to a small extent in British nurseries. There are several species of Viburnum natives of Asia, especially of Nepal, and others from Japan, having the same kind of flowers as the Guelder Rose, but they are only known by descriptions and in herbaria. Most of the species introduced into Great Britain are of easy cultivation, and may be propagated by layers or cuttings.

(Don's Miller, vol. ii.; Loudon, Arb. et Frut. Brit., vol. ii.)

VICAR (from the Latin *vicarius*, 'one who discharges the functions of another'). The origin, constitution, and functions of this class of ecclesiastical persons have been fully treated under the article BENEFICE, vol. iv., p. 219. One part of the subject is alone omitted in that article, viz. the dissolution of vicarages. Of this it suffices to say that since the 13th Elizabeth, s. 10, the property neither of a vicarage nor of any other ecclesiastical office can be alienated, and that although vicarage may be dissolved, as already described, by the vicar acquiring all the rights of the parson, yet the appropriator, whether lay or ecclesiastical, cannot dissolve the vicarage by alienating its property or by neglecting to present. A vicarage may be dissolved if the parson or appropriator presents the clerk to the benefice, whether by design or by accident: it may also be dissolved and become a parsonage, or, to speak technically, inappropriate, by the dissolution of the corporation to which the benefice is annexed. Thus if a college which is the appropriator of a certain benefice is dissolved, the vicar becomes entitled to the great tithes, and his vicarage is thereupon converted into a rectory.

[BENEFICE; TITHES.]

VICE. [ENGLISH DRAMA.]

VICENTE. [PORTUGAL.]

VICENT, GIL. [GIL VICENTE.]

VICENZA, DELEGAZIONE DI, a Province of the Venetian states in the Lombardo-Venetian kingdom, is bounded on the north by the Tyrol, east by the provinces of Belluno and Treviso, south by the province of Padua, and west by that of Verona. It is about 50 miles long from north to south, and 25 miles in its greatest breadth. The river Bacchiglione crosses the province of Vicenza in its length, and is joined by the Asolo and other affluents which rise in the mountains on the borders of the Tyrol. The Brenta crosses the eastern part of the province, and passes by Bassano. More than half of the area of the province is occupied by mountains and hills; the rest, which is plain, is very fertile in corn, maize, pulse, potatoes, and hemp. The pastures are extensive. Fruit-trees are abundant, and the chestnut-trees in the mountains supply food to a part of the population. About 1100 cwt. of silk are made annually. The province of Vicenza has more extent of forest than any other Venetian province, with the exception of Friuli and Belluno. There are some coal-mines, but not extensively worked. The cattle amount to about 55,000 head, and the sheep to 137,000 head, which is twice as many as there are in any other Venetian province. The manufactures consist chiefly of woollens and silks.

The province of Vicenza is divided into thirteen districts: Vicenza, Bassano, Camisano, Cittadella, Morosca, Asolo, Tene, Schio, Malo, Valdagno, Arzignano, Lonigo, and Barbarano, subdivided into 131 communes. The population, in 1833, was 293,000.

(Quadri, *Statistica della Provincia Venete*; Serriatori, *Statistica dell'Italia*.)

The principal towns are VICENZA and BASSANO. Cittadella is an old fortified town, the fortifications of which are now in ruins. Riccio, in the mountains north of Vicenza, is celebrated for its mineral baths. Montebello is a large village on the road from Vicenza to Verona, which must not be confounded, as Valéry has done, with another Montebello in the province of Voghera, in Piedmont, famous for the battle won near it on the 9th of June, 1800, by the French over the Austrians, from which Marshal Lannes afterwards took his title of duke of Montebello; nor with Montebello near Milan, which was for some time

the head-quarters of General Bonaparte in 1797, during the negotiations which preceded the peace of Campoformio. Asiago is the head town of a remarkable district of the province of Vicenza, called I Sette Comuni ('Sieben Parghe' in the local dialect, which is a very corrupt German). With the exception of the Val Macugnaga, at the foot of Mount Rosà, whose inhabitants speak a German dialect like their neighbours of the Upper Valais, the Sette Comuni are the only districts of Italy the language of which is of Teutonic, and not of Latin or Romance derivation. The origin of this foreign community, surrounded by Italian populations, has been a matter of much controversy: some derive it from the Cimbric; but the received opinion is that it is descended from emigrants who have left the Tyrol and other neighbouring German countries at various epochs. A native of Rosà, a village of this district, the Abate Agostino dal Pozzo, who died in 1798, has written 'Memoria Storiche de' Sette Comuni Vicentini,' published at Vicenza in 1820. Asiago, the head town, situated in the mountains north-west of Bassano, has between three and four thousand inhabitants, and a substantial church, the clock of which is by Ferracino, an able architect and hydraulic of the eighteenth century and engineer of the Venetian republic, who died in 1777, and whose tomb is in the neighbouring village of Solagna, in the valley of the Brenta. The rector of the parish of Asiago is chosen, according to ancient usage, by the parishioners by ballot out of a list of four candidates, proposed by the bishops of the diocese. Under the Venetian government the inhabitants of the Sette Comuni chose their own magistrates, had their own local laws and usages, and paid no taxes to the state. The people are chiefly graziers and breeders of cattle: the principal manufacture of the district consists in the plaiting of straw hats, which are exported. Timber is also exported from the forests in the mountains. The only work printed in the dialect of the Sette Comuni is a version of Bellarmino's Catechism, of which the beginning reads thus:—'Säuter iart Christian? Ja: ieb pius az Gott vorgeliet. Bus iet ein Christian? Ar ist deir, da ist gutloft, un elobet, un professant baz de hatür galarnet Jesu Christo.'

(Valéry, *Voyages en Italie*; Rosà, *Letters from the North of Italy*.)

VICENZA, the Town of, is situated in a fine and fertile country on the river Bacchiglione, which crosses the town. Vicenza is about three miles in circumference, is surrounded by walls, and contains about 30,000 inhabitants. It is one of the towns of Italy which are richest in palaces or architectural mansions. Vicenza has been the great embellisher of Vicenza, but Scamozzi, Calderari and others have also contributed their share. Several of the palaces of Vicenza however have never been finished, and the general appearance of the town does not correspond with the elegance of the individual buildings.

The churches of Vicenza are rich in paintings by native artists, the two Montagnas, Maganza, Zelotti, Andrea Vicentino, Bassano, and others. The Teatro Olimpico, which was not finished till after Palladio's death, is an imitation of an ancient theatre: it was built at the expense of the Accademia Olimpica, and was first used in 1585 for the performance of the 'Edipus,' translated into Italian by Ussato Giustiniano, a patrician of Venice. Luigi Groto, a blind poet, a native of Adria, called Il Cieco d'Adria, acted the part of Edipus.

Vicenza is a bishop's see: it has a lycæum with ten professors, a gymnasium with fourteen professors, a clerical seminary, and a 'collegio convitto,' or college for boarders. The town library of Vicenza has 36,000 volumes and about 200 MSS., among others a Latin Bible of the thirteenth century, and some rare editions of the Latin classics and of Italian poets. There are also several private collections of minerals and fossils, with which the country abounds. The remains of antiquity consist of the ruins of a Roman theatre, and some remains of a palace in the gardens Pigafetta, and three arches of an aqueduct near the village of Olbia. Vicenza has been long known for its silk manufactures, which are the most important of the kind in the Venetian states.

In the neighbourhood of Vicenza is the celebrated Villa Capra, by Palladio, the architecture of which has been imitated for country-seats in England and other countries. The church of La Madonna del Monte, upon a hill called Monte Berico, about a mile out of Vicenza, is a celebrated

sanctuary, much frequented by devotees. A long covered portico, resembling that of La Madonna di San Luca, near Bologna, leads up the hill to the church, from whence there is a splendid view of the surrounding country from the Alps to the Adriatic. The church and annexed convent are possessed of some valuable paintings, among the rest one by Paul Veronese, representing Christ as a traveller seated at a table with Pope Gregory I. and the cardinals, and an Adoration of the Magi by Benedetto Montagna.

Vicentia, or Vicetia, is mentioned by Pliny (*Hist. Nat.*, iii. 25) among the towns of the Veneti. Aulus Cecina, consul and general, was a native of Vicentia. In the middle ages it was for a time a free municipal city: it became subject for a time to the tyrant Ezzelino da Romano, and afterwards to the Della Scala, lords of Verona. It afterwards fell under the dominion of Gian Galeazzo Visconti, duke of Milan, after whose death the citizens called in the Venetians, A.D. 1404. Vicenza has produced several distinguished men; among others the poet Trissino, the traveller Pigafetta, the architect Palladio, and the famous Dominican Frà Giovanni da Vicenza, a kind of enthusiast, who acted an extraordinary part in the civil dissensions of the Italian cities in the early part of the thirteenth century. He held a meeting in a plain near Verona, where it is said 400,000 people were assembled, and there proclaimed universal peace in Lombardy, and received hostages from the various lords and towns, A.D. 1233. He acted for a short time as ruler of Vicenza and Verona, where he disgraced his pacific errand by burning about sixty heretics, men and women. At last the people of Padua sent troops against him, which, being joined by part of his own townsmen, defeated Frà Giovanni and his followers, and took him prisoner. He was released through the good offices of Pope Gregory IX., and remained in obscurity for the rest of his life. Vicenza had a university in the thirteenth century, which rose in opposition to that of Bologna, and was frequented chiefly for the study of the canon law. (Tiraboschi, *Storia della Letteratura Italiana*.)

The people of Vicenza had for a long time the character of being irritable, quarrelsome, and prone to revenge. Their character contrasted in this respect with that of their neighbours of Verona, who are of a more sedate and good-tempered disposition, a circumstance which has been noticed by Denina and others, and which has given rise to many surmises concerning the respective origin of the two people. But this discrepancy of character between the people of neighbouring towns is of common occurrence throughout Italy, and is one of the causes which has tended in all ages to perpetuate the political division of the country.

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VICI, ANDREA, architect to the grand-duke of Tuscany, was born at Arezzia in the Marca d'Ancona, 1744. Having gone through the usual course of education at Perugia, he was sent to Rome to study painting and architecture, the first under Stefano Pozzi, the other under Carlo Murena; and it was the second of these two arts which he decided upon following as his profession. That he gave early promise of more than ordinary talent appears from the circumstance of Vanzetti engraving him as his assistant when he was about, it is said, to begin the palace of Caserta; yet the last part of this statement is evidently incorrect, because at that time Vici could not have been more than eight or nine years old. That he was however for some time with Vanzetti is certain, for he was commissioned by him to attend to matters of business connected with the Moia di Pontano; in consequence of which he

because known at Rome as a skilful engineer. In 1780 the court of Tuscany appointed him hydraulic architect and engineer for the Val di Chiana, and in 1787 he was employed in a similar capacity by the papal government in the work of draining the Pontine marshes, and preventing the inundations of the Tiber. At a later period (1810) he erected the *muraglione* or embankment at Tivoli, to support the left bank of the Anio. Of his architectural works, though they were neither inconsiderable nor few in number, the names alone are recorded, and those have no dates attached to them. Yet one of them at least would seem to deserve some little notice, for it is spoken of as 'la superba Cattedrale di Camerino.' The others which are enumerated as by him, are—the church and monastery 'Delle Salesiane,' at Offagna; the seminary at Osimo; the villa and casino at Monte Gallo, the Palazzo Lepri at Bevagna; the church of S. Francesco at Foligno; and the Cappella Guzzoli at Terni. Vici died September 10, 1817. (Tippaldo, *Biografia degli Italiani Illustri.*)

VICIA. [VICIER; TARES.]

VICIER, a tribe of plants belonging to the natural order Leguminosae, and agreeing with the genus *Vicia* in their most prominent characters. They possess a papilionaceous corolla, diadelphous stamens, continuous legumes, thick fuscaceous cotyledons not changing in germination, and a radicle curved inwards. The leaves are mostly abruptly pinnate, with the common petiole ending in a bristle or tendril instead of a leaflet. The most important genera belonging to this tribe are *Vicia*, *Faba*, *Pisum*, *Ervum*, *Lathyrus*, *Orobis*, and *Cicer*.

The species of the genus *Vicia* are usually climbing herbs with abruptly pinnate leaves, with many pairs of leaflets, the common petiole terminating in a tendril at the apex, which is mostly branched. The stipules are semi-sagittate in form, and the peduncles axillary, one or many flowered. The calyx is tubular, 5-cleft or 5-toothed, the two upper teeth shortest; the corolla papilionaceous; the stamens diadelphous; the style filiform, being at right angles with the ovary, villous on the upper side, and on the under side beneath the apex; the legume 1-celled, many-seeded, oblong; the seeds with a lateral oval or linear hilum. The species of this genus are very numerous. Don, in Miller's 'Dictionary,' describes above 100. Some of the many-flowered species are handsome plants and worthy of cultivation. Many of the species are much in use as green crops for feeding cattle, sheep, &c. An account of their uses and cultivation for this purpose is given under TARES. We shall here give a description of the species which are most frequently cultivated, and of other forms characteristic of this extensive group of plants.

V. sativa, Common Vetch, or Tare, has leaves with tendrils; the leaflets 6-10, obovate, mucronate; flowers usually twin, sessile, calyx cylindrical; a style bearded at the apex; compressed oblong, somewhat torulose, reticulated erect legumes with smooth globose seeds. This plant is a native throughout Europe, and its extensive cultivation diffuses it more abundantly. It is also found in North America, about Fort Vancouver. This plant wild is about a foot high, and has large purple and blue or red flowers. The form of its leaves, the size of its stem, and the colour and size of the seeds vary very much, especially in cultivated specimens. Some species of *Vicia* have been described which are probably only varieties of this. The green plant is mostly used for feeding animals, but piecrums and poultry are fond of the seeds, and in Germany they are given to horses, cows, sheep, and swine.

V. biennis, Biennial Vetch, has about 12 lanceolate glabrous leaflets, furrowed petioles, and many-flowered peduncles hardly longer than the leaves. This plant is a native of Siberia, and is very hardy, continuing green through the winter, and furnishing an early fodder.

V. cracca, Tufted Vetch, has many-flowered peduncles longer than the leaves, flowers imbricate, crowded, of a fine purple colour, and nearly entire semi-sagittate stipules. It is a native of Europe, and is common in Great Britain in bushy places.

V. pinnatifida, Pea-like Vetch, is a quite smooth plant with 3-4 pairs of ovate leaflets; ovate, semi-sagittate toothed stipules, with many-flowered peduncles; and oblong reticulate veined legumes. It is a native of the south of Europe, in woods, and is cultivated on account of its seeds.

V. sepium, Bush Vetch, has flowers mostly in fours,

somewhat stalked, upright glabrous legumes, ovate obtuse leaflets. It is a native of Europe, and is common in Great Britain in woods and shady places. It shoots early in the spring, and would answer for feeding cattle; but an objection to its cultivation exists, as its seeds are liable to the attacks of the larvae of a species of *Atelabus*. It has been recommended to be sown among clover for mowing.

V. sylvatica, the Wood Vetch, has many-flowered peduncles longer than the leaves, elliptic-oblong mucronate leaflets, and lunate stipules deeply toothed at their base. It is a native of Europe in mountain-woods, and is abundant in the north of England and Scotland. It has numerous large white flowers streaked with bluish veins, and is the handsomest of the British species. Its stems are from 3 to 6 feet high, climbing by means of its branching tendrils. It has been recommended as a valuable plant for fodder.

V. lutea, Rough-podded Yellow Vetch, has sessile solitary flowers, the standard glabrous, the legumes reflexed, hairy, the stems diffuse, the stipules coloured. It is a native of the south of Europe. In Great Britain it is occasionally found on stony ground, especially near the sea. Its stems are from 6 to 12 inches high, and it has long yellow flowers.

V. bithynica, Rough-podded Purple Vetch, has stalked mostly solitary flowers; with rough upright legumes; petioles with two pairs of lanceolate leaflets, and toothed stipules. It is a native of the south of Europe. It occurs occasionally in Great Britain, in gravelly soils, more especially near the sea. It is a prostrate plant with purple and white flowers.

The species of *Vicia* are easily cultivated, and will grow in any common soil. [TARES.]

The genus *Faba* differs from *Vicia* in the great size of the legume, which is coriaceous, and rather tumid, and in the seeds being oblong, and in the hilum being terminal. The only species of this genus is the *Faba vulgaris*, formerly *Vicia Faba*, the Garden-Bean and Horse-Bean. This plant, which is now so extensively cultivated for the sake of its seeds, both for the food of man and beast, is said to be found wild in Egypt. [BEANS.]

The genus *Pisum* has a calyx with foliaceous segments, the two upper ones being shortest; the vexillum ample, reflexed; the style compressed, carinated, villous above; the legume oblong, rather compressed, but not winged; the seeds globose, numerous, with a roundish hilum. The *P. sativum* has two or many-flowered peduncles, with red or white flowers, and is the common pea of our fields and gardens. The *P. arvense* has 1-flowered peduncles and always red flowers, and yields the grey peas of the fields. [PEAS.]

P. maritimum, the Sea Pea, has an angled stem, the petiole flattened on the upper side; the stipules broad, subsagittate; the peduncles many-flowered, shorter than the leaves. This plant is a native of France, Denmark, and other parts of Europe, and also of Kamchatka. In Great Britain it is found on the pebbly beach of Lincolnshire, Sussex, Kent, and Suffolk. It is said to have been first observed in Great Britain, at Orford in Suffolk, in the year, 1555, when during a great scarcity of food the poor people of that district were almost entirely supported for some time by its seeds. There is a tradition that it sprang up after the wreck of a vessel loaded with peas on the coast, but this could not be the case, as the sea pea is a very different species from any other. The seeds are bitter, and cattle are fond of the herb. There are three or four other species of pea, affording edible seeds, but not so valuable as the first.

The genus *Ervum* is known by a 5-cleft calyx, with linear acute segments, about equal in length to the corolla; glabrous stigma; an oblong 2-4 seeded legume. Most of the species of this genus are weeds, two of which, the *E. hirsutum* and *E. tetraspermum*, are found in Great Britain. The former is called tare-tare, and is a great pest in corn-fields.

E. Lens, is the plant which produces the Lentil. It has branched stems; oblong nearly glabrous leaflets, usually 8 in number; the stipules lanceolate and ciliated; the peduncles 2-3 flowered, about equal in length to the leaves; the legumes short, broad, finely reticulated; seeds 2, compressed. It is a native of corn-fields on the continent of Europe. Lentils are not much eaten in this country, but they are consumed in considerable quantities in France,

Germany, and Italy. The lentil is one of the oldest leguminous plants used as food of which we have any record. Ever since the time of Esau they have been eaten in the East. In Egypt and Syria they are parched in a frying-pan and sold in the shops, and considered by the natives as the best food for those who are on long journeys. The lentil is still cultivated in this country. There are three varieties known in France and Germany: the small brown which is the lightest flavoured and the best for haricots and soups; the yellowish, which is a little larger and the next best; and the lentil of Provence, which is almost as large as a pea, with luxuriant straw, and it might be cultivated as food for cattle.

In its cultivation the lentil requires a dry warm soil; it should be sown later than the pea, at the rate of a bushel or one and a half bushel to the acre; it ripens earlier than the pea, and requires the same treatment and harvesting. The produce of the lentil in grain is about a fourth less than that of the tare, and the straw is not more than a third as much. The straw is however considered very nourishing, and is used for feeding calves and lambs.

Lentils, like all other leguminous fruits, contain a large quantity of nitrogenized matters. Einhoff found that 2540 parts of lentils contained 1200 parts of starch and 1433 of a matter analogous to animal matter. In a like analysis made by Dr. Playfair, for the Royal Agricultural Society, he found that 100 parts of lentils contained 33 parts of albumen or gluten and 48 parts of starch, &c.; whilst the same quantity of peas contained 29 parts of albumen, and of beans 31 parts. If the theory of nutrition propounded by Professor Liebig in his late work on Animal Chemistry be correct, then lentils constitute one of the most highly nutritious foods in nature.

The genus *Lathyrus* is known by possessing a campanulate 5-lobed calyx, the 2 upper being shortest; a papilionaceous corolla; diadelphous stamens; a style dilated at the apex, villous or pubescent in front; the legumes oblong, and seeds globose. The species of *Lathyrus* described are above 60 in number. They are usually climbing herbs with semi-sagittate stipules; the petioles terminating in branched tendrils, and furnished with 1 to 3 pairs of leaflets.

L. sativus, Chickling Vetch, is a smoothish plant with winged stems; linear oblong leaflets; ovate, ciliated, trifid tendrils; semi-sagittate stipules; 1-flowered peduncles; foliaceous, lanceolate, calyxes 3-segmented, three times the length of the tube; and ovate, broad, irregularly reticulated legumes winged on the back. This plant is a native of Spain, France, and Italy. The seeds are used commonly in Switzerland as a purgative for horses, under the name of *Gesse*. In several parts of the Continent a light white pleasant bread is made from the flour of this pulse. The long-continued use of it however produces injurious effects on the constitution, and in consequence in several German states it has been forbidden to be eaten by law. The effects produced after long eating are stiffness and rigidity of the limbs, chiefly confined to the muscles. It comes on frequently without any warning, and is attended with no pain. All kinds of remedies have been tried for its relief where it has occurred, but no course of treatment seems to have been successful. It does not appear to hasten death or bring on other diseases. Swine fattened on the seeds lose the use of their limbs, and a horse fed on the dried plant for some months became perfectly incapable of using its legs. In some districts however cattle, sheep, geese, &c. appear to feed on the plant and seeds with impunity, so as to lead to the supposition that the soil has something to do with the development of some injurious principle in the *Lathyrus*. Mixed with half or two-thirds the quantity of wheat-flour, it makes a bread that does not appear to act at all injuriously. This is done at the present day in Italy, although the government there has occasionally warned the peasantry against its use. There is a *Lathyrus* that grows in Barbary, which produces similar effects, and it seems to be a variety of this species.

L. latifolius, Broad-leaved Everlasting Pea, has many-flowered peduncles, a winged stem, and tendrils with 2 ovate-elliptical mucronated leaflets. This plant is a native of Europe in woods; it is also found in Great Britain. It is one of the handsomest plants of the genus, and is a great favourite in our cottage gardens; its stems climb sometimes to a great height, and it is well adapted for arbours, shrubberies, and trellis-work. Bees are very fond

of the flowers, and it may be grown with advantage where they are kept. The seeds of this plant are large, and might be used as food probably for animals.

L. tuberosus, Tuberosus Everlasting Pea, has 4-sided stems; 3-6-flowered peduncles twice or three times the length of the leaves; the calyx veinless, the style arched, the legumes compressed; 2 leaflets mucronate. It is a native of Europe, but not wild in Great Britain. It has a creeping root, which puts forth irregular brown tubers. In Holland the plant is cultivated for the sake of its tubers, where they are highly esteemed as an article of diet. Gerardo calls them Peas-earth-nuts.

L. odoratus, the Sweet Pea, is a hairy plant with winged stems, ovate mucronated leaflets, 2-3 flowered peduncles much longer than the leaves, oblong linear legumes, and roundish seeds. This plant is a native of Sicily, and has long been a favourite in our gardens on account of its sweet-scented flowers. Several varieties depending on the different colours of their flowers are known to gardeners by the name of the White Sweet Pea, the old Painted Lady Pea, the new Painted Lady Pea, &c. The sweet-pea may be grown in the garden in flower-borders or in pots. An immense quantity are usually raised in London for the latter purpose, where they are great favourites for ornamenting chambers, windows, halls, &c. When wanted for spring flowers the seeds should be sown in pots in the autumn, and secured from the cold weather by being placed in hot-bed-frames. They may be continued in flower during the whole summer by sowing them frequently during the spring. When in pots they require frequent watering.

L. tingianus, *L. articulatus*, and *L. annuus* are frequently sown in gardens as border annuals; they form a variety, but have no scent in their flowers, nor are they so handsome as the Sweet Pea. All the species are more or less deserving of cultivation in the garden on account of their climbing habits and handsome flowers. They should always be supported by branches or other devices stuck round them to enable them to climb. They will all grow in any common soil, and may be propagated by seeds, or the perennial kinds by dividing the roots.

The genus *Orobus* has a style linear, cylindrical, and downy above; the calyx is obtuse at the base, its upper segments being deeper and shorter.

O. tuberosus, the Tuberosus Bitter Vetch, is a smooth plant with winged stem; leaves with 2-3 pair of elliptical-lanceolate, mucronate, dotted leaflets; the peduncles few-flowered, hardly exceeding the length of the leaves; the teeth of the calyx unequal, ovate, bluntish, shorter than the tube; the legumes terete and absolutely reticulated; the style joined; and the seeds globose. This plant is a native throughout Europe, and is abundant in Great Britain. It has creeping roots, which swell out into tubers at irregular intervals. The tubers are highly esteemed in the Highlands of Scotland, where they are called *Cornelie*; the inhabitants dry them and chew them, in order to give a better relish to their whiskey; and they are also supposed to be good against diseases of the lungs, and to prevent hunger and thirst in those who chew them. In Hradslbane and Ross-shire they bruise and steep them, and distil an agreeable fermented liquor. The tubers have a sweet taste, something like liquorice, and when boiled are not unpleasant. They have been used as food in times of scarcity. In Holland and Belgium they are roasted and eaten in the same manner as chestnuts. In England this plant is also known by the names of *Wood-pea* and *Heath-pea*, and in Scotland *Knopperts*.

O. luteus, Yellow Bitter Vetch, is a smooth plant with simple angular stems, 3-5 pairs of leaflets, roundish semi-sagittate stipules, elongated many-flowered peduncles, equal in length to the leaves; the legumes compressed, the seeds globose. This plant is a native of the Alps of Switzerland, France, Italy, and Siberia. It has handsome orange and yellow flowers, and Haller has expressed his opinion that it is the handsomest of all the plants with papilionaceous flowers.

O. niger, Black Bitter Vetch, has pinnate leaves with from 3-6 ovate or elliptical leaflets; linear, lanceolate, acute stipules; with an angular, erect, and branched stem. It is a native of subalpine districts in Europe. It is found in Forfarshire and Inverness-shire in Scotland. The flowers are purple, and the plant turns quite black on drying.

There are about forty other described species of *Orob.* They are all of them elegant-flowering plants, and being hardy, may be cultivated on the open flower-border. They require a light soil, and are best propagated by seeds. Where the *Orob. tuberosus* is cultivated for eating, it should be grown in a bed or border of light rich soil, paved at the depth of twenty inches, to prevent their roots from running down. The tubers should be planted in this bed, and placed about 6 inches apart, and 3 inches below the surface. The second year after planting some will be fit to gather, and by taking only the largest the bed will continue productive for several years, requiring however the addition of fresh compost every year.

Although the name *Orob.* has been given to this genus of plants, on the supposition that it was the *Orob.* (*opulac*) of the ancients, yet as the ancient plant was used for fattening cattle, and it does not appear that any of our present species of *Orob.* are adapted for that purpose, there is great reason to doubt their identity.

For the characters and properties of the genus *Cicer*, see *CICCA*.

(London's *Cyclopaedia of Plants*; Don, Miller's *Dictionary*; Hooker's *British Flora*; Burnett's *Outlines of Botany*; Playfair's 'Lectures,' in *Gardener's Chronicle*, December, 1842.)

VICO, GIOVANNI BATTISTA, one of the most acute thinkers of the first half of the last century, was born in 1668, at Naples, where his father was a bookseller in rather limited circumstances. Respecting his early youth nothing is known except that at the age of seven he fractured his skull by a fall, which caused him great sufferings, and which, as he himself says, produced in after-life an inclination to melancholy. His education was nominally conducted by the Jesuits, but as he was not of a disposition to yield to the influence or follow the rules of others, he worked out his own education for himself. He devoted himself chiefly to the study of philosophy, languages, and jurisprudence, and in the last of these branches his proficiency was such that at the age of sixteen he successfully defended an action which had been brought against his father. But Vico was neither inclined, nor had he sufficient strength to follow the profession of a lawyer, and as he had not the means of living in independence, the offer which was made him to instruct the nephew of Rocco, bishop of Ischia, in jurisprudence, was gladly accepted. In this quiet and retired position, in which he remained for nine years, he gradually recovered his strength, and devoted all his leisure to the study of canon law, theology, and the ancients; and it was here that he conceived the plan of his great work, of which we shall speak presently. His taste grew more and more severe: the literature of his own time lost all attractions for him. Among the writers of his own country were chiefly Petrarch, Boccaccio, and Dante, in whose works he sought and found instruction; and among the ancients Plato and Cicero, though the latter chiefly on account of his style, which he himself took great pains to imitate. Soon after his return to Naples he married. His mind had hitherto been wrapped up in the ancients and in the development of his own ideas; and the servile adherence of the philosophers of the time to the system of Des Cartes, together with the then prevailing taste in poetry, confirmed him still more in his partiality for the ancients. Vico had now, as before, to work his own way, and in order to be free from all bias, he read the ancients without the assistance of any commentaries. The French language he disliked altogether, and so strong was his desire to acquire a pure Latin style, that for a time he even abandoned Greek literature, and gave himself up entirely to reading the best Latin authors. In 1697 he was appointed professor of rhetoric in the university of Naples, with the scanty salary of 100 scudi per annum. In order to maintain himself and his family he was obliged to give private lessons in Latin. But he now had an opportunity of expressing on various occasions in public his opinions on matters of the highest importance. He endeavoured to point out the common bond of all the sciences, and how superior the ancients had been in not dividing and separating the sciences from one another, but cultivating all in common, as Aristotle had done; and that it was impossible successfully to cultivate one without knowing the rest. By his public orations on such subjects, and still more by the publication of some

works of great originality, he acquired a high reputation, and when the chair of jurisprudence in the university had become vacant, he applied for it. In respect of knowledge and ability none could enter into competition with him; but as he would not condescend to have recourse to the means which were usually employed by candidates for such offices, he saw little prospect of gaining his object, and withdrew from the contest. The disappointment caused him deep grief; but neither this nor several domestic afflictions by which he was visited could break down his spirit, and with renewed ardour he now set about completing the work which had for many years occupied all his thoughts. This work, entitled '*Principi di una Scienza nuova d'intorno alla Comune Natura delle Nazioni*,' appeared at Naples in 1725. A second and third edition appeared in the author's lifetime, and the seventh appeared at Naples in 1847. After the completion of this work his mind was at rest; and had his outward circumstances been more favourable, his happiness would have been perfect. On the accession of the house of the Bourbons to the throne of Naples in 1735, better days seemed to dawn upon him, for he was appointed historiographer to the king, and his son, Gennaro Vico, obtained the professorship of rhetoric. But his mental powers were broken down, both by intense study and by domestic cares and anxieties. He fell into a state of insensibility, which lasted for fourteen months, during which he knew neither his friends nor his children. In this state he died, on the 20th of January, 1744.

The '*New Science*' ('*Principi di una Scienza Nuova*') is the principal work of Vico; but although three editions appeared in his lifetime, it seems to have been nearly forgotten for more than fifty years after his death. This is probably owing to the extraordinary obscurity of the work, which was increased by the additions published in the third edition (probably by Gennaro Vico) from the author's MSS., which are frequently inserted in places where they interrupt and destroy the argument. But notwithstanding this great defect, the work is one of the most remarkable phenomena of modern literature. In England the work seems to have been unknown, until a French exposition of Vico's system, by Michelet, attracted attention to it, and induced a writer in the '*Philosophical Museum*' (ii., p. 626) to give a sketch of his life and his philosophy to the English public. The great truth which he endeavours to establish in this '*Scienza Nuova*' is that the history of the human race is determined by laws which are as certain in their operation as those by which the material world is governed. He sets forth these laws or principles in the form of a series of broad assertions, which he endeavours to demonstrate and explain. He sets out from the conviction that as the idea of the material world existed in the Divine intellect previous to the creation of the world, so there must also have existed in it an eternal idea of the history of mankind; and this idea is realized and manifested in the actual events of history. He endeavours to prove that notwithstanding all the apparent confusion and incoherence in human affairs, that eternal idea is never departed from; or, in other words, that a Divine providence is discernible throughout the history of mankind. It is a philosophy of history which he endeavours to establish. After having laid down his principles, he proceeds to divide history into great cycles or periods, to show the characteristic features of each, and the organic progression and transition from the one to the other. He accomplishes this partly by appealing to the facts of history, and partly to general principles; and while on the one hand he obtains results which are profound and true, on the other hand he makes assertions which are visionary and fanciful. It is a remarkable circumstance that Vico has stated in broad outlines things which F. A. Wolf and Niebuhr afterwards reached by totally different processes and without having any knowledge of the views of Vico: Wolf, in regard to the Homeric poems; and Niebuhr, in regard to the early history of Rome. It betrays a want of the knowledge of facts to assert, as some do, that Montesquieu, or Wolf, or Niebuhr adopted the views of Vico: they could not adopt what they did not know. Besides the '*Scienza Nuova*,' Vico wrote some other works, which bear the impress of his original genius:—1. '*De Antiquissima Italorum Sapientia*,' Naples, 1710, translated into Italian by Motti, Milan, 1816. 2. '*De uno Universi Juris Principio et fine uno*,' Naples, 1720, 4to. 3. '*A Life*

of himself, which is prefixed to the first edition of his 'New Science,' and is reprinted, with additions by himself and his son, in the subsequent editions of the same work. A collection of all his works was edited by the Marquis de Villa Romana, at Naples, in 1818, and a second edition appeared in 1835. A clear and able exposition of the 'New Sciences' has been given by Michélet, 'Principes de la Philosophie de l'Histoire, traduits de la "Scienza Nuova" de G. B. Vico,' Paris, 1827.

VICO'A, a genus of plants of the natural family of Compositae and subtribe Inuleae. The species are natives of and found in most parts of the plains of India: some of them extend into the islands of the Indian Ocean. V. Indica is the most widely diffused, being found in the northern as well as in the southern parts, and to the westward near Salsette and Belgaum. The plants are annual, erect, but branched; leaves alternate, sagittate, half embracing, lanceolate, linear; margins very entire or slightly toothed; branches with few leaves, terminated by a single head of flowers, which are yellow.

VICO-D'AZYR, FELIX, was born at Valognes in 1748. His father, who was a physician of good repute, sent him to study philosophy at Caen, and medicine at Paris. He received his licence to practise in 1773, and directly after began to deliver lectures on comparative anatomy during the vacation from the regular courses of lectures of the faculty. In consequence however of some dispute with the authorities of the faculty, he was obliged to discontinue his course, though already he had become a very popular teacher. Upon this, Antoine Petit, who had been Vicq-d'Azyr's instructor in anatomy, resigned the professorship of anatomy at the Jardin des Plantes, hoping to secure the appointment of his pupil to be his successor. In this however he was disappointed. Portal, through the influence of Buffon, was elected, and Vicq-d'Azyr was obliged to limit himself to the delivering of lectures in his own house. These were well attended, but the greatest assistance to his advancement was furnished by his marriage with a niece of Daubenton, who fell in love with him in return for his politeness in assisting her when she once fainted in the street. Daubenton furnished him with all that was necessary for the prosecution of comparative anatomy and natural history, in which he was actively engaged, and the results of which he published in numerous essays in the Memoirs of the Academy of Sciences.

In 1774 Vicq-d'Azyr was elected a member of the Academy of Sciences; and in 1778, through the influence of Lavoisier, he was sent to investigate and endeavour to exterminate a murrain which was raging among the cattle in the South of France. On his return he formed with Lavoisier the scheme of establishing a society for carrying on at all times similar investigations of epidemics, &c., by correspondence with provincial physicians; and upon their plan, the Royal Society of Medicine was founded in 1776, and Vicq-d'Azyr was chosen perpetual secretary. This engaged him for a time in an angry dispute with the faculty of medicine, who appear to have done their best to destroy his reputation; but his activity, and the general excellence of the numerous essays, eulogies, and other works which he was constantly publishing, as well as the spirit and care with which the society was managed, obtained for him a constantly increasing celebrity, and in 1788 he was chosen to succeed Buffon in the French Academy. His oration in honour of his predecessor is the most remarkable of all (and they were very numerous) that Vicq-d'Azyr delivered in honour of men of science. In 1789 he succeeded Lavoisier as first physician to the queen; and it is said that his devotion to her gave him reason to fear the rage of the revolutionary party so much, that, through continual anxiety, his health began to fail. To avoid suspicion he took part with the followers of Robespierre, and having accompanied the citizens of his district to the impious mockery of the festival of the Supreme Being, he returned home seriously ill, next day became delirious, and died on the 20th of June, 1794.

Vicq-d'Azyr's works are very numerous, and were nearly all published together by Moreau de la Sarthe, with the title 'Œuvres de Vicq-d'Azyr,' Paris, 1843, 6 vols. 8vo., with a quarto volume of plates. The chief of them are as follows: 1. 'Observations sur les Moyens... pour préserver les Animaux sains de la Contagion,' Bordeaux, 1774, 12mo. 2. 'La Médecine des Bêtes à cornes,' Paris, 1781, 2 vols. 8vo: this was published by order of the govern-

ment, and contains the substance of several previous works on veterinary medicine, and especially on epizootic diseases. 3. 'Traité d'Anatomie et de Physiologie, avec des planches colorées,' Paris, 1786, folio. This, had he been able to complete it, would have been a truly magnificent work. Vicq-d'Azyr proposed to illustrate the whole of physiology by a series of plates of natural size, but the work did not go beyond this first part, containing the plates of the brain, which are executed well, though they are not without anatomical errors. His other principal writings are contained in essays in the Memoirs of the Academies of Sciences and of Medicine. In the Memoirs of the former academy he published, in 1774, the first part of his Memoirs on the Comparative Anatomy of Fish and Birds, and on the Conversion of Muscle into Fat during Life: in 1774 the conclusion of these Memoirs, and another on the 'Structure and Physiology of the Extremities of Man and Quadrupeds'; in 1776 a Memoir on the Comparative Anatomy of the Ear; in 1778 one On the Organ of the Voice; in 1781, the Anatomy of the Mandril and some other Apes; in 1784, Observations on the Comparative Anatomy of the Clavicle. All these contained many new and important facts; but they do not prove that Vicq-d'Azyr was capable of working out the great general truths of physiology. In the Memoirs of the Society of Medicine his essays are also very numerous, but less important than those in comparative anatomy: in these also are published his numerous eulogies delivered on the deaths of members of the Society, all of which are well written, and some are even eloquent. He edited the two volumes of the anatomical portion of the 'Encyclopédie Méthodique,' to which he contributed several articles; and he also edited the first volumes of the medical portion of the same work, in which there are also several articles by him, including one of considerable length and importance with the title 'Anatomie Pathologique.' Many other essays were published in other collections, which need not be enumerated: the last which he wrote were, Observations on the Changes of the Vitellus during Incubation, and a Description of the Genital Organs of the Duck, which appeared in the 'Bulletin de la Société Philomathique' for 1783.

(Eloge of Vicq-d'Azyr, read at the Society of Medicine of Paris, 1798; Deziemeris, *Dictionnaire Historique de Médecine*, &c.)

VICRAMADITYA. [HINDUSTAN, xii, 225.]

VICTOR I., a native of Africa, succeeded Eulutherius as bishop of the Christian congregation at Rome, about A.D. 185. During his episcopacy Theodotus was expelled the Christian congregation of Rome, for asserting the mere humanity of Christ. [ENOVYTES.] Victor had a warm controversy with the churches of Asia, and especially with Polycrates, bishop of Ephesus, concerning the proper time for celebrating the Easter festival. [EASTERS.] Irenæus, bishop of Lyon, remonstrated in a letter to Victor upon his intolerance upon this occasion. Victor died about A.D. 197, and was succeeded by Zephyrinus. Some say that he died a martyr, but the word martyr was often used by the early Christian writers to signify a person who had in any way suffered on account of the Christian faith.

VICTOR II., Gebhard, bishop of Eichstadt, and a friend and adviser of Henry III. of Germany, was chosen by the clergy of Rome to succeed Leo IX., A.D. 1053. The monk Hildebrandus (afterwards Gregory VII.), who had suggested the choice, was sent by the Romans to Germany, for the purpose of obtaining the emperor's assent to the election, which is said to have been given with some reluctance, as Henry was unwilling to part with his adviser. Victor, having proceeded to Italy, assembled a Council at Florence, in which several abuses in the discipline of the clergy were condemned, and the ordinances against alienating the property of the Church were renewed. Another Council was held in the same year at Tours, at which Hildebrand presided as legate. Berenger appeared before the Council, and was challenged to defend his opinion against transubstantiation. Berenger however declined doing so, and he professed to submit to the general belief of the Church upon the matter in question. [BERANGER.] The year 1055 was a busy year for councils; a Council was held at Lyon against simony, another at Rome, to enforce continence among priests; and another at Narbonne, in which the usurpers of certain possessions of the Church were excommunicated. In the following

year, 1050, Pope Victor went to Germany at the desire of Henry III., and was there present at the death of the emperor, which took place in that year. Victor remained in Germany with the dowager empress Agnes, and her infant son Henry IV., till the next spring, 1057, when he returned to Italy. Pope Victor died at Florence in the same year, and was succeeded by Stephen IX.

VICTOR III., Desiderius, abbot of Monte Casino, was elected by the cardinals assembled at Salerno, after the death of Gregory VII., in compliance with the wish expressed by that pope on his death-bed, A.D. 1085. Desiderius however declined the proffered dignity, and the Church remained without a pontiff till Easter of the following year, 1086, when Desiderius, having gone to Rome, was invested with the papal garments by the assembled cardinals, and proclaimed by the name of Victor III. But the prefect of the emperor Henry IV., who had possession of the Capitol, and who supported the antipope Gubert, who had been already set up in opposition to Gregory VII., opposed the consecration of the new pope. After four days Desiderius left Rome and returned to Monte Casino, having deposed his pontifical robes at Terracina and renounced his dignity. During the Lent of the next year, 1087, a Council was held at Capua, in which Desiderius was prevailed upon to resume the papal office for the good of the Church. The new pope then proceeded towards Rome, accompanied by the cardinals and many of the Roman nobility, and by a body of troops given to him by the prince of Capua, and by Roger, duke of Apulia. On arriving outside of Rome, they defeated the troops of the antipope, and drove him away from the Vatican. On the Sunday after the Ascension, Pope Victor was solemnly crowned in St. Peter's church, after which he returned to Monte Casino, as the city of Rome was still occupied by the partisans of the antipope. Soon after however the Countess Matilda arrived near Rome from Tuscany with a large force, and invited Pope Victor to a conference, which took place in the Vatican in the beginning of June. On St. Barnabas-day, 11th of June, the pope and the countess, having forced the passage of the Tiber, entered Rome amidst the acclamations of the people.

On the eve of St. Peter's-day, 28th of July, a messenger from Henry IV. having threatened the consuls and senators of Rome with the displeasure of the emperor if they continued to adhere to Victor, the Romans turned against the pope, and drove him and his friends out of the town. Pope Victor however retained possession of the Vatican, and celebrated mass on the next day in St. Peter's church. A few days after, Pope Victor thought proper to abandon Rome altogether, and withdrew to Monte Casino, and from thence to Benevento, where he held a Council in the month of August, in which he anathematized the antipope Gubert, as well as Hugo, archbishop of Lyon, who had declared himself for the antipope, and had written a violent letter to the Countess Matilda, in which he strove to blacken the character of Pope Victor, charging him with ambition, cunning, and other vices. This letter, which is inserted in Labbe's 'Concilia,' probably gave rise to the several accusations against the memory of Pope Victor, which are found in the Chronicle of Augsburg and other compilations. Whilst the Council was sitting, Pope Victor fell dangerously ill of dysentery. He hastened back to his favourite residence of Monte Casino, where he died on the 16th of September, 1087, after having recommended the cardinals who were about him to choose Otto, bishop of Ostia, for his successor, who was accordingly elected by the name of Urban II. (Muratori, *Annali d'Italia*, and the authorities therein quoted.)

Pope Victor III. is better known in the history of learning as Desiderius, abbot of Monte Casino. In his convent he was a great collector of MSS.; he employed amanuenses to copy the works of the classics; he restored or rather rebuilt from the foundations the church and part of the convent upon a much larger scale than that of the former structure, and he sent to Constantinople for skilful workmen in mosaic and joinery to assist in adorning the church.

(Peregrinus, *Series Abbatum Casinensium*; Tiraboschi, *Storia della Letteratura Italiana*.)

VICTOR IV., Antipope. Octavian, cardinal of St. Clement, was set up by a small faction of cardinals, supported by the emperor Frederic I., in opposition to Pope Alexander III., A.D. 1159. This created a schism in the

Church, which continued even after the death of the antipope Victor, which took place in 1164. (Frederick I., Emperor.)

VICTOR, AMADEUS. [SARBINIAN SEATES.]

VICTOR, SEXTUS AURELIUS. [AURELIUS VICTOR.]

VICTORIA. [VENEZIA.]

VICUNA, or VICUGNA. [LLAMA, vol. xiv., pp. 73, 74.]

VIDA, MARCO GIROLAMO, born at Cremona about the year 1400, studied at Padua and Bologna, and distinguished himself in the classical studies, and especially in Latin poetical composition. He afterwards entered the order of the regular canons of the Lateran. He went to Rome about the beginning of the pontificate of Leo X., who happening to see his little Latin poem on chess, 'Scacchia ludus,' and another entitled 'Bombyx,' or the Silkworm, took him into favour, and urged him to undertake the composition of a more important and regular poem on the life of our Saviour, and in order to enable him to apply himself undisturbed to his poetical studies, the pope bestowed upon him the priory of San Silvestro at Frascati. Vida accordingly began his poem entitled 'Christidus,' of which he presented two cantos to Leo X., who praised them greatly, but the poem was not finished for many years after. Meantime he published, in 1527, his didactic poem 'De Arte Poetica,' which has been extolled by Scaliger, Batteux, and other critics, as being his best work. It has been translated into English, and has been praised by Dr. Johnson, and by Pope, in his 'Essay on Criticism.'

Clement VII. appointed Vida Apostolic Protentory, and in 1532 made him bishop of Alba in Piedmont. Ughelli, in his 'Italia Sacra,' speaks at length of the meritorious conduct of Vida during the thirty-four years that he administered the see of Alba. When the French besieged that place in 1542, the bishop assisted at his own expense the poor inhabitants, and supported the spirit of the garrison until the besiegers were obliged to raise the siege. Vida afterwards repaired to the Council of Trent, where he became intimate with the cardinals Pole, Cervini, and Dal Monte, and with the learned Marcantonio Flaminio, and in the familiar conversations which he had with them he conceived the plan of his dialogues 'De Dignitate Reipublice,' which he afterwards published and dedicated to Cardinal Pole. In the year 1549, on the occasion of a dispute about precedence between the towns of Cremona and Pavia, the citizens of the former intrusted their townsmen Vida with the defence of their claims, which were to be laid before the senate of Milan for its decision. Vida wrote three orations: 'Cremonensium Actiones Tres adversus Papienses in Controversia Principatus.' In these compositions Vida gave way perhaps too much to municipal feelings, and indulged in invective against the people of Pavia, for which his orations were called Vida's 'Verrine.' Giulio Salerno, on behalf of Pavia, replied to Vida, in his 'Pro Ticinensibus adversus Cremonenses de Jure Possessionis,' which however were not printed, as the question was dropped.

Vida died at Alba, in September, 1566, and was buried in the cathedral of that town. It seems that he died poor. Besides the works mentioned in the course of this article, he wrote sacred hymns in Latin, and other minor compositions both in Latin and Italian. Vida was one of the most learned scholars and most elegant Latin writers of the 16th century. His contemporary Sadeolet, a competent judge, affirms that his Latin verse approached near to the dignity of classical poetry. His poem on the Life of Christ, in six books, is a close imitation of Virgil, for which the author was styled 'the Christian Virgil.' Vida wrote also a small poem on the challenge and fight between thirteen Italians and the same number of Frenchmen in Apulia, in February, 1503, in which the Italians remained victorious. Of this indited poem a fragment was published at Milan in 1818: 'Marci Hieronymi Vidii XIII. Pugnam Certamen.' There is an account of this same occurrence in Italian prose: 'Istoria del Combattimento de' tredici Italiani con altrettanti Francesi, fatto in Puglia tra Andrea e Quindici,' by a contemporary and a spectator of the fight, which has furnished the subject of Azeglio's historical novel, 'Ettore Fieramosca o la Disfida di Barletta.'

(Corniani, *I Secoli della Letteratura Italiana*; Tiraboschi, *Storia della Letteratura Italiana*; Gualdi, *De Poetis Suorum Temporum*; and the biography of Vida, in the edition of his works published at Oxford, 1722.)

VIDEO, MONTE. [MONTEVIDEO.]

VIDUA (Zoology), a genus of FRINGILLIDÆ.

The Prince of Cassino and Musignano, in his accurate 'Geographical and Comparative List of the Birds of Europe and North America,' in which the fruit of much labour and experience is closely compressed, makes the *Fringillidæ* (the sixteenth family of birds, according to the Prince's arrangement) consist of the following sub-families:—

a. Fringillinae.

Genera:—*Calamospiza*, Bonap.; *Giraca*, Sw. (*Coccothraux*, Sw.); *Coccothraux*, Brist.; *Chlorospiza*, Bonap.; *Petronia*, Bonap.; *Pyrgita*, Cuv.; *Fringilla*, Linn.; *Montifringilla*, Brehm; *Struthus*, Bonap. (Boie, part); *Passercula*, Sw.; *Zonotrichia*, Sw.; *Chondestes*, Sw.; *Euspiza*, Bonap.; *Coturniculus*, Bonap.; *Ammodramus*, Sw.; *Passerculus*, Bonap.; *Spizella*, Bonap.; *Carduelis*, Brist.; *Chrysomitris*, Boie (*Spinus*, Brehm); *Citrinella*, Bonap.; *Serinus*, Br.; *Linota*, Bonap. (*Cannabina* et *Linaria*, Brehm); *Erythropsiza*, Bonap. (*Erythrocorax*, Brehm); *Cardinalis*, Bonap.; *Pipilo*, Vieill.; *Spiza*, Bonap.

b. Tanagrinae.

Genus:—*Pyrrhula*.

c. Emberizinae.

Genera:—*Cynchramus*, Bonap. (*Miliaria*, Brehm); *Emberiza*, Linn.; *Plectrophanes*, Meyer.

d. Alaudinae.

Genera:—*Certhilauda*, Sw.; *Alauda*, Linn.; *Galerida*, Boie; *Phileremos*, Brehm (*Ereosophilus*, Boie); *Melanocorypha*, Boie.

e. Loxinae.

Genera:—*Pyrrhula*, Brist.; *Corythus*, Cuv.; *Loxia*, Brist.

The *Fringillidæ* belong to the *Passeres*, the second order of birds, according to the Prince, and are immediately preceded by the *Corvidæ*: the *Scansores* come directly after the *Fringillidæ*.

This family, in Mr. G. R. Gray's arrangement, stands as the fourth of the tribe *Corvatores*, and comprises the following subfamilies and genera:—

1. Piceinae.

Genera:—*Taxus*, Temm.; *Pyramodina*, Bonap.; *Philetinus*, Smith; *Piceus*, Cuv.; *Goniaptes*, Bowd.; *Sycobius*, Vieill.

2. Coccothraustinae.

Genera:—*Spermospiza*, G. R. Gray; *Cardinalis* (Charl.), Bonap.; *Calamospiza*, Bonap.; *Giraca*, Sw.; *Pyrenestes*, Sw.; *Coccothraustes* (Antiq.), Brist.; *Mania*, Hodgs.; *Geopiza*, Gould; *Camarhynchus*, Gould; *Cuculornis*, Gould; *Certhidea*, Gould; *Vidua* (Brist.); *Cottuspasser*, Rüpp.

3. Tanagrinae.

Genera:—*Emberizoides*, Temm.; *Pipilo*, Vieill.; *Emberiza*, Less.; *Arremon*, Vieill.; *Cisnoia*, Vieill.; *Ptylus*, Cuv.; *Tunagra*, Linn.; *Saltator*, Vieill.; *Spinolia*, Jard. et Selby; *Ramphopsis*, Vieill.; *Lamprotes*, Sw.; *Pyrrhula*, Vieill.; *Lanius*, Vieill.; *Tachyphonus*, Vieill.; *Nemata*, Vieill.; *Tinnagrella*, Sw.; *Euphonia*, Desm.; *Calospiza*, G. R. Gray; *Stephanophorus*, Strickl.; *Cypselagra*, Less.

4. Fringillinae.

Genera:—*Estrela*, Sw.; *Amadina*, Sw.; *Spermestes*, Sw.; *Erythrura*, Sw.; *Pygidius*, Sw.; *Tiaris*, Sw.; *Carduelis* (Antiq.), Brist.; *Chrysomitris*, Boie; *Citrinella*, Bonap.; *Serinus* (Antiq.), Brehm; *Paroaria*, Bonap.; *Cannabina*, Brehm; *Ligurinus*, Brist.; *Petronia* (Ray), Bonap.; *Passer*, Antiq.; *Altopetes*, Wagl.; *Fringilla*, Linn.; *Nipkora*, Aud.; *Montifringilla*, Brehm; *Passercula*, Sw.; *Zonotrichia*, Sw.; *Passerculus*, Bonap.; *Peucaea*, Aud.; *Coturniculus*, Bonap.; *Euspiza*, Bonap.; *Spiza*, Bonap.; *Spizella*, Bonap.; *Ammodramus*, Sw.; *Chondestes*, Sw.; *Junco*, Wagl.

5. Emberizinae.

Genera:—*Emberiza*, Linn.; *Gubernatrix*, Less.; *Fringillaria*, Sw.; *Coryphospiza*, G. R. Gray; *Melophaga*, Sw.; *Plectropasser*, Smith; *Agrocephalus*, Sw.; *Spinus*, Muhl.; *Plectrophanes*, Meyer.

6. Alaudinae.

Genera:—*Alauda*, Linn.; *Galerida*, Boie; *Otocorys*, Bonap.; *Melanocorypha*, Boie; *Saxilauda*, Less.; *Erebia*, G. R. Gray; *Mirafra*, Horsf.; *Fringulauda*, Hodgs.; P. C., No. 1654.

Megalophonus, G. R. Gray; *Agradroma*, Sw.; *Macronyx*, Sw.; *Certhilauda*, Sw.

7. Pyrrhulinae.

Genera:—*Pyrrhuloxia*, Smith; *Erythrura*, Brehm; *Leucosticte*, Sw.; *Certhagra*, Sw.; *Spermophila*, Sw.; *Pyrrhula* (Antiq.), Muhl.; *Sirobilophaga*, Vieill.; *Uruba*, Keys. et Bl.

8. Loxinae.

Genera:—*Loxia*, Linn.; *Pettitirostra*, Temm.; *Paradoxornis*, Gould.

9. Phytotominae.

Genera:—*Phytotoma*, Mol.; *Hyreus*, Steph.

In this arrangement the *Fringillidæ* are immediately preceded by the *Sturnidae* and followed by the *Coliidae* (1841).

The reader upon referring to the article *Fringillidæ* will now have the opinion of most of the leading ornithologists as to the place of *Vidua* in the system: we proceed to give its

Subgeneric Character.—Bill short. Wings lengthened, the second, third, and two following quills longest, and of equal length. Tail boat-shaped; males with the two middle feathers excessively elongated, generally broad and convex. (Sw.)

This genus can hardly be said to differ from *Fringilla* in the form of the bill, which is very analogous to that of the Linnet. Many ornithologists therefore do not admit that they can be separated from *Fringilla*; for as the females are deprived of the long tail-feathers entirely, and the males when they moult lose them, they urge the impossibility of assigning precise characters to the group. Mr. Swainson makes these birds a subgenus of the *WEAVER-BIRDS*, *Ploceus*, and modern ornithologists generally distinguish them, either generically or subgenerically. It must indeed be allowed that they form a very natural group, and, if it be permitted to subdivide the great genus *Fringilla*, with reference to the other forms which claim a place under it, there is quite sufficient in the plumage of the *Vidua*, especially in the tail, to justify its distinction as a subgenus at least.

The Widow-Finches, Widow-Birds, as they are familiarly termed by the British, *Veues* of the French, are among the most remarkable of the section of hard-billed seed-eating birds to which they belong. These African Buntings are favourites for the cage and the aviary, where the long drooping tail-feathers, not inelegant, though out of all ordinary proportion, that adorn the males in the breeding season—for the birds are, generally, not larger in the body than canaries—immediately attract the attention. The Latin generic name and the French and English familiar ones are most probably derived from the sombre hue which prevails in their plumage, suggesting the idea of a widow's weeds.

Mr. Swainson observes, that these birds are common in the French houses and in those on the Continent generally; and that numbers of them and the other pretty little African finches are imported into France by the Senegal traders, where they are sold to the bird-merchants of Paris. In that city he saw between a hundred and fifty and two hundred of these natives of the scorching climate of Africa flying and sporting about in a small dark dirty room, transformed into a sort of aviary, in one of the meanest houses on the Quai Voltaire, two rooms only of which were tenanted by such a *marabout*—his birds living in one, and himself and his family in the other. Mr. Swainson had been assured that several of these Africans bred in their dingy quarters.

There are several species, and Mr. Swainson records four in his *Birds of Western Africa*, forming the seventh volume of the Ornithology of that cheap and nicely illustrated work, *The Naturalist's Library*.

Examples, *Vidua parvirostris*.

Description.—The upper part of the plumage is of a faded or deep brownish-black; but this colour becomes of a paler hue on the wings and internal tail-feathers. The whole of the head, the chin, and throat are of this faded black, which extends downwards, narrowing as it descends, to the middle of the breast. A broad rich orange-rufous collar proceeds from the upper part of the back of the neck and unites with a tinge of the same colour on the sides of the neck and breast; this last hue passes into the pale buff of the body, abdomen, and thighs, but leaves the under tail-coverts black, the colour of the upper ones.

The tail-feathers are black: the four lateral ones on each side are slightly graduated, each being a fraction of an inch, sometimes about a quarter, longer than the one above it. The two next are the long vertical externally convex feathers, so conspicuous in the male. These in fine specimens measure a foot in length from the base, and about three-quarters of an inch in width. The two middle feathers, also placed in a vertical direction, have very broad webs on their basal half (about three inches), but the remainder of the shaft becomes a plumelike hair-like process (somewhere about three inches more). Bill and feet black. Size about that of a canary.

This is *Emberiza paradisea*, Linn.; *Grande Veuve d'Angola*, of the French; *Whidah Bunting* of English ornithologists; *Whidah Bird* of the English salesmen and fanciers.

Locality.—Senegal (where it is very common) and South Africa.

A living bird of this species confined in the semi-circular aviary in the garden of the Zoological Society in the Regent's Park has just dropped its tail-feathers and is now (last week in March, 1843) moulting. Its habitat is marked 'South Africa.' When *Vidua paradisea* moults it is variegated with brown rusty colour, and white.

Vidua erythrorynchos, Sw.



1, *Vidua paradisea*; 2, *Vidua erythrorynchos*.

Description.—Mr. Swainson describes the *Red-billed Whidah Finch* as of less size than *Vidua paradisea*, and he considers it as altogether an aberrant species of this group. The bill is shorter, thicker, and broader at the top, so as to resemble that of *Amadina*. Of the four middle greatly elongated tail-feathers, two are convex, and two (one within the other) concave, so that when all four are closed, they form a sort of cylinder; and, but for their extremities, appear at first sight as one. Ordinary tail-feathers, four on each side, slightly rounded. Tertials, or at least one of them, as long as the primaries.

General colour of the adult deep glossy blue-black, which covers the crown and the back, between which is a pure white collar; the wings and scapulars marked with similar colours; lower part of the back and margin of the tail-coverts white, a large spot of which spreads over nearly all the wing-coverts. Ears, sides of the head, and all the under parts pure white, but the black colour of the back advances on the sides of the breast, so as to form a half collar, open in front. Tail-feathers black externally, but white internally, the latter colour predominating on the outermost feathers. In a Senegal specimen there was a deep black spot on the chin, of which there was no trace in another of uncertain locality.

Locality.—Senegal.

This also is the *Emberiza vidua* of Linnæus and authors, according to Mr. Swainson, who remarks that there seems to be considerable confusion between three of the Whidah Birds described by Linnæus as distinct species, under the names of *Emberiza vidua*, *principalis*, and *serena*; but, he adds, there is no published evidence whatever to authorize our uniting all three under one specific name, and that authors have omitted to notice the white nuchal colour and also the black spot on the chin. With regard to the absence or presence of the black spot on the chin, Mr. Swainson inquires whether the birds with and without that spot are varieties, of different sexes, or from different localities?

VIECHE, or **VIETZA**, was the appellation of the ancient Slavonian popular assemblies, supposed to be derived from the Slavonian verb *vieschouti*, 'to announce or to proclaim.'

These assemblies were customary among all the Slavonian nations, but the appellation of *Vietza*, or *Vieche*, was given to them in Poland and in Russia. The courts of justice held by the kings of Poland during the early part of its history were called *Vietza*, and the same name was applied to provincial assemblies, which was afterwards superseded by that of *Sygmiki*, that is, little diets, *comitiola*.

The republic of Novgorod was entirely governed by the *vieche*. This assembly, at which all the citizens had a right to vote, was held in an open space before the cathedral church. It was called together by the tolling of the great bell of the *Vieche*, which was made use of only on those occasions. The citizens held previous consultations in the five separate quarters of the town, and then all together in the above-mentioned place before the cathedral church, where all the affairs of state were finally decided by a majority of votes.

Neither the prince nor the magistrates took any part in the deliberations of the *vieche*, because, as it was expressed in a popular proverb, 'the free Novgorod was judging himself by his own judgment.'

The *vieche* decided war and peace, elected the prince, the *Possadnik*, or chief magistrate, the military commanders and inferior officers, the ambassadors who were sent to foreign powers, and even the archbishop. It likewise deposed all those dignitaries, and could condemn them to exile, and even to death. It was not unfrequent for the condemned individual to be immediately executed by being thrown from the bridge into the river.

The constitution of Novgorod was entirely democratic. It had a prince who was elected by the *Vieche* from the dynasty of Rurik, which reigned in the several principalities into which Russian was divided from the eleventh century. The prince had the right to propose war and peace, to command the troops in time of war, and to receive a considerable part of the booty taken from the enemy. He had a court, certain revenues assigned to him, and several privileges, such as hunting in every part of the country. He could judge in criminal as well as in civil cases, but only in conjunction with the *Possadnik*. There were instances of princes chosen from the sovereign house of

Lithuania. Many princes were deposed from their dignity by the *vieche*, but many others, disgusted with the fickleness of popular favour, left it of their own accord. The uncertainty of their tenure may be judged by the fact, that Novgorod had in one century more than thirty princes.

The *posadnik* was always elected from among the citizens; his dignity was similar in every respect to that of the chief burgomaster in the Hanse towns of Germany. The duration of the office seems not to have been determined with precision, because there are many cases of *posadniks* who occupied it during their lifetime, while many others were repeatedly re-elected. Several were deposed by the *vieche*, and sometimes murdered in secret. The thousand men (*Tissiatniki*) were a kind of tribunes who watched over the *posadnik* and the prince, lest they might usurp an illegal authority and injure the freedom of the citizens. They also acted in a judicial capacity, and were assisted by minor magistrates, called hundred men (*Sotsniki*).

The republic of Pskov or Pleskov was governed in the same manner, but it was frequently obliged to receive orders from the *vieche* of its stronger ally, or, as it was called, its elder brother, Novgorod. The *vieches* of the two republics were abolished on their subjection to the grand-duke of Moscow; Novgorod in 1477, and Pskov in 1509, and the bells employed for summoning those assemblies were carried to Moscow. The chronicles mention *vieches* held on several occasions at Kiev, Vladimir, and other towns of Russia. A similar assembly took place at Moscow in 1382, when the grand-duke had left his capital on the approach of the Tartars.

The provincial towns of the republics of Novgorod and Pskov had their local *vieches*, which were however entirely subject to that of the capital, and were assembled only for the execution of its orders. The republic of Vladimir (*Vladava*) having adopted the constitution of its mother-country, was also governed by a *vieche*.

VIENNA (in German, *Wien*), the metropolis of the Austrian empire, is situated in 48° 10' N. lat. and 16° 20' E. long., on the right or south bank of the Danube, at its confluence with the little river Wien, which flows through the city. Though Vienna is said to be on the right bank of the Danube, it is in fact two miles from the main stream of the river, which divides above the city into several branches, forming many islands, so that only a small branch, which serves as a canal, and is generally called the Danube canal, passes under the walls. Vienna is in the province of Lower Austria, which is called the country below the Enns, 716 Paris feet above the level of the sea, according to Stein's statement; Blumenbach says 470 feet above the level of the Mediterranean; Hormayer says 571-4 feet above the level of the Black Sea.

Vienna consists of the interior or old city and the suburbs. The old city is nearly circular, and not above three miles in circumference. It is surrounded with a broad fosse, and a wall from forty to fifty feet high, which has ten regular bastions, and forms altogether what is called the *Bastel*, now one of the most favourite promenades of Vienna, commanding a very fine view. Beyond the *fosso* is the *glacis*, varying in breadth from 900 to 1500 feet, formerly reserved as a clear space without the city, but now laid out in public walks. It extends all round the city, except on the side next the Danube. The city is surrounded by the thirty-four suburbs, two of which are to the north-east, on the island Leopoldstadt in the Danube, and the thirty-two others beyond the *glacis*. These thirty-two suburbs are surrounded by the lines, that is, a fosse with a wall twelve feet high. From the old city twelve gates lead to the suburbs, the principal of which is the *Burg-thei*, or palace gate (the imperial palace being called the *Burg*), which was completed in 1824, and is a splendid piece of architecture, with five equal archways. From these gates there are paved streets and avenues to the principal streets in the suburbs, and these are connected by twelve other gates in the lines with the adjacent country. The extent of the lines is twelve miles, and the circumference of the two suburbs situated on the island is above six miles, making the entire circumference of Vienna above eighteen miles, including the windings, for though the general form approaches to the circular, there are many irregularities. The old city occupies about a tenth part of the whole space.

The inner or old city is very irregularly built; most of the streets are crooked and narrow; the *Places* (open

places) are twenty in number, ten larger and ten smaller, but they are all small and irregular; among the best are—the *New Parade*, before the imperial palace, the largest square in Vienna, nearly 1000 feet in length and 650 in breadth, perfectly regular, surrounded with avenues of trees, and adorned with grass-plots and flower-beds; 2, the *Hof*, 450 feet long and 300 broad; 3, the *Hof Markt*, with a beautiful marble temple; 4, the *Josephsplatz*, in which there is a colossal equestrian bronze statue of Joseph II., erected in 1808; 5, the *Graben*, which is rather a street than a square, 540 feet long and 100 broad; it is nearly in the centre of the city, and is a place of fashionable resort, especially for strangers. The streets are in general well paved with granite; they are well lighted at night, and great care is taken to keep them clean, to which the capacious sewers essentially contribute. Differing in this respect from most other European capitals, the old city is the most fashionable; it contains the palaces of the emperor, of many of the principal nobility, the public offices, the finest churches, and most of the museums and public collections, the colleges, the exchange, and the most splendid shops. The houses, which are in general of brick, are very high, of five or six stories, and some even more, and very large, as may be judged from the fact that 1318 are occupied by 500,000 inhabitants; so that most of the houses are inhabited by several families, each occupying one floor, or part of one. There is a common staircase, and a porter keeps the street-door.

The public buildings, palaces, churches, &c. are very numerous. 1. The most remarkable is the cathedral, dedicated to St. Stephen, a very majestic edifice, built entirely of freestone, in a beautiful Gothic style, in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries; it is one of the finest specimens of ancient German architecture. The interior is 342 feet in length, 222 feet in breadth between the two great towers, and 79 feet in height. The church has four towers, one of them among the loftiest in Europe: its height has been variously stated at 480, 445, and 430 feet; but it appears from the most correct measurement (according to Hormayer) to be 420 feet. In this steeple hangs the great bell, weighing 354 cwt., which the emperor Joseph I. caused to be cast, in 1711, out of 180 pieces of cannon taken from the Turks, when they were obliged to raise the siege of the city. The interior of the church contains thirty-eight marble altars and numerous monuments of celebrated men, among which are those of the emperor Frederic IV. and of Prince Eugene of Savoy. The crypt beneath the church consists of thirty large vaults, in which since the time of Ferdinand III. the bowels of all the deceased members of the imperial family are deposited in copper or silver urns, their hearts being deposited in the church of the Augustines and their bodies in that of the Capuchins. 2. St. Peter's, built on the model of St. Peter's at Rome, and adorned with fine fresco and oil paintings. 3. The elegant church of the Augustines, which contains the celebrated mausoleum of the archduchess Christina, a masterpiece of Canova, which cost 20,000 ducats. 4. The church of the Capuchins, with the imperial family vaults, where the bodies of the imperial family are deposited, beginning with the emperor Matthias and his consort. 5. St. Michael's, a magnificent edifice, containing some capital paintings. 6. St. Raphael's is remarkable only as the oldest Christian church in Vienna, having been built in 740, for the convenience of the beathan *Avari*; but little, if anything, remains of the original edifice. 7. The church of Maria Steigen is the next oldest church, having been built in 882. It has been assigned to the newly constituted order of the Redemptorists (otherwise called Ligorists, from the founder Ligorio) to perform divine worship, and likewise to the Slavonian nation. 8. The church and abbey of the Scotch (so called from the Scotch Benedictines, who possessed it from 1156 to 1418). Besides these there are the Italian church, the German church, two chapels in the Burg, the church of the United (or Roman Catholic) Greeks, two churches of the non-united (or schismatic) Greeks. The Lutheran chapel and the Calvinist chapel have been built since 1785; they have neither steeples nor bells, and no entrance direct from the street, but through a court. The Jews have a synagogue and school.

The principal public buildings are—1. The Burg, the imperial palace, the residence of the emperor, an old irregular edifice, built at different times. It consists of three quadrangles. It contains the imperial jewel-office, 2 R 2

oon of the richest collections of valuable curiosities in Europe, a fine cabinet of works of art, a very extensive collection of natural history, and the cabinet of medals, which far surpasses all other collections of the kind. The Imperial Library, connected with the Burg, is a handsome edifice, with a saloon, and a gallery 250 feet long, and in the centre 100 feet broad, in which is the imperial library, consisting of above 300,000 volumes and 16,000 manuscripts. This fine library owes its origin to the private collection formed by the emperor Frederick III. (1440), and has been increased by the acquisitions of his successors, among which are the libraries of Count Fugger and Prince Eugene. It was first thrown open to the public by Charles VI., whose statue is in the centre of the great hall. Among the curiosities are the bronze tablet of the *Senatus-consultum* prohibiting Bacchanalian ceremonies, dated to the year of Rome 567, or a.c. 186 (Livy, xxxix. 8-18); the *Tabula Peutingeriana*, which is a map of the Roman empire in the fourth century; a unique MS. of the fifth decade of Livy, from which that portion of the history was printed; and Tasso's own MS. of his 'Jerusalem.' The library possesses a very fine collection of Oriental MSS. relating to the history of Turkey and other Eastern countries, formed by Von Hammer. The collection of engravings is attached to the library; it was commenced by Prince Eugene, and is one of the largest and most valuable in Europe: it consists of 300,000 engravings, from the origin of the art to the present time. 2. The building formerly called the Imperial Chancery, the fine facade of which forms one side of the quadrangle called the Burghof, or Burgplatz, built by Fischer von Erlach, with five colossal groups by Mæhieli, representing the Labours of Hercules. 3. The Imperial Riding-School, a masterpiece of architecture, by Fischer von Erlach. 4. The splendid palace of the archduke Charles, formerly belonging to his father-in-law, the duke of Saxe-Teschen; containing an extensive library and a collection of 180,000 engravings in 900 portfolios. The collection contains also 15,000 drawings by the old masters. 5. The Mint, formerly the residence of Prince Eugene. 6. The University. 7. The Town-house. 8. The archbishop's palace, near St. Stephen's. 9. The Imperial Arsenal. 10. The City Hospital, which however is not used as an hospital; it is a large building four stories high, with 10 court-yards or quadrangles, and divided into 200 residences, which are let for 170/80 florins; it contains 1200 inhabitants. 11. The Trinitarier is a spacious building divided in a similar manner, and let for 60,000 florins. 12. The Town Arsenal. 13. The Bank in the Singer-street. 14. The Imperial Austrian National Bank. 15. The public offices called Chanceries, such as the Bohemian, Austrian, and the Hungarian and Transylvanian chanceries. 16. The Custom-house. 17. The palaces of the nobility, among which the most remarkable are those of Princes Liechtenstein, Lobkowitz, Schwarzenberg, Stahrenberg, Kaunitz, Esterhazy, Batbani, Kinsky, and Auenburg, ood of Counts Harrach, Schönborn, Czernin, and Fries. Most of these palaces contain good collections of paintings and other works of art. There are five theatres in Vienna, two in the inner city and three in the suburbs. 1. The Hof or Burg Theatre, attached to the imperial palace, for the performance of the regular drama. 2. The Theatre at the Carinthian gate, for operas and ballets, which are got up in the most splendid manner. The vocal and instrumental performers are generally of the highest class. 3. The Theatre on the Wien, in the suburb Wieden, the largest and handsomest in Vienna, for melodrama. 4. The Theatre of the Leopoldstadt is an Austrian national theatre, the favourite of the middle and lower classes. The performances are mixed with songs, like the French vaudevilles, but being full of local allusions and written in the Austrian dialect, they are not very intelligible to strangers. 5. The Theatre in the Josefstadt.

There are no people more disposed of works of charity and beneficence than the Austrians, and accordingly the hospitals and other charitable institutions are numerous and well endowed. The General Hospital, founded by Joseph II., is a very large building, containing 2000 beds. Above 16,000 patients are annually received in it. Connected with it is a lying-in hospital, to which persons may be admitted with perfect secrecy, and receive all possible medical assistance and every care, and, on paying a small sum, they may quit the house without being discovered. The child is either taken away by the mother or sent to

the foundling hospital. The mother who leaves a child at the door receives a ticket, by exhibiting which she may at any time reclaim her offspring; otherwise, it is put at a proper age to some useful employment or trade. The Lascio Asylum, containing about 300, is thought by Dr. Bright to be not so well conducted as many other establishments. The Deaf and Dumb Asylum was founded by Joseph II. The inmates are attended to with parental care; the poor particularly. The Hospital of the Charitable Brothers is an admirably managed institution, open to the sick of all nations and religions. The Invalids' house, founded by Joseph II., accommodates 800 old soldiers.

The principal establishments for education are the following:—The University, founded by Duke Rudolph IV. and his brothers Albert III. and Leopold III., with the consent of Pope Urban IV. The charter is signed in 1365 by Rudolph and his brother. After being long in the hands of the Jesuits, Van Swieten persuaded the empress Maria Theresa to take it out of their hands, and he was authorised by her to re-organise it, and greatly to extend the medical department. In consequence of his arrangements, it has become the first medical school in Germany. It is attended by above 2000 students, and has 80 professors. It has a library of 100,000 volumes, an observatory, a botanic garden, an anatomical theatre, a veterinary school, a laboratory, and other appendages.

The Josephinum, founded by Joseph II., is a medical institution for the instruction of surgeons for the army, with very rich collections: other establishments worthy of notice are, the Imperial Oriental Academy; the Academy of Engineers; the Academy of the Fine Arts; the Normal School; the Polytechnic Institution, and many others.

Vienna, being the centre of the Austrian dominions, is likewise the principal seat of commerce and manufactures. Its commerce is with Hungary, Turkey, Italy, and other countries. Since the establishment of the Danube Steam-Navigation Company, whose vessels go to Constantinople, Trebizond, and Smyrna, the trade with the Levant has greatly increased. Last year the Danube Steam-Navigation Company had twenty-four steamers, which performed in all 808 voyages, conveyed 211,401 passengers and 531,408 wt. of goods: the gross receipts were 1,108,499 florins. Some of these steamers were employed in the voyages by sea to Constantinople. Manufactures of every kind are carried on in Vienna, and employ above 80,000 workmen. The principal are, silk, velvet, shawls, gold and silver lace; cottons, woollens, ribbons, carpets, leather, porcelain, jewellery, mathematical and musical instruments, firearms, gold and silver plate, watches, fine cutlery, carriages, gloves, lace, straw hats, paper, &c.

The suburbs, which are divided into eight police districts, are not wholly built on a regular plan, but they have broad and straight streets, many of which are of great length, and contain numerous palaces and gardens of the nobility, a great number of handsome private houses, and 30 churches and 9 convents, of which we may instance—1, the church of St. Charles Borromeo, perhaps the handsomest in Vienna, founded by Charles VI., in fulfilment of a vow which he made in 1713, during the plague. 2, The Imperial Mews, 600 feet in length, fitted up to receive 600 horses. 3, The Belvedere Palace, built by Prince Eugene: it consists of two buildings, the Upper and Lower Belvedere, lying at the foot, and on the summit of a gentle eminence, with a public garden on the space between. The Lower Belvedere contains the celebrated Ambros collection of ancient armour, paintings, jewels, &c., removed from the castle of Ansbach, in the Tyrol, to 1806, when that province was ceded to Bavaria. This is considered as the most interesting historical collection of armour in Europe: this museum fills one apartment. The Egyptian museum has been recently deposited in the same building. The Upper Belvedere contains the imperial gallery of paintings, consisting of nearly 1300 pictures, arranged according to schools. On the ground-floor there are seven rooms with paintings by the Italian masters, as many with those of the Dutch and Flemish, and one with works of the Spanish school: on the floor above, one room has a fine collection of works of the old German masters; three are filled with the productions of the old Flemish school; and four with works of modern artists. 4, The palace of Prince Liechtenstein, which is uninhabited, in the suburb, contains a splendid gallery of 1200 pictures, a valuable collection of engravings, and many other works of art:

attached to the palace is a fine garden. 5, Prince Esterházy's summer residence contains his splendid gallery of paintings, some fine sculptures, and a collection of 50,000 engravings. 6, The beautiful palace of the Duke of Modena; 7, that of Count Rasumovsky; 8, the Polytechnic

Institution, with a very remarkable collection of many thousand specimens of the national manufactures; 9, the Imperial Porcelain Manufactory, which occupies an entire street. Several of the public institutions already described are in the suburbs.

Table of some of the Principal Buildings.

	Date.	Architect.	Remarks.
Cathedral, St. Stephen's	Begun about 1144.	Pilgram, &c.	Celebrated for the lofty tower and spire (lately restored) on the south side, 420 feet high.
Leopold Church	1617	Ospel	Modernised.
Dorothea Church	17th century.	. . . .	Facade exceedingly rich, but in fantastical taste.
Garrison Church	17th century.	. . . .	Extensive Imperial palace, three miles from the city.
Schönbrunn	1696	Fischer von Erlach	Corinthian order in coupled pilasters. Three large arches in basement.
Trutson Palace	1711	Fischer von Erlach	Facade of imposing but heavy character. The basement decorated with four colossal termini.
Bohemian Chancery . . . . .	. . . .	Fischer von Erlach	A fine structure.
Palace, Prince Eugene	1724	Fischer von Erlach	Corinthian order; magnificent octagonal cupola. Two insulated triumphal columns in front, which serve as beltrics.
Imperial Stables . . . . .	. . . .	Fischer von Erlach	
Zeughaus (Arsenal)	1732	Matthielly	
St. Carlo Borromeo	1730-67	Fischer von Erlach	
Hofkriegsrath's Gebäude (War Office).	1775	. . . .	Rather plain. Order Ionic pilasters, on a basement with horizontal rustics.
Medico-surgical Military Academy . . . . .	. . . .	. . . .	Facade 220 feet in extent.
Palace, Archduke Charles . . .	1801-4	. . . .	In imitation of the Temple of Theseus, Athens.
Liechtenstein Palace . . . . .	. . . .	. . . .	A noble Doric propylæum.
The Francis Bridge	1803	Baron von Pasquay	Estimated a masterpiece of construction. Ten cast-iron arches, stone piers.
Museum of Sculpture . . . . .	. . . .	Von Nobilit	Suspension-bridge.
New Gate . . . . .	. . . .	Von Nobilit	
Ferdinand Bridge	1819	Kudrinský	Chain-bridge, 268 feet long.
Charles Bridge	1810	Behnel	
Exchange	1822	Moreau	
Sophia Bridge	1825	Kudrinský	
Polytechnic Institute . . . . .	. . . .	Von Schemmcl	
National Bank . . . . .	. . . .	Moreau	
Mint . . . . .	. . . .	Sprenger	
Savings Bank . . . . .	. . . .	Pichl	Lofty basement comprising two stories, and a large order with three tiers of windows; fancy capitals—poor entablature.
Musie Hall	1830	Lössl	Church partaking of Lombardie style.
Church and Convent of Sisters of Order of Mercy	Begun 1834	. . . .	Rusticated basement, and large Corinthian order, comprising three tiers of windows.
Standeshaus. House of Assembly, Lower Austria . . . .	. . . .	Pichl	
Custom-House	1838	. . . .	Elegant and chaste in general design, a Corinthian hexastyle on rustic basement, with pediment extended the entire width of the front.
Leopoldstadt Theatre	1838	Kornhausel	Summer residence of the Archduke Charles, near Vienna. . Front 660 feet in extent.
Dittmann's Haus in the Prater . . . .	. . . .	Kornhausel	
The Weiburg	1823	Kornhausel	

The public promenades, which are the great places of resort for the citizens of Vienna, are—1, the Bastei, or ramparts of the old town, as already mentioned, and the glacis, or esplanade between the city and the suburbs. That part of the Bastei is the most frequented which is near the imperial palaces, and communicates with—2, the Volksgarten (the people's garden), which was laid out and thrown open to the public by the late emperor Francis. There are two handsome coffee-houses in this garden, and an edifice copied after the temple of Theseus at Athens, in which is placed the fine group of Theseus slaying the Minotaur, by Canova—3, the private gardens of the palaces of Liechtenstein, Rasumovsky, Schwarzenberg, and the Belvedere; and, 4, the Prater, in the suburb Leopoldstadt, which is an immense park: it was formerly closed against the public: then open carriages were admitted, but only during the summer: at last the emperor Joseph II. threw it entirely open in 1766, and had great improvements made, in which he was imitated by his successor.

The Prater is a league and a half in length, and is traversed by six noble avenues of chestnut-trees, running in different directions, the principal one being 15,000 feet in length. It is divided into three parts; one for horsemen, one for pedestrians, and the broad road between them for carriages. Beyond the avenues there is a fine meadow, with groups of trees, where there are large herds of deer, like those in Greenwich park. The Prater is always crowded with company every Sunday in the spring: the grand day is Easter Monday, when there may be 20,000 pedestrians, and an uninterrupted line of carriages two leagues in length. On fine days the Prater presents a highly interesting scene, from the cheerful appearance of the whole, and the great variety of different nations, Hungarians, Bohemians, Italians, and others. There are many coffee-houses along the walks. Even the humble hackney-carriage is not excluded from the drive, but mingles among the brilliant equipages, with their proud display of coats-of-arms, crowns and coronets, and their

servants in scarlet and gold-laced liveries, Hungarian lackeys, and Bohemian jagers. The drive however is not the most characteristic part of the Prater. Not far from what may be called the Prater of the great world, that of the common people begins. It is called the Würstel Prater, not from 'würst,' a sausage, on account of the great quantity of sausages consumed there, as some tourists have conjectured, but from the many puppet-shows, called in Vienna Würstel-spiele. It is covered with innumerable liquor-shops, Russian swings, roundabouts, jugglers, and all sorts of diversions for the lower classes, who, on Sundays and holidays in the afternoon, repair thither in throngs. The whole is like a great fair or encampment of soldiers' booths; long rows of tables and benches are constantly supplied with guests, who seem to have no thought but to enjoy themselves. Adjoining the Prater is the Augarten, and next to that the Brigittenau, which are very agreeable walks, but not so frequented as the Prater.

The environs of Vienna are very picturesque. On the north it has the beautiful islands of the Danube; on the west the lofty Kahlenberg mountain; on the south, hills covered with thick forests and rich vineyards, the Noric Alps commencing with the Schneeberg (i. e. snow mountain), and towards Modlin and Baden a dark circle of hills, valleys, ruins of castles, antique churches, modern palaces, and handsome country-seats. The imperial palaces of Schönbrunn and Laxemburg are at a short distance from the city.

The climate is in general not so healthy as that of London or Paris: it is extremely variable, great heat being often suddenly followed by severe cold; yet, though an ancient proverb says, 'Vienna aut ventosa aut venenosa,' this seems to be rather exaggerated. The islands and the parts of the city next the river are subject to inundations, and the atmosphere is frequently foggy. The number of deaths exceeds that of births; so that the gradual increase of the population, which now amounts to 300,000, including the garrison of 14,000 men, must be owing to the influx of strangers.

In 1840 the population was composed as follows:—

Natives of Vienna	294,298
Natives of the provinces	136,306
Foreigners	17,463
Total	358,127

The inhabitants of Vienna are a gay, friendly, and hospitable race of people, among whom a stranger quickly finds himself at home. Among the upper classes he finds none of the stiffness and reserve that he meets with in some other parts of Germany, and he is perhaps even more gratified and surprised by the comfortable, happy, and contented appearance of the lower orders. In the public walks and gardens they seem to have no thought beyond the enjoyment of the passing hour: it is in the Prater especially that the joyous and careless character of the Austrians, and their love of harmless amusement, has full scope for displaying itself. 'It is a pleasant sight,' says a late writer, 'to see family parties, in a fine afternoon, pitch their tents under the spreading trees, enjoy their humble feast; drink, laugh, and sing; while their children sport around them. No churlish police-sergeant, with tyrannic cane, to warn them off the greensward; no portentous board, big with steel-traps and spring-guns, to scare them with its threats.' Beggars are not seen in the streets, and one may traverse them at all hours by day and by night without meeting with any kind of disturbance or annoyance; yet the public police is neither numerous nor intrusive. Breaches of the peace are rare, cases of drunkenness seldom occur, and gaming-houses are unknown. There is none of that open display of vice which disgraces London and Paris; and yet the whole number of the guardians of the peace, in the city and suburbs, does not exceed 700 men. Among the virtues of the Austrians, charity is pre-eminent; nor are they so devoted to pleasure as to neglect the cultivation of the mind: not only are their literary societies very numerous, but the higher classes in general are very accomplished. French, English, and Italian are spoken so currently as almost to supersede the German; and the ladies are extraordinary proficient in music, of which they are excessively fond.

There is a very vigilant and intelligent secret police at Vienna, the agents of which are often persons of good

education, agreeable manners, and insinuating address: they have the appearance of gentlemen; they are connected with the waiters at the hotels and coffee-houses, by whom every step of the stranger is watched, his letters often opened, and all his concerns reported.

History.—Vienna, called by the Romans Vindobona, was long the head-quarters of a Roman legion, and the capital of Pannonia. When the Roman power declined, it was successively overrun by the barbarian hordes of the Goths and Huns, till, in 791, Charlemagne annexed it to his dominions. It was then and long afterwards of small extent; St. Stephen's cathedral, now in the centre of the city, being, when erected in 1114, without the walls. It however increased progressively from the mercantile advantages of its situation, and by being the usual residence of the dukes and emperors. The most remarkable events in its annals are the various sieges which it has sustained. In 1484 it was taken by Matthias, king of Hungary, who resided in it till his death, when it was restored to Austria. In 1529 the Turks, assisted by the Hungarian insurgents, approached the city, and though they did not succeed in taking it, destroyed the suburbs. In 1619 the Bohemian insurgents, supported by a party in Austria, succeeded in penetrating into the city, but were almost immediately expelled, and hastily retreated to Bohemia. In 1625 Torstensson, a Swedish general, with an army of Swedes and German Protestants, made an attempt on Vienna, when great alarm was felt; but Torstensson unexpectedly gave up his enterprise. In 1683 a new palace which the emperor Leopold had erected was destroyed by fire, a calamity which was attributed to the Jews, who were without exception expelled from the city and the province. In 1678 the plague broke out in Hungary, which gradually reached Vienna, when it carried off in the city 48,490 persons, and 73,323 out of the city. In 1683 the celebrated attack was made by a Turkish army, supported by some disaffected chiefs in Hungary, which reduced the city to extreme distress, and would probably have ended fatally for the city, and, in its consequences, for Christendom, had not the inhabitants held out in expectation of relief, which at length came, under John Sobieski, king of Poland, who, with 60,000 men, totally defeated the Turkish army of nearly 200,000. In 1741 it was pressed by the Bavarians on the west and by the French and Prussians on the north, but they did not effect anything. In 1797 it was threatened by Napoleon, and occupied by him in 1805 and 1809. Strict discipline was observed by his troops on both occasions.

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VIENNA, TREATY OF. [TREATY.]

VIENNE, River. [LOIRE.]

VIENNE, a department of France, bounded on the north and north-east by the department of Indre et Loire, on the east by that of Indre, on the south-east by that of Haute Vienne, on the south by that of Charente, on the west by that of Deux Sèvres, and on the north-west by that of Maine et Loire. Its form is irregular: the greatest length is from north-north-west to south-south-east, from the junction of the three departments of Maine et Loire, Indre et Loire, and Vienne, to that of the three departments of Haute Vienne, Charente, and Vienne, 80 miles; the greatest breadth, at right angles to the length, is from the border of the department of Deux Sèvres, near Civray, to that of the department of Indre, near La Trémoille, 51 miles. The area of the department is estimated at 2617 square miles, which considerably exceeds the average area of the French departments, and is almost exactly equal to that of the English county of Lincoln (2611 square miles). The population, in 1826, was 267,670; in 1831, 282,731; and in 1836, 287,102, showing an increase in the last five years of 4271, or about 1·5 per cent., and giving nearly 110 inhabitants to a square mile. In amount of population it is far below the average population of the departments, and in density of population is just about two-thirds of the average; it falls considerably short in both respects of the English county with which we have compared it.

Poitiers, the capital, is on the Clain, in 46° 35' N. lat. and 0° 20' E. long.; 180 miles in a direct line south-west of Paris, or 213 miles by the road through Chartres, Vendôme, Tours, and Châtellerault.

The department has no mountains; the chain of hills, the heights of Gâtine, which extends from the central mountains of Auvergne toward the mouth of the Loire crosses the south-western side of the department near the border in a north-western direction; and a branch from these hills extends towards the north-east, between the Clain and the Thoué, and occupies the northern part, except just at the northern extremity, where the hills subside into the valley of the Loire. The central part, between the Clain and the Vienne, consists of tolerably high ground; but the part east of the Vienne is low. The north-eastern border of the department is occupied by the cretaceous formations which surround the chalk basin of Paris; the rest of the department is occupied by the secondary rocks which intervene between the cretaceous and new red sandstone groups, except just towards the south-eastern border, where the lower secondary and primitive formations crop out. No coal is dug, and there were, in 1834, only three establishments for the manufacture of iron: in these were three furnaces for the production of pig-iron, and five forges for the manufacture of wrought-iron. Charcoal was the fuel employed. There are several quarries for millstones, whetstones, lithographie-stone, limestone, and freestone; and a quarry of marble which takes a good polish. There are mineral waters at La Roche-Posey, near the junction of the Creuse and the Gartempe: they are impregnated with sulphur.

The department belongs almost entirely to the basin of the Loire; a very small part in the south-west corner, about Civray, belongs to the basin of the Charente. The Vienne, which is one of the principal affluents of the Loire (Loira), enters this department on the south, just above Availles, and flows in a tolerably direct northward course through the department, which it quits below the junction of the Creuse. About 65 miles of the course of the Vienne are in this department or on the border; and about 17 miles, namely, from the junction of the Clain, are navigable. The official statement makes the navigation 22 miles. Nearly all the other rivers of the department are tributaries of the Vienne; the Grande Bourde, the Oze (both small), and the Creuse join it on the right bank; and the Dive (small) and the Clain on the left bank: the Veude, which joins it on the left bank long after it quits this department, and the Mable, a feeder of the Veude, have their source amid the hills on the north of the department. The Creuse has the last 20 miles of its course (five of which are navigable) on the border of this department: its feeder the Gartempe rises in the department of Creuse, but has the lower part of its course, for nearly 40 miles, within or upon the border of this department. The Anglin, a feeder of the Gartempe, and the Sarleron and Benaise, feeders of the Anglin, belong partly to this department. The Clain rises in the department of Charente, but has nearly the whole of its course of more than 60 miles in this department. It receives the Clure on the right; and the Parou, the Dive, the Vonne, the Boivre, the Auxance, and the Palu on the left. None of the affluents of the Vienne are navigable, except the Creuse, and that for a very short distance; so that the department, though traversed by several considerable streams, has no other inland navigation than that of the Vienne 22 miles, the Creuse 5 miles, and the Dive 8 miles; in all only 35 miles. The Dive here noticed is not the small tributary of the Vienne or of the Clain mentioned above, but a tributary of the Thoué, an affluent of the Loire, which joins that river below the Vienne. The Dive rises in the department, and has the greater part of its course within or upon the western border. The Charente just crosses the south-western corner of the department.

There are no navigable canals. There were, on January 1, 1837, seven 'Routes Royales,' or government roads, having an aggregate length of 218 miles, namely, 178 miles in repair, 1 mile out of repair, and 39 miles unfinished. The principal road is that from Paris by Tours to Bordeaux, which enters this department on the north-east side, across the Creuse just above its junction with the Vienne, and runs by Châtellerault, Jaulnaux, Poitiers, Vivonne, and Couhé-Vercac. The road from Paris to Niort and Rochefort branches from this road beyond Poitiers, and runs by Lusignan. Roads run from Poitiers by Chavigny and St.

Savin to Châteauroux; by Lussac to Limoges; and by Mirebeau and Loudon to Saumur on the Loire. The departmental roads have an aggregate length of 146 miles, namely, 60 miles in repair, 14 miles out of repair, and 72 miles unfinished. The communal roads (which resemble our parish roads) have an aggregate length of 6000 miles.

The air is generally mild. The north wind prevails in winter, the north-west wind in spring, and the south wind in summer. The north-west wind is frequently injurious to vegetation, and to the health of the inhabitants, by the sudden transition which it occasions from heat to cold. The marshes which are found on the western side of the department are unhealthy.

The area of the department may be stated in round numbers at 1,080,000 acres, of which more than 1,000,000 acres are under the plough. The most productive soils are on the northern part of the department; those on the south and south-east are generally poor. The principal productions are wheat, rye, oats, hemp, flax, peas, and potatoes. The meadows occupy about 100,000 acres, and the heaths, or open pastures, nearly 190,000. A great number of horses, mules, horned cattle, sheep, goats, and pigs are bred: poultry is abundant. The vineyards occupy 70,000 acres: the wine is generally of ordinary quality; the best red wines are those of Champigny, Couture, Jaulnaux, Dissais, Chauvigny, Villemort, Vaux, and St. Romain; and the white wines of Loudon and Trois Moutiers. Some wine and brandy are sent to the surrounding departments or are exported. The orchards occupy 14,000 acres, the woods 200,000. A considerable quantity of walnuts and chestnuts are grown; the latter furnish the peasantry with an important article of food.

The department is divided into five *arrondissements*, as follows:—

Arrondissement.	Station.	Area in Square Miles	Com- munes.	Can- tons.	Population, 1831.	1856.
Poitiers	Central & W.	769	82	39	91,770	\$3,060
Châtellerault . .	N.E.	422	50	6	66,413	\$3,771
Civray	S.W.	534	45	5	54,142	\$5,775
Loudon, or Loudun .	S.W.	102	61	4	35,183	\$5,650
Montmorillon . .	S.E.	6-7	60	6	39,694	\$7,151
		2611	300	21	292,151	\$27,001

In the *arrondissement* of Poitiers are—Poitiers, population of the commune in 1826, 21,563; in 1831, 23,124; and in 1836, 22,000 [POITIERS], on the Clain; Vivonne and Jaulnaux, on the same river; Sanxay, or Sanay, and Lusignan, on the Vonne; Latillé, on the Auxance; Neuville, between the Auxance and the Palu; and Mirebeau (population 1781 for the town, or 2405 for the whole commune), on a feeder of the Dive, which flows into the Thoué. Vivonne has a manufacture of coarse woollens and some dye-houses. It has a 'halle,' or market-house: there are twelve yearly fairs. Jaulnaux has four yearly fairs for wool and cattle. Lusignan has a manufacture of coarse woollens; excellent macaroons are made here, and considerable trade is carried on in grain, and trefail and lucern seed: there are nine yearly fairs. There was formerly a strong castle at Lusignan, which sustained a number of attacks very destructive to the assailants. It was however taken, and razed by the duke of Montpensier (A.D. 1574) in the religious wars of the sixteenth century: the site is at present occupied by a pleasant public walk, which commands an agreeable prospect. The house of Lusignan acquired the crowns of Jerusalem and Cyprus. Mirebeau was built by Fouques Ners, count of Anjou, who also erected a castle here. In this castle Eléonore of Guineu, widow of Henry II. of England, was besieged (A.D. 1202) by her grandson, Arthur, duke of Bretagne, but was relieved by the approach of her son, King John of England, who took Arthur prisoner, and afterwards murdered him. Mirebeau has trade in corn, wine, sheep, and wool. It gave title to the district of Mirebelais, of which it was the capital. The village of Vouillé, on the Auxance below Latillé, was the scene of the great battle (A.D. 507) in which Clovis the Frank defeated and slew Alaric II., king of the Visigoths; a victory which was followed by the conquest of nearly all the territories of the Visigoths in Gaul.

In the *arrondissement* of Châtellerault are—Châtellerault, population in 1826, 9241; in 1831, 9437; and in 1836, 9605 [CHÂTELLERAULT], on the Vienne; Lencloître, on a small feeder which joins the Vienne at Châtellerault; La Roche Posey, on the Creuse, at the junction of the Gartempe; and Pleumartin, in the country between the Gartempe and the Vienne. La Roche Posey, or Pozay, is a

very small place, but has baths and mineral-waters, which are recommended in cases of fever. There are twelve yearly fairs. The village of Les Ombes, near the junction of the Creuse and the Vienne, has a splendid mansion and park of the family of D'Argenson.

In the arrondissement of Civray are—Civray, on the Charente, population in 1826, 2192; in 1831, 2203 of whom 1000 were in the town itself; and in 1836, 2100; Charroux, on or near the Charente; Availles, on the Vienne; Usson and Gençay, on the Cluère; and Couhé-Verac, on the Dive, which flows into the Clain. Civray has a church of great antiquity, and the ruins of an ancient castle. There are a subordinate court of justice, an agricultural society, and a communal high school. Trade is carried on in corn, chestnuts, and truffles. Availles has some chalybeate waters in the neighbourhood, but they are of little repute. Gençay has a coarse woollen manufacture, and fifteen yearly fairs for wool and cattle.

In the arrondissement of Loudon are—Loudon, population in 1826, 5044; in 1831, 5078 of whom 4639 were in the town itself; and in 1836, 5032, on the road from Poitiers to Saumur; Moncontour, on a feeder of the Dive, which joins the Thoue; and Monts, in the country between the Dive and the Mable. Loudon, or Loudun, is an ancient town, situated on a hill, and surrounded by vineyards which produce some of the best wine in the department; it has some pleasant public walks, a theatre, and an hospital. There was formerly a castle, but it is now destroyed. Coarse woollens and lace are manufactured; and considerable trade is carried on in corn, wine, brandy, walnuts, and oil: there are seven yearly fairs. There are several government offices, a subordinate court of justice, an agricultural society, and a communal high school. Loudun was formerly the chief town of the district of Loudunais; and was erected into a duchy. It was, during the sixteenth and early part of the seventeenth centuries, chiefly occupied by Protestants, and suffered much from the revocation of the Edict of Nantes. Moncontour is chiefly known by the defeat sustained here (A.D. 1509) by the Huguenots, under Admiral Coligni.

In the arrondissement of Montmorillon are—Montmorillon, population in 1826, 3539; in 1831, 3608 of whom 3096 were in the town itself; and in 1836, 4157, on the Gartempe; Saint-Savin, also on the Gartempe; Anglé, on the Anglin; La Trémouille, on the Benaise; and L'Île-Jourdain, Lusac, distinguished as Lusac-le-Château, and Chauvigny, on the Vienne. Montmorillon is an ill-built town: it has a curious monument, supposed to be Druidical, an ecclesiastical school, a subordinate court of justice, several government fiscal offices, and an hospital. Biscuits and highly esteemed macaroons are made; and there are paper-mills, bleach-grounds for linen, and tanneries. Considerable trade is carried on in cattle fattened in the neighbourhood for the Paris markets. There are twelve yearly fairs. St. Savin has a considerable trade in sheep. L'Île-Jourdain has a monthly fair for cattle and provisions. Chauvigny has twelve yearly fairs; druggist and serge and leather are manufactured in the town, and some tolerably good wine is grown in the neighbourhood.

The population, when not otherwise described, is that of the commune, and is taken from the census of 1831.

This department and the adjacent one of Deux Sèvres constitute the diocese of Poitiers, the bishop of which is a suffragan of the archbishop of Bordeaux. It is in the jurisdiction of the Cour Royale of Poitiers, and the direction of the Académie Universitaire of the same city. It is included in the twelfth military division, of which the headquarters are at Nantes; and sends five members to the Chamber of Deputies. In respect of education it is considerably below the average of France: of the young men enrolled in the military census of 1828-29, only 25 in every hundred could read and write, while the average of France at the time was between 39 and 40.

In the most ancient historic period, this department formed part of the territories of the Pictones (*Pictavi*), or, as they were afterwards called, Pictavi, a Celtic nation. In the division of Gaul by Augustus, the territory of this people was included in the province of Aquitania, and upon the subdivision of that province, in Aquitania Secunda. The town of Limonum, afterwards called, from the name of the people, Pictavi (now Poitiers), and the position Finis of the Antonine Itinerary between Argentanacrus (Argenton) and Limonum, were in the limits of this department. This territory was on the downfall of the Roman empire

included in the kingdom of the Visigoths, but was taken from them by the Franks. In the middle ages it formed part of the county of Poitou. [Poirrot.]

(Malte-Brun, *Géographie Universelle*; *Dictionnaire Géographique Universel*; Vayac de Villiers, *Itinéraire Descriptif de la France*.)

VIENNE, HAUTE, a department of France, bounded on the north by the department of Indre, on the east by that of Creuse, on the south-east by that of Corrèze, on the south-west by that of Dordogne, on the west by that of Charente, and on the north-west by that of Vienne. Its form is irregular, approximating however to a quadrangle, having its greatest length from north north-west to south-south-east, from the junction of the three departments of Vienne, Indre, and Haute Vienne, to the border of the department of Corrèze between Eymoutiers and Chambreret, 60 miles; and its greatest breadth at right angles to the length, from the border of the department of Creuse, between St. Léonard and Bourgneuf, to the junction of the three departments of Dordogne, Charente, and Haute Vienne, 50 miles.

The area of the department is estimated at 2146 square miles, which is rather under the average area of the French departments, and rather greater than the English county of Norfolk. The population, in 1820, was 276,351; in 1831, 285,130; and in 1836, 293,011; showing in the last five years an increase of 7981, or nearly 2.8 per cent., and giving 136 or 137 inhabitants to a square mile. In amount and density of population the department is considerably below the average of the French departments; and very far below the English county with which we have compared it. Limoges, its capital, is 214 miles in a direct line south-south-west of Paris, or 236 miles by the road through Orleans, Vierzon, and Châteauroux; in 45° 56' N. lat. and 1° 15' E. long.

The heights of Gâtine, which extend from the great central mountain-group of Auvergne toward the mouth of the Loire, and separate the basin of that river from the basins of the Garonne and the Charente, cross the southern part of this department in a direction nearly from east to west. Mount Jargeau, the most elevated point on this chain of hills, is estimated at 3114 feet. Another chain, nearly parallel to these, crosses the centre of the department, separating the valley of the Vienne from that of its feeder the Gartempe. The most elevated point in this chain is Le Pay le Vieux, 3196 feet high. The mountains have generally round tops, few if any steep or craggy summits appear; so that they do not present the grand and imposing appearance of the Auvergnat group, though they occasionally afford picturesque scenery. The whole department is occupied by the primitive or lower secondary formations, especially by granite. No coal is dug; but there were, in 1834, in the department, almost entirely in the southern part, twenty-six iron-works, with nine furnaces for producing pig-iron, and forty-eight forges, of which thirty-nine were for producing wrought-iron and nine for steel. Charcoal was the chief or only fuel employed. Porcelain-clay is obtained from pits in the south of the department, and granular felspar, which is used for glazing the porcelain. Good granite and other building-stone and limestone are dug.

The department is chiefly included in the basin of the Loire: the southern slopes of the heights of Gâtine belong to the basins of the Charente and the Garonne. On these slopes the Tardoire and the Banding, which unite and flow into the Charente; and the Dronne, the Isle, and the Loue, which belong to the system of the Garonne, rise; but only a small portion of the upper course of these rivers belongs to this department. Of the tributaries of the Loire, the Vienne is the only one belonging to this department, which it enters on the east side, a few miles from its source (in the department of Corrèze) and crosses from east to west into the department of Charente; passing Eymoutiers, St. Léonard, Limoges, Aixe, and St. Julien. It receives, on the right bank, the Maude, the Thoron or Taurion, the Glane, and the Issoire; and on the left bank, the Combad or Combadre, the Brunace (formed by the junction of the Grande Brunace and the Petite Brunace), the Aixette, the Gorre, and the Valre. These feeders are all small. The Valre and the Issoire join the Vienne beyond the limits of the department. The Gartempe, a feeder of the Creuse (which joins the Vienne long after it leaves this department), drains the northern part: it receives the Seine and the Brum on the right; and

the Ardour, the Conze, and the Vincou (which receives the Glayeule) on the left. The Benaise and the Sarleron, feeders of the Anglin (an affluent of the Gartempe not belonging to this department), rise within the northern border. Ponds are numerous, but none of them large.

The department is entirely destitute of water communication: none of the above rivers are navigable, and there are no navigable canals.

The number of 'routes royales,' or government roads, on the 1st of January, 1837, was seven, having an aggregate length of 236 miles, namely, 132 miles in repair, 58 miles out of repair, and 46 miles unfinished. The principal road is that from Paris to Bordeaux by Orléans, Châteauroux, Limoges, and Périgueux. This enters the department on the north-east side, and runs south by west through Limoges, Aixe, and Chalus, into the department of Dordogne. The road from Paris to Toulouse branches from this at Limoges, and runs south-south-east by Pierre-Buffière into the department of Corrèze. Roads from Limoges run westward by St. Junien to Angoulême, north-westward by Bellac to Poitiers, and eastward by St. Léonard to Aubusson (in the department of Creuse) and Clermont-Ferrand. A road from Dorn, in the northern part of the department, runs eastward to Guéret, in the adjoining department of Creuse. The departmental roads had at the same time an aggregate length of 177 miles, namely, 79 in good repair, 29 out of repair, and 69 unfinished. The vicinal roads (corresponding to our parish roads) had a length of above 4200 miles.

From the general elevation of the soil and the ranges of mountains traversing the department, the air is colder than the latitude would lead us to expect. The average temperature of Limoges is less than that of Paris, though it is situated full three degrees more to the southward. The atmosphere is moist and the temperature changeable.

The area of the department may be estimated in round numbers at 1,370,000 acres; of which about 543,000 acres (or less than two-fifths) are under the plough: but of this only a small portion is cultivated for wheat. A considerable quantity of rye and buckwheat is grown; the growth of corn is however insufficient for the support of the inhabitants, but the deficiency is made up by the abundance of chestnuts. The meadows are very extensive, amounting in the aggregate to above 320,000 acres, besides 230,000 acres of heath, common, or other open pasture, and grazing forms the most important branch of agricultural industry. The hay is excellent, but the artificial grasses are scarcely known. A great number of mules, horses of the Limousin breed, which are among the most excellent and most esteemed in France, and of horned cattle, are reared. Horse-races and a cattle-show are held yearly at Limoges, and prizes are distributed. Pigs are numerous. The vineyards occupy only about 7000 to 8000 acres, and produce only ordinary red wine; the orchards and gardens occupy about 9000 acres. The woodlands occupy above 90,000 acres, chiefly in small clumps or in copes: chestnuts and walnuts are grown in great abundance, and there is a considerable quantity of oak timber. Game is plentiful. A great number of bees are kept.

The department is divided into four arrondissements, as follows:—

Arrondissement.	Situ- ation.	Area in Square Miles.	Com- munes.	Popu- lation.
Limoges . . .	Central and E.	279	79	113,683
Bellac . . .	N.	701	65	90,661
Rochechouart . .	W.	314	39	47,793
St. Yrieix . . .	S.	302	26	41,298
		2146	208	285,138

A later statement of the number of cantons or districts, each under a Justice of the peace, makes them amount to 27 for the whole department.

In the arrondissement of Limoges are—Limoges (population, in 1826, 25,612; in 1831, 27,070, of whom 23,804 were in the town itself; and in 1836, 29,706) (Laroque), on the Vienne; Aixe, St. Léonard (pop. 3299 for the town, or 5705 for the whole commune), and Eymoutiers (pop. 3436), on the same river; Pierre-Buffière and Salagnac on the Brianne; St. Paul, between the Brianne and the Vienne; Châteauneuf, on the Combe, and Peyrat, on the Maude. Aixe has some Roman remains and the ruins of a castle of the middle ages. St. Léonard is on an emi-

nence on the right bank of the Vienne, over which there is a handsome bridge. It is a tolerably well-built town, and its 'boulevards' command a pleasant prospect. The church is of very great antiquity. There are paper-mills and copper-works, and the townsmen manufacture woollen stuffs, common hats, porcelain, and sheepskin and other leather. There is a monthly fair, and considerable trade is carried on. At Eymoutiers (or Aïmoutier), which is on the left bank of the Vienne, in a mountainous district, there are tan-yards, and cotton-yarn is manufactured; there is a monthly fair. Pierre-Buffière has a handsome stone bridge over the Brianne, on the left bank of which it is situated. It has the remains of an old castle, part of which is occupied as the town-house. Cotton-yarn and leather are manufactured, and there are twelve yearly fairs. Peyrat is pleasantly situated; it was antiently a place of some strength; it has now twelve yearly fairs.

In the arrondissement of Bellac are—Bellac (population in 1826, 3400; in 1831, 3607, of whom 3023 were in the town itself; and in 1836, 3581) (Bellac), near the Vincou; Laurière, between the Conze and the Ardour; Châteauneuf (pop. 3742), on the Gartempe; Magnac-Laval (pop. 3455), and Le Dorat (pop. 1800 for the town, or 2237 for the whole commune), near the Brann; and Lussac-les-Eglises, near the Benaise. Paper is made at Laurière: there are four yearly fairs. Some antient inscriptions have been dug up at Châteauneuf. At Magnac-Laval woollen cloths and paper are manufactured. A weekly fair is held during the interval between the middle of December and the Carnival. Le Dorat is a good town; the inhabitants manufacture woollen cloth and cotton goods, barometers, and weights and measures. There is a monthly fair for cattle, horses, mules, poultry, flax, hemp, and linen. Lussac-les-Eglises has a yearly fair for fat cattle. At Danne, a village of about 2000 inhabitants, not far from Le Dorat, is a large glasshouse for making bottles, and an earthenware manufactory.

In the arrondissement of Rochechouart are—Rochechouart (population in 1826, 1530; in 1831, 3096, of whom 1571 were in the town itself; and in 1836, 4123), on the Vaire; and St. Junien (pop. 3495 for the town, or 5885 for the whole commune), on the Vienne. Rochechouart has the remains of an antient castle on the crest of a precipitous rock, at the foot of which the town stands. The castle was besieged without success by the English in the wars of Edward III. The town has a subordinate court of justice and one or two fiscal government offices. St. Junien is built on the slope of a hill at the junction of the Glane with the Vienne, on the right bank of the latter. The town is surrounded by boulevards, which are planted with trees and command a pleasant prospect of the surrounding country: it is an old town, and is one of the busiest places in the department. The only building deserving notice is the parish church. The townsmen manufacture gloves, which are in high repute, blankets and cotton coverlets, hats, woollen cloths, serge, porcelain and common earthenware, chamois and other leather, and paper. There are bleach-houses for wax and dye-houses. Considerable trade is carried on in horses, mules, cattle, hides, corn, hemp, flax, and wine, especially at the fairs, which are held monthly.

In the arrondissement of St. Yrieix are—St. Yrieix (population in 1826, 2740; in 1831, 6542, of whom 2832 were in the town itself; and in 1836, 6900), on the Loue; Chalus on the Tardoire; and St. Germain-les-Belles Filles, between the Grande Brianne and the Petite Brianne. St. Yrieix is an ill-built town; it has five parish churches, one of which, a collegiate church, is considered an admirable specimen of Gothic architecture. The townsmen manufacture porcelain and common earthenware, woollen cloths and coarse woollen stuffs, and leather. There are some iron-works. The materials for making and glazing the porcelain are dug close to the town. Trade is carried on in hempen thread and porcelain clay. There are a subordinate court of justice, some fiscal government offices, and an agricultural society. St. Yrieix sustained a long siege during the war of the League. Chalus has some historical interest as being the place where Richard I. (Cœur-de-Lion) of England received his death-wound, A.D. 1199. It is divided by the Tardoire into the upper and the lower town: the upper town, formerly distinguished by the name of Chalus-Chabrol, was defended by a strong fort or tower; another tower defended the lower town. Chalus has several yearly

airs, one of which is a great horse and mule fair. St. Germain-les-Belles Filles has several yearly fairs for corn and cattle.

The population, when not otherwise described, is that of the commune, and from the census of 1831.

This department and the adjoining department of Creuse constitute the diocese of Limoges, the bishop of which is a suffragan of the archbishop of Bourges. It is in the jurisdiction of the Cour Royale of Limoges and in the district of the Académie Universitaire of the same city. It is comprehended in the fifteenth military division, of which the head-quarters are at Bourges. It returns five members to the Chamber of Deputies. In respect of education it is one of the most backward of the French departments, being surpassed by all except the departments of Cher, Allier, and Corrèze. Of every hundred young men enrolled in the military census of 1824-25 only thirteen could read and write; the average of the departments being above thirty-nine in every hundred.

In the most ancient historic period this part of France belonged to the Lemovices (*Ampiberg, Strabo*), or Limovici (*Arpovici, Ptolemy*), or Lomovici (*Aspouciaci*), a Celtic nation; the form Lemovices is that used by the best Latin authorities. Some portions of the north-western border of the department were in the territory of the Pictones. In the Roman division of Gaul the country of the Lemovices and the Pictones was included in the province of Aquitaine; and upon its subdivision, that of the Lemovices in Aquitania Prima, and that of the Pictones in Aquitania Secunda. Augustoritum, the capital of the Lemovices, called from them, in the later period of the Roman dominion, Lemovices, is the present Limoges. On the downfall of the Roman empire, this department was subject first to the Visigoths, afterwards to the Franks. In the middle ages it was chiefly included in the province of Limousin or Limosin; but some parts of the north and east were included in the province of La Marche; and a small portion on the west side in the province of Poitou. [MARCHE, LA; LIMOUSIN; PORTOIT.]

(Malte-Brun, *Géographie*; Vayssé de Villiers, *Itinéraire Descriptif*; *Dictionnaire Géographique Universel*.)

VIENNE, a town in France, capital of an arrondissement in the department of Isère, 294 miles in a direct line south-south-west of Paris, or 302 miles by the road through Sens, Auxerre, Autun, Châlons-sur-Saône, and Lyon; in 43° 32' N. lat. and 4° 54' E. long.

Vienna is a place of great antiquity, and retains many monuments of its former splendour; but the ancient town was considerably larger than the modern one. A Roman structure of pyramidal form, a quarter or half a mile out of the southern gate of the town, appears from tradition, and from traces of the ancient ramparts, to have been once in the middle of the town, which is said to have been three miles in circuit. The modern town is on the left or east bank of the Rhône, just at the junction of the Gère, a little river which flows through Vienna. The town occupies the bottom and sides of the narrow valley through which this river flows, and extends to the bank of the Rhône, over which there is a bridge uniting Vienna with the village of Sainte-Colombe. The town is ill-laid out, and the streets are narrow, crooked, dark, and dirty; but there is a handsome quay on the Rhône, and many new buildings have been erected of late years. The cathedral of St. Maurice is a very fine building, though it suffered much injury during the religious wars of the sixteenth century and during the Revolution: the church of the abbey of St. Pierre, though much decayed, has some curious sculptures and inscriptions of the middle ages; the other buildings of the abbey have been destroyed. The town-hall has a handsome modern front, and there are fine cavalry barracks. Among the Roman monuments is a temple of the Corinthian order, somewhat resembling the 'Maison Carrée' of Nîmes, but not so elegant; it was converted in the eleventh century into a church, and is now used as a museum. There are the remains of an amphitheatre and of a theatre, an arch or gateway, in the best style of Roman workmanship, some portions of an aqueduct, and a number of bas-reliefs and inscriptions. Fort Pipet is a square tower, partly Roman, partly of the middle ages. Fort Salomon is wholly of the middle ages. There are at Vienna a modern theatre, a college, a public library of 12,000 volumes, a museum of antiquities, and gallery of paintings.

The population of the commune of Vienna was, in 1826, 13,780; in 1831, 14,079 (of whom 13,410 were in the town itself); and in 1836, 16,484. There are several manufactures on the Gère, the waters of which never freeze. There are tan-yards, paper and copper mills, and iron-works; and woollen cloth and other woolsens, sail-cloth, &c. are manufactured. There is a small lead-mine near the town.

Vienna, or, as the Romans called it, Vienna, was in existence in the time of Cæsar, who mentions it in his Commentaries. It was the chief town of the Allobroges; and some persons (of what nation does not appear) whom the Allobroges expelled from the town were the first inhabitants of Lugdunum, or Lyon. (Dion Cassius, lib. xlv.) Vienna is mentioned by Ptolemy, who writes the name *Allobrga*, which is also the orthography of Strabo, as one of the chief towns of Gallia Narbonensis; and when that province was subdivided, it gave name to the subdivision Viennensis, in which it was included. In the Peutinger Table the name is written Viennna, but this is no doubt an error. The townsmen appear to have been great admirers of the epigrams of Martial, which may be taken as an indication that literature was cultivated among them. That poet mentions the circumstance in some neat lines (lib. vii., Epigr. lxxxviii.). In another epigram (lib. xiii., Ep. 107) Martial gives to Vienna the epithet 'vitiifera' (vine-bearing): the vineyards on the Rhône immediately opposite still produce the Côte Rôtie, one of the finest of the French red wines, and the hills round Vienna, on both sides of the river, are covered with vineyards, which produce abundance of good red wine.

Vienna was a Roman colony, and the rival of its neighbour Lugdunum. In the civil war at the close of Nero's reign it embraced the party of Galba, from whom it received many honours; while Lugdunum embraced the cause of Nero. Lugdunum was besieged by the people of Vienna, but without success; and in revenge, the people of Lugdunum sought to induce the army of Vals (one of Vitellius's generals) to destroy Vienna; but the soldiers resisted the persuasion. (Tacitus, *Histor.*, lib. i., c. lxxv., lxxvi.) Archelaus, the son of Herod the Great, when deprived of the kingdom of Judæa, was sent into exile at Vienna (A.D. 6 or 7), as his brother Ananias afterwards was (A.D. 39) at Lugdunum. (Josephus, *Antiq.*, xviii. ix.; *Jour.*, ii. xi.) Tradition fixes Vienna as the place of Pilate's banishment after he had been displaced from the government of Judæa, and the Roman structure below is popularly called the tomb of Pontius Pilate. It was at Vienna that the emperor Valentinian II. was killed (A.D. 392) by Arbogastes the Frank. A Christian church was early established here: the bishopric dates from the third century, and the bishop disputed the dignity of metropolitan of Narbonensis with the bishop of Arles. The see was subsequently raised to the rank of an archbishopric, and had for its suffragan sees (before the Revolution) those of Die, Annecy, Grenoble, Maurienne, Valence, and Viviers. It is now united to the archbishopric of Lyon. [LYON.] Several Councils have been held at Vienna: the most celebrated is that of A.D. 1311, at which the order of the Templars was abolished.

The arrondissement of Vienna has an area of 694 square miles, and comprehends 132 communes: the population, in 1831, was 138,474; in 1836, 145,001.



Monument at Vienna, called the Tomb of Pontius Pilate
Drawn by W. B. Clarke, Oct., 1828.

(Millin, *Voyage dans les Départemens du Midi de la France*; Vayssé de Villiers, *Itinéraire Descriptif de la France*; Malte-Brun, *Géographie Universelle*; *Dictionnaire Géographique Universel*.)

VIERZON, a town in France, in the department of Cher, 111 miles in a direct line south or south by west of Paris, or 125 miles by the road through Orléans; in 47° 13' N. lat. and 2° 3' E. long. The town stands on the right bank of the Yèvre, just above its junction with the Cher, in a fertile plain. It is well-built; the houses are chiefly covered with slate. There are limestone-quarries and pipeclay and ochre pits in the neighbourhood; the ochre is considered the best in France. There are in the town iron and steel works, a porcelain manufactory and one for common earthenware, tan-yards, paper-mills, and manufactories for serge and woollen cloth. Trade is carried on in timber and wool: there are five yearly fairs, one of which is an important wool-fair. The population, including the adjacent village of Vierzon, which forms a separate commune, was, in 1831, 7967, of whom 4706 were in the town. There is an hospice or almshouse. (Malte-Brun, *Géographie*; *Dictionnaire Géographique Universel*.)

VIETA, FRANCIS. Much has been said of the writings of Vieta, but very little on his life, and that little has often been wrongly given. In the absence of all good sources of reference, we are under the necessity of giving somewhat more space to this biography than is usual. We also intend to insert in this article some account of Lucas Pacioli, which has been omitted in its proper place, and some additional details on Leonard of Pisa.

François Viet, Viète, or de Viète* (his name is given in these ways, and in one of his own writings it is Latinized *Fr. Vietaus*, but more usually Vieta), was born at Fontenaille-Comte, a small town not far from La Rochelle, in the year 1540. His family, if we may judge from the position which he occupied during the greater part of his life, must have had both rank and interest. We may connect the epoch of his birth with other parts of the history of science, by stating that he was born about the time when algebra was introduced into the northern parts of Europe from Italy, in the 30th year of the age of Cardan, and three years before the death of Copernicus: while Napier, Harriot, and Galileo were respectively 10, 20, and 24 years his juniors. Of his education and early years we know nothing, and the scanty materials for the rest of his life are found principally in the works of his friend the president De Thou (*Hist.*, lib. cxliii.). Bayle charges this celebrated writer (*Dict.*, art. "Rasario") with inaccuracy in his accounts of learned men: if we may diverge this imputation in the case of Vieta, with whom the biographer was personally and intimately acquainted, we cannot all the more help wishing that the facts preserved had been more in number, and of somewhat closer connexion with the scientific pursuits of Vieta. The whole of De Thou's account does not amount to more than a few insulated anecdotes, which are often repeated; and the want of information from other quarters respecting one of the greatest mathematicians of the sixteenth century may be accounted for if we remember the troubled times in which he lived, and the rule which he appears to have followed of printing all his works at his own expense, and distributing them as presents among his friends. This has been found almost uniformly to be a successful mode of preventing or diminishing posthumous fame.

The life of Vieta was passed in the public service: on the resignation of De Thou, he was made master of requests. We have seen it said that he held this office under Henry III., and elsewhere that it was in the household of Margaret, wife of Henry IV. Both statements are probably true, since De Thou assures us that his attention to the mathematics was only the relaxation of a whole life spent in public business, for which, says the historian, he had both talent and industry. And Vieta himself, in his answer to Adrian Romanus, says that he cannot profess to be a mathematician, but only a person to whom mathe-

matical studies are delightful when he has leisure.* He lived and held office through the religious troubles of the reigns of Henry III. and Henry IV.: a letter of his friend Ghétaldi, hereafter mentioned, proves that he was on the council of state in the latter reign, and we must suppose that his love of study induced him to confine himself to the simple duties of his calling. It seems however that he did not entirely escape the dangers of the time, or the attacks of the opposite party. In his dedication to Catherine de Parthenay, Duchess de Rohan, and mother of the Duc de Rohan, well known as the leader of the French Protestants in the time of Louis XIII., he addresses that lady as one who had saved him from imprisonment and certain death: which means, we suppose, that he had fallen into the hands of the Huguenots. He proceeds to aver, but whether this be fact or dedication we have no means of knowing, that it was his love for and great skill in mathematics which first incited him to that study. Her literary attainments are mentioned by her biographers, and the account given by Vieta may be perfectly true. There is only one story in De Thou of his political services:—The extent and scattered character of the Spanish dominions having rendered their communications insecure in time of war, a cipher was invented with more than 500 characters, and these not permanently retaining the same signification. The complexity of this method filled the ordinary decipherers, and application was thereupon made to Vieta, who without any difficulty discovered the secret, which was used for more than two years, to the great loss and annoyance of the Spaniards. These, perceiving that their cipher was detected, and imagining that no human skill was equal to such an effort, attributed the discovery to magic, and took care to publish this report throughout Europe, but particularly at the court of Rome. But the imputation failed to excite any odium, and was received, says De Thou, *non sine risu et indignatione rectius contentum*: heresy had taken the place of sorcery. It is therefore not true, though some writers have said it by way of mending the story, that Vieta was actually cited to appear at Rome and answer the charge of dealing with the foul fiend.

Indirectly connected with the politics of the day is the share which Vieta took in the controversy on the reformation of the calendar. This, as is well known, was completed under the auspices of Pope Gregory XIII., in 1582, though the subject had been in agitation more than a century, and the change had even been projected by Sixtus IV., in 1474. The plan finally adopted was that of Lilius,* an astronomer of Calabria, who died before its presentation to the pope, and the execution of it was intrusted to the Jesuit Clavius. It is to be remembered that the true time of keeping Easter was then thought of the utmost importance, and that heterodoxy in this particular had more than once been thought worthy of excommunication. This reformed calendar was attacked by Vieta, Joseph Scaliger, and others, the first of whom published in the year 1600 what he called the true Gregorian calendar, and prefixed to it the bull of Gregory XIII. On this work it will be sufficient to say that Montuclien and Delambre unite in condemning the ideas of Vieta: he made 3400 Julian years contain exactly 42,053 lunations, this error of which is a trifle more than that of the astronomy of his day. His work was carried by himself to Cardinal Aldobrandini, who was then at Leyden on a mission from Clement VIII. He had however no success with the cardinal, "as I warned him when he set out," says De Thou, "feeling sure that an improvement adopted by the princes of Christendom after so much deliberation, would not easily be modified, even for the better, by those who think it a secret of government never to confess that they either have erred or can err." Clavius simply replied to Vieta by referring him to a work on the Gregorian calendar which he was then preparing, and which he stated would contain a full reply to all the objections. This answer seems to have enraged Vieta beyond his powers of forbearance. Perhaps he felt indignant at not being considered worthy of a separate reply, or perhaps the malady which afterwards

* Albert Girard, at the beginning of the seventeenth century, and De L'Hospital at the end, both call him Viète.

† We have examined what Vieta has added to his collection of De Thou's biographies, and find nothing particular except the assertion that letters from Vieta are found in the collection of Cassius, which is totally inaccurate.

* His great contemporary Napier made a pronunciation of the name not. The interpretation of the Revolution and the overthrow of the Pope were his occupations; the mathematics, his recreation.

† Lilius corrects a mistake very often made, namely, the statement that Lilius was of Verona, and also the confusion between him and Gysio Gregorio Galilei, frequently called Lilio, a learned writer, who published a work on the ancient calendar, but who died about 1506, long before the Gregorian reformation.

destroyed him had begun to act upon his mind—which last may be charitably hoped. In 1602 he published his expostulation against Clavius, a tract of three pages, which Montucla surprised his editors should have permitted to descend to posterity. He charges his opponent with evasion, and asserts that he ought to have retracted his error for the sake of the mysteries of religion, the peace of Christendom, and the divine authority of the supreme pontiff. He accuses Clavius of having slandered him to the pope, of contempt of religion, of falsehood in mathematics and theology; and urges upon him the danger that the Protestants might, through his obstinacy, get hold of the real calendar (his own) by themselves, and not from the papal authority. He calls upon Clement to alter the bull of his predecessor, and brings forward, curiously enough, as a precedent, that Augustus Cæsar, a Pontifex Maximus, had changed the arrangement of the year ordained by Julius Cæsar, another Pontifex Maximus. Finally, in order that no manifestation of bad feeling might be wanting, he calls upon the order of Jesuits to excommunicate all who should by design and fraud stand in the way of the good of Christendom; meaning, of course, Clavius and his followers. To this explosion of passion Clavius did not condescend to reply; but throughout his work, which appeared in 1603, the year of Vieti's death, he treated the latter with the respect due to his genius. De Thou gives a partial friend's account of this controversy, for he says that on the refusal of Clavius to adopt the emendations of Vieti, the latter sent him a serious expostulation, and that had Vieti lived, the matter would not have stopped there, since those who did not hesitate to pluck at the beard of a dead man, would have beaten the living one, had they dared. The anonymous author of the life of Vieti in the 'Biographie Universelle' has followed De Thou in the preceding description of the controversy, probably from having never seen anything but copies of this description.

It can hardly be supposed that so severe an attack upon the bull of Gregory XIII. would pass altogether unnoticed at Rome; and the treatment of Galileo, which was not many years after Vieti's death, may lead to a suspicion that, if Vieti had not died opportunely, he would have been compelled to desist from his opposition; and certainly, if the Inquisition had caught him on this matter, he would not, after the hint which he had thrown out about Clavius, have had the sympathy which posterity, with one voice, has expressed for Galileo. There is a circumstance which seems to us to make it probable that the storm was brewing. In 1603, just before Vieti's death, Theodosius Rubens (author of a work called 'Diarium Universale,' published in 1581, and which seems to have been reprinted with additions in 1693, an ecclesiastic at Rome, published, 'permissu superiorum,' an expostulation* against Vieti on behalf of Clavius. This expostulation was dedicated to the pope, in terms which, unless used by permission, were presumptuous in the highest degree: since they certainly imply that the writer was empowered to say that recourse would be had to authority, if that expostulation were not sufficient. As this tract is never cited, and not easily obtained, we give at length the passage to which we allude:—*Itaque cum apud te solum, Pater Beatissime, hinc causæ, cuius cognitio tua est, sit agitando, censui sub augustissimo nomine tuo, hanc meam admonitionem in publicum dare, ut omnis provocandi animi Vieti tollatur, et tandem huic controversiæ quietude sua finis imponatur.* Rubens afterwards pays a high testimony to the extent of Vieti's acquisitions, which is well confirmed by such scattered notices of him as exist. He says that he feels it necessary to speak strongly in behalf of Clavius, since the latter is contending single-handed with one who is both lawyer, theologian, mathematician, orator, and poet.

What more we have to say of Vieti must appear in connection with his friendships or his writings. He died at Paris in 1603, according to De Thou; Weidler says December 13, but without stating from whence. Of his attachment to study the former writer says it was so excessive, that he often continued for three days together, fixed to thought, without stirring from his chair, or taking more sustenance or sleep than nature absolutely required. In religion he appears to have been a zealous Catholic, at

* We never saw any mention of this work, except in a manuscript copy, preserved from Vieti in the catalogue of the Berlin Museum.

least towards the end of his life, and in politics a confirmed believer in the divine right of kings. The assassination of Henry III. seems to have dwelt upon his mind for years, so much as to force him to recur to it in his writings, in places where political allusion is a curious kind of digression. Thus, at the end of his 'Responsa Mathematica,' published in 1593, he suddenly breaks off from the subject of the Calendar to refer to that event, which took place in 1589: 'Sed de his tollendis ad ecclesiasticos referam commodiore loco, ac ipsius ditionem periculumque summo ipsorum applausu mirum solis et lunæ consensum prodit sic lapsi irruimus.' Sed,

'Eheu! quis sanctum christumque iugum
Secare regem, sanctissimæ matris,
Annon curculatæ voluit
In æternum odiorum liberum!

Pil had uolunt, et ex sacra matris
Trem ut precor, et ex sacra matris
Non computet neminem solam
Omnes ad ipsam infelicitatem!

The allusion in the verses is to Jacques Clement, who, after the assassination of the king, was considered as a saint by his party.

This article is the proper place of reference to several minor mathematicians, who are hardly worth separate articles in any except a very full biographical dictionary, but who owe some of their fame to their connection with Vieti. We may instance Nathaniel Torporley, Adrian van Roomen, Marino Ghetaldi, and Alexander Anderson.

Nathaniel Torporley, born about 1573, entered at Christ Church, Oxford, and after his degree was in France for several years: Wood says it is notorious that during that time he was amanuensis to the celebrated mathematician Francis Vieti. This fact has been mentioned by the French historians, in speaking of Harriot, when hard pressed to defend Des Cartes from the imputation of being Harriot's plagiarist; and the idea seems to be that as Torporley was afterwards under the patronage and in the house of Henry Percy, earl of Northumberland, as also were Harriot and others, he must have been in habits of intimate communication with Harriot, to whom he might have taught what he learnt from Vieti. With regard to the fact itself, it is almost certain, for not only does Wood mention it as notorious, but SHKERNESH, in the list at the end of his 'Manilius' (1675), published before Wood wrote, says that Torporley was 'sometime amanuensis to the famous Vieti.' Nothing is more likely than that Harriot learnt from Torporley many ideas of Vieti; but Harriot's discoveries in algebra most distinctly bear the mark of a new mind. Torporley afterwards wrote his 'Diædres Cosmometricæ, seu Valvæ Universales,' &c., London, 1602, and other works which we have never seen. Wood also says he wrote something against Vieti, under the name of Poulterey, a transposition (not perfect, however) of his own name, but which he (Wood) had never seen. In looking through the 'Diædres,' &c., which is mostly on spherical trigonometry, we only found two very slight notices of Vieti's name, which looks as if there had been a coolness between them; but we found, to our surprise, that Torporley had preceded Napier by twelve years in the publication of the greater part of the rule of CIRCULAR PARTS, not indeed in Napier's convenient form, but with a complete reduction of the six cases to two, and rules, such as they were, by which to assimilate the connected cases. For more account of Torporley's process, which is the greatest burlesque on mnemonics we ever saw, we refer to the 'Philosophical Magazine' for May, 1843. We have only to add that Torporley obtained church preferment, was a member of Sion College (to which he left his books and manuscripts), and died in April, 1632. In the Catalogue of Sion Library it is said he was a chemist who left a large number of chemical and other books; but we cannot find one of his works in the second catalogue, and we have not had the opportunity of examining the first. The fire of London occurred between the publication of the two, and the books which were then consumed are not mentioned in the second.

Adrian van Roomen, commonly called Adrianus Romanus, born at Louvain, September 28, 1561, died May 4, 1615 (1625?). He published various works, of which the names may be found in Vosius: 'De Scientiis Mathematicis.' The story of his acquaintance with Vieti is told by De Thou, but more in detail by Tallemant des Réaux, whose 'Historiettes' (written before 1667) were lately pub-

lished at Paris (1834-35, 6 vols. 8vo.). In his 'Idea Mathematicæ,' &c., Antwerp, 1503, Romanus proposed a problem to all the celebrated mathematicians whom he knew by reputation, naming them, but without a Frenchman among them. Shortly after, the ambassador of the States being at Fontainebleau, in conversation with Henry IV., who was enumerating to him the celebrated men of the country, said, 'But, Sir, you have not a mathematician, for Adrian van Roomen does not name one Frenchman in his list.' 'Indeed I have, though,' answered the king, 'and an excellent one—let some one call M. Viète.' Viète came, was presented to the ambassador, who gave him Van Roomen's problem, placed himself at a window, and, before the king left the room, wrote two solutions with a pencil. In the evening he sent several others, offering more, as he said the problem was capable of any number. Van Roomen, immediately on hearing of this, set off to Paris to see Viète, followed him to Fontenay, and spent some weeks with him. We shall see more of his problem presently.

Tallemant, who was evidently not a mathematician, tells us of an impression which Viète's writings had created about the middle of the seventeenth century. He says that this M. Viète, who had learnt mathematics by himself, there being nobody to teach him in France, wrote treatises so difficult that no one of his age could understand him: that one Lansberg, if he mistook not (but he does mistake), first deciphered some of them, and that since his time people have made out the rest. It is worth noting that this same Tallemant is a witness independent of De Thou, for he informs us that Viète died young, of study, whereas, had he seen De Thou's account, he would have found in the very first words that Viète died 'anno climacterico.' And yet Alexander Anderson, who must have known his friend's age, calls his death 'fatum immaturum.'

Marino Ghetaldi, of Ragusa, was of a good family, but of his life* we can find nothing; nor of his death, except that it took place before 1630. Tallemant, already cited, says that a Ragusan gentleman, called Galtide (Ghetaldi), procured himself to be made minister of his native republic in France, that he might have the acquaintance of Viète. Ghetaldi, in the letter already alluded to, says he was at Paris on his own affairs when he first met with Viète. Two works of Marino Ghetaldi are—1. Rome, 1603, 'Nominalium Propositiones de Parabola'; 2. Rome, 1603, 'Promotus Archimedes,' a work on specific gravities, which is sometimes cited on matters of weights and measures; 3. Venice, 1607, 'Apollonius Redivivus'; 4. Venice, 1607, 'Supplementum Apollonis Galii,' in continuation of the tract of Viète presently mentioned; 5. Venice, 1613, 'Apollonius Redivivus' (the second book); 6. Venice, 1607, 'Variorum Problematum Collectio'; 7. Rome, 1630 (posthumous), 'De Resolutione et Compositione Mathematica,' folio, all the others being quarto. There is not much of algebra in Ghetaldi's writings, but what there is comes from the school of Viète: the author so far hears out Tallemant's story, that he speaks of his intimate friendship with Viète at Paris.

Alexander Anderson, born at Aberdeen in 1582, taught mathematics publicly at Paris, and was the editor of two of Viète's works, which came into his hands, one from the author, the other from his execution, as will presently appear. A list of his works, and an abstract, by Mr. T. S. Davies, will be found in the appendix to the 'Ladies' Diary' for 1840. Both Ghetaldi and Anderson defended a solution of Viète from the attack of a certain Clemens Cyriacus in 1616. (See the Society's *Biographical Dictionary*, 'Anderson'.)

It may perhaps save some bibliographical student a hunt for an imaginary work of Viète if we mention here the 'Supplementum Fr. Vietæ, ac Geometrie totius Instauratio,' Paris, 1644, by A. S. L. This A. S. L. is Antonio Sanctini of Lucca, who had a few years before published 'Inclinationum Appendix,' &c., with his name. At the head of his dedication he calls himself *Constantius Silvanus Nicemus*, which is an anagram for *Antonius Sanctinus Lucensis*. The work itself is an impudent attempt to connect Viète's name with pretended solutions of the problem of two mean proportionals, the multisecution of the angle, &c. Both Sanctini's works were answered by P. P. Caravaggi of Milan, in his 'In Geometria,' &c. Ratis: detectæ,

Sec., Milan, 1650. Sanctini's algebra is of the school of Viète. It is a striking corroboration of what may be suspected for other reasons, namely, how little Viète was appreciated in France for many years after his death, that of all the persons we have mentioned as connected with him, not one is a Frenchman; but nevertheless some part of his works was translated into French by one Vauclaud: we know that this translation exists, but we cannot find any mention of it.

The writings of Viète are rendered difficult to read by the then almost universal affectation of forming new terms from the Greek, and of introducing phrases in that language. His pages may remind the reader of the English fashionable novels of ten years ago, which required a continual insertion of French words and sentences. Thus, in the *isagoge*, we find *æsthetic*, *poietic*, and *ærogetic* processes, the first consisting of *antithetic*, *apophorism*, and *parabola*; and also that by an additional axiom, 'ἀνταρὰ non ἐνταρὰ,' many problems hitherto 'δύοι, may be solved 'ἐν τριχοί.' He uses the signs + and −, and also that for division; but when he would designate the difference of two quantities of which the greater is unknown, he places between them our modern sign of equality, thus: $A = B$. The exponents are expressed by words, either full or contracted; and the numerical coefficients are written after their accompanying letters. The analogy between algebra and geometry, which gave the name of square and cube to the second and third powers, is extended to all symbols. Thus the equation $3BA^2 - DA - A^3 = Z$, would be written

B3 in A quad. − D plano in A. embæ equatur Z solido.

Here D is called D *planum*, and is considered as the representative of a geometrical superficies, that the second term may be homogeneous with the first: for a similar reason Z is Z *solidum*. And in various places it is expressly laid down that it is not allowable to compare quantities which are not thus rendered homogeneous. The great difference between the methods of Viète and of his predecessors is one in which lies much, if not the greater part, of the power of algebra: he was the first who used letters to signify known or determinate quantities, and he was the first who systematically combined the use of symbols of quantity with that of symbols of operation. By this method, the comprehension of a process which expressed in words would be long and complicated, does not cost the practised eye a second glance. It is true that the operations of those who preceded Viète would lead to a correct numerical result in any particular case: but the result only appeared, and the *modus operandi* was either lost or wrapped in the dusky folds of a verbal robe. The notation of Viète expresses at once the rule and the result, and is a step in the advance of science which, for the magnitude of its consequences, deserves to be ranked with the invention of fluxions. There is much truth in the remark of Viète upon his predecessors: 'Vixitant Heecutorum, et sacra Musis parabant et Apollini, ut quicquid vel altissimi problema extulisset, ex talium ordine quatuor decedat et cunctas ultra exhiberetur, ut est ars nostra mathematicum omnium inventrix certissima.'

We now proceed to a short account of the writings of Viète, referring for more detail to the second volume of Hutton's tracts. Viète, as we have said, printed his works privately, and we are not wholly able to recover the dates of the several first publications.

[But* it is not noticed that many of these works, which are now only known by the edition of St-hosten, were published together, or at least preceding publications were joined together in one, by Viète himself, before the year 1591, under the name of 'Restituta Mathematica Analysis, seu Algebra Nova.' Neither Montuclé, nor any other modern writer that we have seen, appears to be aware of this fact: the French historian does not seem to know that the first seven books of the 'Responsa Mathematica,' of which L. 678; he regrets the loss, were contained in the collection alluded to. The fact is nevertheless certain, as the following editions of different separate works—viz. 'In Artem Analyticam Isagoge,' Tours, 1591; 'De Numerorum Potestatum ac Excepcionum Resolutione,' Paris, 1600; and 'Supplementum Geometrie,' Tours, 1593—contain in their title pages the name of the source from whence they were taken, and the name of the author also gives a list of the contents, from which

* M. Meibom (Polyhistor, ii. 473, edition of Fabricius) gives a reference to the *Life of Father Paul Serp*, in which Ghetaldi is mentioned, perhaps with some accuracy.

* We put this paragraph in brackets, as we first wrote it, for a reason which we now mention.

list we have placed R. M. before the titles of the following descriptions, in every case in which the 'Restituta Mathematica' is said to have contained the work. Besides these, we must reckon among the contents the seven first books of the *Responso*, which have not come down to us, though tradition has preserved the name; and 'Ad logarithmum speciosum nota posteriorior', of which even the very name has disappeared from the history of algebra. We cannot help hoping that some old library may yet be found to contain this collection. Other writers take the words of the title in a sense between that of quotation and description. Thus Alexander Anderson says, '*Restituta Mathematica* Analytice F. Vietae debeat, *paraphrasis*.' And Walter Warner (preface to Harriot), '*Arithmetica Restitutio* F. Vietae aggressus est.'

We believe it will be shorter and clearer to leave the preceding passage in brackets (for which we thought we had very fair evidence), and to make a suspected correction, as another writer would do; in preference to mixing up the mistake (if it be a mistake) and the correction. The first publication of the 'Isagoge,' &c. (1591) bears on its title-page that it is 'Secundum excusam ab Opere Restitutæ Mathematicæ: Analytice, seu Algebrae Novæ.' and on the reverse of the title-page appears 'Opere Restitutæ Mathematicæ: Analytice, seu Algebrae Novæ, continetur : Opus autem Prepositæ est sequens epistola.' Ten works are given by title, which may, all but the *seven books* and the *nota posteriorior* already noticed, be collected from the indication R. M., in the following list; and the epistle is the dedication to Catherine of Parthenai before alluded to. Blancanus (1615) places 'Opus Restitutæ,' &c. in the list of Vieta's works; and Morhof says that Vieta wrote 'Isagoge, &c. seu Algebrae Novæ.' Can any evidence be more positive to the fact that a work was published, or at least written out for publication? The absence of date or printer's name tells nothing as to that period, for books were then few, and did not require the minute accuracy of description which is now necessary to distinguish one work from another; moreover, whether this be the reason or not, such accuracy of description was not usual. Why then do we not continue to believe that such a work was published? In the first place it is entirely lost, and with it the *Responso* and the *nota posteriorior*, which is not likely to have happened to a large collection of Vieta's works; in the second place, Anderson, in his publication (which he gives us to understand was the first that was made) of the treatise 'De Recognitione,' &c., tells us something about Vieta's habits, which seems to explain the whole. 'He was,' says Anderson, 'in the habit of referring to as finished' (*insigne solebat*) and by their names, works which, though undertaken in his own mind, and digested in order, were not even so much as fairly written down, owing to the interruption which his studies received from his public duties. This, then, may be the whole secret: Vieta gave a list of the works which he intended to publish, under the name which he intended to give them collectively. The seven books of the *Responso* and the *nota posteriorior* never, on this supposition, were published at all. And it will afterwards appear that there was a reason why the eighth book of the *Responso* should have been published without the rest; though it is singular, if the list above named be only of works intended, that this eighth book, which must have been as finished as the rest, should not have been mentioned. It is almost incredible, moreover, that Alexander Anderson should have published a few of Vieta's theorems, with his own demonstrations, as new, if Vieta had published them, and more, twenty years before.

(R. M.) In *Artem Analyticam Isagoge*, first published by Vieta himself, at Tours, in 1571. Here are laid down the principles of homogeneity before alluded to, and the common axioms used in the solution of simple equations. Many new terms are introduced, of which only two have lasted, namely, the distinction of equations into *pure* and *affectus*. The law of homogeneity is a faithful deduction from certain well-known analogies between arithmetic and geometry, and the manner in which it is applied renders this book of Vieta somewhat obscure. The following is a specimen: 'Lineam rectam cubicam non comparat (probably corrupt, *comparare non debet*), quia angulus est medium quiddam inter lineam rectam et planam figuram. Remanere itaque videtur homogeneorum lex.'

(R. M.) *Ad logarithmum speciosum nota posteriorior*. The *nota posteriorior*, as just mentioned, are lost. *Logistica Speciosa*

is the literal algebra, as distinguished from *logistica numerosa*, or common arithmetic. Here are various questions in algebraical addition and multiplication: the powers of a binomial are raised up to the sixth inclusive, and the law of the exponents is given, but not that of the coefficients. Particular notice is taken of the addition of powers of $A+B$ and $A-B$, and, in a few cases, of the composition of A^2-B^2 . Various methods are given of forming right-angled triangles whose sides shall be whole numbers.

(R. M.) *Zeteticorum libri quinque*. The first book contains problems producing simple equations, of which the following are specimens:—Given $x \pm y$, $x \pm z$, and the ratio of y to z , to find x ; given the sum or difference of two numbers, and of given proportions of those numbers, to find the numbers. Here, as elsewhere, Vieta uses the capital letters only, and represents the unknown quantities by vowels, and the known quantities by consonants. The second book is full of those problems of the second and third degree, which produce unaffected equations, solved as in our modern works. The third book contains the reduction into equations, and solution, of questions in proportion, and also of right-angled triangles. The fourth and fifth books give the solutions of various of those problems now called Diophantine; mostly collected from Diophantus himself. We find here the first use of the vinculum connecting terms whose result is considered as a whole. Blancanus says that Cataldi explained this work of Vieta in what he calls 'continuatio algebrae proportionalis,' which cannot be the 'nova algebra proportionale,' Bologna, 1619, published after Blancanus wrote.

(R. M. as to the first, not the second.) *De Equationum Recognitione et Emendatione libri duo*. First put together by Alexander Anderson, who obtained the materials from Alcinus or Alfamae (who had charge of Vieta's papers), and published these books at Paris in 1615. The first six chapters of the treatise *De Recognitione* are employed in demonstrating that equations of the second and third degree spring from questions upon three and four continued proportionals, except in the irreducible case of the latter species, which is shown to depend on the trisection of an angle. Where a cubic equation has one root only, and that negative, the equation is deduced which has the corresponding positive root. The two roots of an equation of which one is negative are not considered, but the equation is deduced which has a positive root corresponding to the negative root of the former, and this equation is called contradictory to the former. Various methods are found by which an equation of a higher degree may be deduced from a given one, a synthetical process, apparently introductory to the subsequent depression of equations. In the treatise *De Emendatione* Vieta lays down rules for destroying the second term of an equation of the second or third degree. He then shows, in a cubic equation which has the highest term negative, how to avoid this by a transformation which is in effect finding the equation whose roots are reciprocals to the roots of the former equation. We have not space to enter minutely into the various transformations: we will only remark generally that an equation is considered unfit for use in which the highest power of the unknown quantity is negative, or has a coefficient, and that the greater part of the reductions employed would not be necessary to a modern analyst. These books leave the reader in possession of the methods then known for the depression or solution of equations of the second, third, and fourth degrees. They are a luxurious exercise of the power newly derived from Vieta's improvements in notation. He concludes by showing how to construct an equation which shall have given positive roots: which forms the suggestive basis of the subsequent discoveries of Harriot. On this he observes, 'Atque hanc elegans et perperitæ speculationis alloye, tractatui aliquam effuso, item aliquem et Coronam tandem impositæ.' Dr. Hutton mistranslates when (*Hist. Alg. Tract.*, vol. ii.) he concludes from these words that Vieta only announces the theorem, 'and for this strange reason, that he might at length bring his work to a conclusion.' Nevertheless, Hutton's account is generally a very good one.

(R. M.) *De Numerorum Potestatum purarum signis affectarum ad æquationum resolutionem tractatus*. This work, first published, with Vieta's consent, at Paris in 1600, has at the end a letter (herebefore referred to) from Ghetaldi to Michael Coignet, a Belgian mathematician, who states that at his earnest entreaty Vieta had consented to allow the work

to be published, on condition that he (Ghetaldi) would take the trouble of editing it. This letter mentions the seven books of the *Responso*, the *Harmonicon Clavi*, &c. The *numerarum varietas*, as the method herein explained was frequently denominated, is given, with the most modern improvements, in the article *EVOLUTION AND EVOLUTION*, and its history will be found in the 'Companion to the Almanac' for 1839. It passed through the hands of Harriot, Oughtred, and Wallis, with some improvements, but was so prolix, and required so much calculation, that when Newton's method appeared [APPROXIMATION: THEORY OF EQUATIONS] it gradually sank out of use. The late Mr. Horner of Bath, reproduced it, with a capital improvement in the mode of making the successive computations, which will establish it permanently. Very recently, Mr. Thomas Weddle of Newcastle, author of 'A New &c. Method of solving Numerical Equations,' has produced the kindred method of finding the highest denomination of the root, and correcting it by successive *multiplications*, instead of additions: a method which has considerable advantages when the degree of the equation is high. To return to Vieta: when the root is irrational, and any given degree of approximation is required, instead of using fractions, the equation is found whose roots shall be ten, or a hundred, &c., times the root of the given equation, which roots are then extracted by the method within unit. The introduction of our notation for decimal fractions had not taken place at the time we are speaking of, though we should not be justified in drawing this conclusion from the mere fact of not finding it used by Vieta. From his avocations, perhaps, but more from the imperfect modes of communication (for there were then no scientific associations), he appears not to have been perfectly aware of what was going on in other parts of the mathematical world. So that it is impossible to say, at present, whether some of the things which we know to have been discovered before his time, may not have been as far as he knew, the fruits of his own investigation. 'He neglects to avail himself of the negative roots of Cardan' (but this however was done, on principle, and from a determined refusal of all symbolical extension), 'the numerical exponents of Stifelius, instead of which he uses the names of the powers themselves; or the fractional exponents of Stevinus; or the commodious way of prefixing the coefficient before the quantity; and such like circumstances; the want of which give his algebra the appearance of an age much earlier than its own.' (Hutton, *Præcis*, ii., 273.) He had however seen the exponents of Stevinus, and the prefixed coefficients, from Van Roomen's problem, as given by himself, contains both.

(R. M.) *Ejectionum Geometricarum Canonica Recursio et Supplementum Geometricum*. The second of these works was first published at Tours in 1593. The former of these treatises is a collection of problems in common geometry, intended to facilitate the solution of problems of the second degree. The second treatise assumes the construction of the conchoid of Nicomedes; the finding of two mean proportionals, the trisection of an angle, the inscription of a regular heptagon in a circle, and the solution of the irreducible case of cubic equations, are made to follow. The last of these is contained in the following proposition:—'If there be two isosceles triangles, having the equal sides of one equal to those of the other, and the equal angles of the second triple of those of the first, the cube of the base of the first diminished by three times the parallelogram under the base of the first, and the square of the common side, is equal to the parallelogram under the base of the second and the square of the common side.'

Pseudo-mesolabum. The term *mesolabum* was applied to any process by which two mean proportionals could be found between two given straight lines. By *Pseudo-mesolabum* Vieta means a process which, though not limiting itself to Euclidean geometry, nevertheless is effective on its own suppositions. A chord of a circle cuts a diameter, and a perpendicular from one extremity of the chord cuts the diameter produced, so that the part produced is equal to the chord. This being the case, the segments of the chord are mean proportionals between those of the diameter. In the article *DUPLICATION*, &c., we have done Vieta wrong by imputing to him a great mistake in this matter. The fact is, that when he has finished his pseudo-solution (merely ungeometrical), he then is ambitious of

showing how well he can reason falsely, and ends with a *pseudo-theorema* (meaning one which is avowedly untrue, and given to be afterwards exposed). Now if a man will write a pseudo-method, which he himself defines to mean no more than unaided by Euclid, and makes his treatise to end in nothing but a *pseudo-theorema* (intended to be false), not even the closest examination will prevent every one from supposing that his pseudo-theorema is the *finis atque corona* of his pseudo-method.

(R. M., in which it is called *Analytica Angularium Sectionum in tres partes distributa*, *Ad Angulares Sectiones Theorematum adscrip.*) This is really Alexander Anderson's publication. Vieta sent him the theorems, he found out the demonstrations, and published them, in 1613, at Paris, with a dedication to Charles, prince of Wales. Among many trigonometrical theorems are here given some of the class of which we shall presently speak with respect to Van Roomen's problem. The chord of an arc being given, the chords of its multiples and of their supplements are found.

Ad Problema quod omnibus mathematicis totius orbis construendum proposuit Adrianus Romanus Responsum. The circumstances under which Vieta first saw this problem have been already stated from Tillet's account. It amounts to this: given the chord of an arc, to express algebraically the chord of the 46th part of that arc; but it is given in the form of a proposed equation of the 46th degree. If Vieta sat down at a window and solved several cases while Henry IV. and the Belgian ambassador were talking in the room, it must have been because he was then in full possession of his theory of angular sections, and saw at once that Van Roomen's problem was a particular case of it. But it must not be forgotten that the latter must also have been in possession of the same or of cases of it. This answer of Vieta is a full one, and appears to have been drawn up deliberately: he gives the complete reduction of the problem, with a good deal of what he must have supposed to be fun, but of a very ponderous and sober character. He ends by proposing, in his turn, a problem, evidently directed at Van Roomen, and by way of lull at his fearful equation and enormous coefficients, he says, 'Porro ad exercendum non cruciandum studiosorum ingenia, problema hujus modi construendum subijcio.' The problem is one of Apollonius, of which the solution had been lost.—Given three circles, to find a fourth touching them all.

Apollonius Gallus, seu exarsitata Apollonii Pergæi in quatuor Geometria, first published by Vieta at Paris, in 1600, and addressed to Van Roomen. It has, in the beginning, a Greek epistle, anonymously addressed (perhaps by Van Roomen himself), *Ἀπολλωνίου Γαλλοῦ*, which is a presumption that the true pronunciation is *Vieta*. Van Roomen, as appears by the introduction, solved the preceding problem by the help of the hyperbola, on which Vieta relies him in his manner, and proceeds to a geometrical solution. He then gives geometrical solutions of some problems which Regionontanus had solved algebraically, but professed himself unable to solve geometrically. He calls himself Apollonius Gallus, and Van Roomen, Apollonius Belgæ; and from that time it became a fashion for those who had done anything after the manner of a particular Greek, to adopt the name of that Greek, with an adjective of country annexed. Thus Snell, after his measure of the earth, called himself Eratosthenes Batavicus.

Variorum de Rebus Mathematicis Responsorum liber octavus. This book, first published at Tours in 1593, is preceded by an epistle from Pet. Da. whoever he may be, which explains why it appeared. It seems (at least it is so asserted) that there was at that time a great excitement at Tours, not only among the educated, but even drawn to the lowest of the people, about the quadrature of the circle, the problem of two mean proportionals, &c.; and Pet. Da., who had seen Vieta, and knew that he had a book on the subject lying by him, solicited and procured its publication. We have already spoken of the first seven books, which, if they were ever written, are lost. This book contains the history of, and remarks on, the method of finding two mean proportionals, various modes of applying mechanical curves to the quadrature of the circle, approximate solutions of the same problem, and a collection of formulae for the solution of triangles, with a short chapter on the calendar.

Munimen adreus Nova Cyclometrica. This was a

refutation of Joseph Scaliger's asserted quadrature of the circle, though the name of Scaliger is not mentioned in it. This eminent scholar was exceedingly angry, and attacked Vieta with much bitterness. But he afterwards, according to De Thou, changed his tone, admitted his error, and did justice to his opponent. Vieta himself had a high respect for Scaliger, as might be inferred from his suppression of the name. If Isaac Casaubon is to be trusted, he thought most highly even of the mathematical knowledge of Scaliger. In one of Casaubon's letters to De Thou (p. 307 of the collection), he says, that on one occasion he and a friend paid a visit to Vieta, and that, Scaliger's name coming up in conversation, Vieta said, 'I have so great an admiration of that astounding genius, that I should think he alone perfectly understands all mathematical writers, particularly those of the Greeks.' And he added, that he thought more highly of Scaliger when wrong than of many others when right.

Relatio Calendarii v. r. Gregorini (Paris, 1600); *Kalendarium Gregorianum perpetuum, m. Adreus Christophorus Clavius Expositio* (Paris, 1602). We have said enough of these unfortunate works in the preceding part of this article. The expositum is preceded by Greek verses addressed to Clavius.

All the preceding works are contained, in the order in which we have mentioned them, in the collected edition of Vieta's works, edited by Schooten, and printed by the Elsevirs at Leyden, in 1646. It seems that Vieta's papers had either been almost entirely destroyed or else exhausted: for though the Elsevirs, in 1640, advertised their intention of printing such an edition (in the first number of the 'Catalogus Universalis,' an annual book-list, printed at Amsterdam), requesting those who had anything unpublished of Vieta's to communicate it, and giving the names (without dates, unfortunately) of all that had been published, yet they could not print, six years after this advertisement, one single treatise which did not appear in their own advertisement as already known. We have yet to speak of two other works, both remarkable in their way, which are not in Schooten's collection.

Harmonicon Celeste.—This work has only been recovered in our own day. Schooten's reason for not giving it was, that he could only find an incomplete and inaccurate copy to print from: but he says that he had reason to suppose he should obtain a more complete copy, which he promised to publish with other writings of Vieta; no such work ever was produced. The very year before this preface of Schooten appeared, Bouillaud, in the preface to his 'Astronomia Philolœica' (1645), says that Peter Dupuis (Petrus Puteanus) had lent the manuscript to Mersenne, and that some borrower, or more professed thief (but which is not said), had obtained it from Mersenne, and had never returned it. Some particular person is evidently pointed at: Bouillaud says this borrower would neither restore it nor a copy of it, and suspects that he meant to publish it as his own. Bouillaud was a good authority in this matter: he was known to De Thou, Schooten, &c., and Peter Dupuis was one of his colleagues in the formation of the catalogue of De Thou's library, and perhaps, if the story be true, got the manuscript out of that library to lend it to Mersenne. This story has been repeated in many English writers on this subject, from Sherburne down to Hutton, and always in the same words. Some inquiries which the writer of this article made some years ago at Paris through a most competent investigator, ended in the assurance that it was in Bouillaud's handwriting in the Royal Library at Paris, that he (Bouillaud) had himself lent the manuscript to Cosmo de' Medici of Tuscany, which must have been after it was recovered from Mersenne's honest friend, and of course after the publication of the 'Astronomia Philolœica.' Lastly M. Libri (*Hist. des Sci. Math. en Italie*, vol. iv., p. 22) announces that there is an imperfect manuscript in the Royal Library at Paris, and that the original manuscript of Vieta (and an old copy, which however is mislaid) is in the Mediceo-Laurenziana Library at Florence (which confirms the last statement of Bouillaud). He gives a short account of the contents of the Paris manuscript, which contains various modifications of Ptolemy's theory, and sufficient proof that Vieta well knew both the writings of Copernicus and Tycho Brahe. Of the former he says that the excellence of his system, if any, is destroyed by the badness of the geometry by which it is explained; and M. Libri states that he avows his opposition to the helio-

centric system still more plainly in other places. There is one conjecture which is worthy of some attention: we have seen how imperfect is the evidence for attributing to Apollonius the opinion afterwards maintained by Copernicus: Vieta asserts that this opinion was called Apollonian, not because Apollonius promulgated it, but because the sun (Apollo) is in the centre of the system.

It was said that the 'Harmonicon Celeste' was to be published, but it has not yet appeared.

Canon Mathematicus, seu ad Triangula, cum appendicibus, Lutetiae, apud Johannem Mettayer, &c., 1579; in which is annexed, with a new title-page, 'Francisci Vietæ universalium Inspectionum ad Canonem Mathematicum liber singularis, Lutetiae, &c., as before.

This same book, from the same types, is also found with another title-page, as follows:—'Francisci Vietæ opera mathematica, in quibus tractatur canon mathematicus, seu ad triangula: item Canonion, &c. &c. &c., Londini, apud Franciscum Bouvier, 1589.

The same book, again from the same types, is in the British Museum with a third title-page, as follows:—'Frac. Vietæ Libellorum Supplicum in Regia magistri, insignis que Mathematici, varia opera mathematica: in quibus tractatur Canon Mathematicus, seu ad triangula; item Canonion, &c., Parisiis, apud Bartholomæum Macrurum, &c., 1609.

That the second and third are really the same book as the first, with a new title-page, we have ascertained by carefully comparing various words which are mispelt, and letters and lines which are broken, in all three: also by the fact that the second title-page, 'Francisci Vietæ, &c.,' is the same, date and all, in the second. In the third the second title-page is taken out, and Mettayer's address is printed after the first. This book was, from its extreme scarceness, a bibliographical curiosity: we have seen five copies, three with the first title-page, one with the second, and one with the third: in two of the first three, some figures which are not found in the third have been stamped in after the printing; and the same stamping is apparent both in the fourth and fifth. The *canon mathematicus* is the first table in which sines and cosines, tangents and cotangents, secants and cosecants, are completely given: they are arranged in the modern form, in which each number entered has a double appellation. But the notation of decimal fractions not being invented, the mode of description is as follows:—to give the sine and cosine of $24^{\circ} 2'$, Vieta states that, the hypotenuse being 100,000, the perpendicular and base are 40,727 and 91,330 9; and in a similar way for the others: and here it is remarkable that in the cosines Vieta does use a species of decimal notation, leaving a blank space instead of using a decimal point; for, to an hypotenuse 100,000, the base to an angle of $24^{\circ} 2'$ is what we should now write 91330.9. There is also a large collection of rational-sided right-angled triangles, which form a trigonometrical canon, but not ascending by equal angles. The work concludes with a copious collection of trigonometrical formulae and various numerical calculations, for mention of which see Hutton's 'History of Trigonometrical Tables,' prefixed to his logarithms, and inserted in his treatise. A short preface by Mettayer, prefixed to the 'Universalium Inspectionum,' &c., states that Vieta found great difficulties in getting tables printed at all, and also that plagiarists had printed and sold something of the kind, but what is not stated. Vieta himself (Schooten, p. 323) calls this book *infelicitate edita*, and hopes that a second edition will be of better authority.

Having now given, we believe, as complete an account of Vieta as existing materials can furnish, in consideration of the very meagre manner in which his biography is usually treated (the article in the 'Biographie Universelle' is very poor, considering that the work is French, and Vieta the greatest French mathematician of the sixteenth century), we may speak briefly upon the merit of his writings. Vieta is a name to which it matters little that we have not dwelt on several points which would have made a character for a less person, such as his completion of the cases of solution of right-angled spherical triangles, his expressions for the approximate quadrature of the circle, his arithme-

* We cannot find the name of Bouvier in the list of English publishers of the sixteenth century, given in Johnson's 'Typographia.' In fact no other instance is given (p. 457) of a foreign book being furnished with a London title page.

tial extensions of the same approximation, and so on. The two great pedestals on which his fame rests are his improvements in the form of algebra, which he first made to be a purely symbolical science, and showed to be capable of wide and easy application in ordinary hands; his application of his new algebra to the extension of trigonometry, in which he first discovered the important relations of multiple angles; and his extension of the ancient rules for division and extraction of the square and cube roots to the *ærege* process for the solution of all equations, which, with Mr. Horner's new mode of conducting the calculation, is becoming daily of more importance. He did not, as some of the French say, lay down the view of equations which was afterwards done by Harriot, but he gave strong suggestions towards it, stronger suggestions than the Italian algebraists had furnished him with for his own new algebra: it is Harriot's praise that he saw how to go on from where Vieta had stopped, as it is that of Vieta to have proceeded from the point at which Cardan had stopped. Neither did he, as some of the French again say (but not from national feeling in this instance), first apply algebra to geometry; for if by the application of algebra be meant the method of coordinates, that application is wholly due to Des Cartes, assisted, no doubt, by the power which Vieta conferred on algebra. But if nothing more be meant than the solution of geometrical problems by help of algebraical symbols and methods, many have claims before Vieta; for instance, Regiomontanus, Cardan, and Bombelli. Nay, Vieta himself points out that Regiomontanus had solved problems algebraically which he complained of not being afterwards able to do geometrically; and Vieta himself supplies the geometrical verification of Regiomontanus's algebraical solutions. Neither did he, as some of the French again say, show how to form the coefficients of the powers of a binomial: he saw, no doubt, the connection of them with the series 1, 2, 3, &c., 1, 3, 6, &c., 1, 4, 10, &c., as Tartaglia had done before him; but he did not show how to form them by any algebraical law, as Newton afterwards did. If a Persian or an Hindu, instructed in the modern European algebra, were to ask, 'Who, of all individual men, made the step which most distinctly marks the separation of the science which you now return to us from that which we delivered to you by the hands of Mohammed Ben Musa?' the answer must be—Vieta.

The earliest history of algebra is that contained in the mixed treatise of Wallis (in English, 1685; in Latin, 1693). Wallis had a partiality for Harriot which not only blinded him to much of the merit of Vieta, but furnished him with spectacles by which he could see most of the discoveries of the latter only in the writings of the former. Montucla has fairly and properly exposed this tendency: but that he may be disqualified to throw a stone at Wallis, he, in his turn, gravely and seriously declares that he cannot see the merit of the invention of *an, awo, &c.*, to represent the powers of *a*, instead of Vieta's mode. Montucla is not altogether fair to the Italian algebraists who preceded Vieta, as to which he has been severely criticised by Cossali, and also by M. Libri. But these Italian historians have a corresponding fault: they make a painful endeavour to show that the peculiar discoveries of Vieta are to be found in the writings of their own illustrious countrymen, and particularly of Cardan. Cossali will even have it that Cardan has something equivalent to, or very nearly approaching to, Des Cartes's theorem on the roots of equations (*СВУМЪ ТИРОКЪ*); and constantly endeavours to show that Cardan might, could, would, or should, or ought to have had something which he just stops short of saying Cardan actually *had*. He wants to make his countrymen a school of constructive discoverers; if Cardan had only carried the contents of page *x* farther than he did, and seen something at page *y* which he did not see, then he would have been able at page *z* to do something which he did not do, but which Vieta *did* do. M. Libri starts more fairly: 'In France,' he observes (vol. iv., p. 1), 'Vieta made algebra approach nearer to perfection, and, perhaps, caused the labours of his predecessors to fall into too much neglect.' This is perfectly true, and might have been more positively expressed; but a little further on we find (p. 7), 'In truth his discoveries seem to be not comparable to those of Ferro or Ferrari.' This is truly strange: for in the next sentence we find he 'was an eminently philosophical mind, and is more to be admired for his

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methods than for the results which he obtained from them.' Can it seriously be M. Libri's opinion that the inventor of an isolated result is to be placed above one who increases the power of the human race over every branch of science? and is it not the surest test of the greatness of a discovery, that it is a method, not a result, and that the power which it gives to others makes succeeding results obtained from it more remarkable than those of the inventor himself. If ever it has been true that coming events have thrown their shadows before, it has been in the progress of the mathematics: it never has happened, in the case of any great discovery, that it was made upon quite a clear field. No one can read the history of science without finding that there was always, in the time immediately preceding the promulgation of any new method, a constant tendency towards the invention of that method, a series of efforts the results of which have speedily merged in those of the man for whom the discovery was reserved. This leaves the relative merit of investigators unaltered; if it depress Vieta, it also depresses Tartaglia and Cardan. To us it raises all three: for it points out that they have severally succeeded where their predecessors have failed, and relieves them from the consequences of the supposition that it was merely their good fortune which led their thoughts to that which another might as easily have attained if his thoughts had been turned towards the subject. If sometimes too much Gallicism shows itself, by way of exception, in the admirable history of Montucla, it is not half so offensive as the constant and always recurring nationality of the Italian historians, which renders it necessary to watch them so closely, that the end of it will be a general conviction that they are not to be safely read at all, without the original authorities at hand, on any matter in which claims of country can enter. M. Libri, in finding out, and with perfect correctness, that Cataldi used continued fractions before Brouncker, and infinite series (or at least an infinite series) before Wallis, and in making a very just remark on the interest with which the first dawnings of the doctrine of infinites should be regarded, forgets that Vieta had preceded Cataldi, to the extent of using a combination of the infinite product and series united. It would be difficult, we think, to produce an earlier germ of the doctrine just alluded to than is seen in the celebrated expression given by Vieta for the quadrature of a circle, which we should now express thus

$$\frac{2}{\pi} = \sqrt{o} \cdot \sqrt{o + \sqrt{o}} \cdot \sqrt{o + \sqrt{o + \sqrt{o}}} \&c.$$

where *o* means half a unit. (*Resp. Math.*, Schooten, p. 400.)

Both Vieta and Cossali endeavour to show that the Italian algebraists used letters for quantities, both known and unknown. So they did, no doubt, and so did Euclid, and so (according to M. Libri himself) did Aristotle. But who combined the use of letters with that of symbols of operation so as to produce algebraical formulae, and to give to the operations of algebra that technical character which makes them resemble the operations of arithmetic? One look at any page of the Italian algebraists will show the difference between their algebra and that of Vieta better than any description. Accordingly, both Cossali and Libri state the asserted resemblances without specific citation. When will the writer who asserts that Cardan was substantially in possession of Vieta's algebra attempt to substantiate his assertion by putting so much as half a page of the former side by side with one of the latter?

We now proceed to give some further account of Leonard of Pisa and of Lucas Pacioli, the most celebrated of the very early Italian algebraists. The latter has been accidentally omitted, a circumstance which we do not regret, as it gives us the opportunity of availing ourselves of M. Libri's work hereinbefore cited, and of mentioning the same work in a more satisfactory manner. The author has made most extensive researches in Italian mathematical history, and is, we have no doubt, perfectly trustworthy on all points in which he is not the partisan of a country or a school.

Leonardo Fibonacci (a corruption of *Aluis Bonacci*) was the son of one Bonacci, a merchant of Pisa, and was born some time in the twelfth century. He states that his father was employed for the merchants of his own city at the custom-house of an African port, and there made him study arithmetic: he afterwards travelled in Egypt,

Syria, Greece, and Provence, and from the various systems of numeration which he saw learnt to value the superiority of the Indian method, which was probably that which his father had taught him. His inattention to matters of commerce, and preference for mathematical pursuits, procured for him, from his countrymen, the contemptuous epithet of *Bagdoloso*. His *Liber Abaci* was first written in 1202, and with additions in 1228, when it was dedicated to Michael Scott. The *Practica Geometrie* was written in 1230. Commandine intended to have published the latter, and Bernard the former, but neither effected his purpose, and, with the exception of the parts which Pacioli afterwards used, and the extensive citations in the notes of M. Libri's second volume, nothing of Fibonacci's has yet appeared. There was also a work on square numbers of which the manuscript is known to have existed at Florence in 1708, but cannot now be found.

The *Liber Abaci* is a work on arithmetic and algebra. M. Libri is of opinion that no Christian writer can be shown to have introduced the Arabic or Indian numerals into any part of Christendom before the publication of this treatise. Such manuscripts as exist, and which seem to have a prior date, are thought by him to have been written either by Jews, or by Spanish Christians among the Moors. Dr. Peacock (*Essays*, *Metrop.*, 'Arithmetic') had arrived at the conclusion that Fibonacci's works were the earliest in which these figures can be traced. It is remarkable that their writer was only known by name in the middle of the last century, when the manuscripts of which we now speak were discovered at Florence by Tozzetti. But the intentions of Commandine and Bernard show that they were known at an earlier period.

The fifteenth chapter of the '*Liber Abaci*,' which contains the treatise on algebra, has been cited in full by M. Libri. Any one who will compare it with Dr. Rosen's translation of Mohammed ben Musa will see a resemblance which tends to confirm the general supposition (which also, according to Cardano, may be inferred from the express words of Fibonacci himself) that the Arabic work just named was that from which algebra was made European, though there is every appearance of the avowed translations of it being posterior to Fibonacci. But the latter must either have known other works, or have been an original investigator of great merit. Several things known to the Hindus, but not mentioned by Ben Musa, are contained in his writings. He may have come to these by himself; but it is also certain that the name of the Hindus is frequently mentioned in the manuscripts of the time as that of a nation excelling in these branches of study. A close analysis of the writings of Fibonacci would probably settle whether he is to be considered as having himself enlarged the boundary of the science, or as nothing but the compiler of Oriental works. His merit is great either way; and his name, considerable as it now may be, is nothing to what it will be among the Oriental nations, when they shall have received back the principal which he borrowed from them, with the interest now due upon it, and ready to be paid on demand. The influence of his writings was long felt in Italy, which became from his time the great school of arithmetic; and it is due to him, even now, that his works should be printed entire.

Lucas Pacioli was born at Borgo San Sepolcro, in Tuscany (whence he is frequently called Lucas de Borgo sancti Sepolchri, and Lucas di Borgo), about the middle of the fifteenth century. He was a Minorite friar, and taught successively at Perugia, Rome, Naples, Pisa, and Venice. He resided some time at Milan, in company with Leonardo da Vinci; they quitted Lombardy together on the arrival of the French, and Pacioli spent his last years at Florence and at Venice. He was certainly alive in 1500; but from after that year M. Libri finds no further mention of him as living.

His '*Summa de Arithmetica, Geometria, Proportioni, et Proportionalita*' was printed in Italian, at Venice, in 1494. It contains copious extracts from Fibonacci, to such an extent that Pacioli himself warns his reader, where no other authority is mentioned, to infer that Leonard of Pisa is followed. This work was the first printed in algebra, and though it does not advance the science, contains a large amount of details, and carries the practice of algebraic operations into questions of more complexity than any which had preceded, particularly in operations on

keeping, which forms part of Pacioli's work, is the first in which what is now called the method of double entry appears in print. Some account of the contents will be found in Hutton's '*History of Algebra*' (*Tracts*, vol. ii.). The '*Divina Proportione*,' Venice, 1509, is thus described by M. Libri: 'Pacioli wished to make a certain proportion,* long known to geometers, the base of all the sciences. He deduces from it the principles of architecture, the proportions of the human figure, and even those which ought to be given to the letters of the alphabet. It is a systematic treatise, of which the principal merit consists in the co-operation of Leonardo da Vinci, who engraved the plates, and probably also superintended the parts which concern the arts. There are some propositions of geometry upon the inscription of polyhedra in one another. . . . There is also the use of letters to indicate numerical quantities.' On this last sentence M. Libri cites a passage containing the use of letters in a simple proportion; and it seems to us that the point which he is labouring to establish, namely, the virtual existence of *specious algebra* before *Viete*, cannot be more completely overturned than by this, his only direct quotation on the subject. When M. Libri says that Fibonacci used letters for quantities, both known and unknown, he does not cite a passage, but leaves it to be verified by those who will look over his citation of the fifteenth chapter of Fibonacci, of more than 150 octavo pages. On looking through these we do find a few places where numbers are denoted by single letters; but whenever they are to be divided into parts, double letters are used: in fact, Fibonacci does exactly what Euclid does in the fifth book. Of Pacioli's notation, in the professed algebraical work, nothing is said; but in the work we now mention the quotation which is to establish that Pacioli had substantially the idea of Viete on algebra contains just as much algebraical notation as, and no more than, appears in Pacioli's own translation of Euclid, published in the same year. M. Libri persists in supposing that the mere use of letters to designate numbers is the sole distinction of Viete's algebra.

The edition of Euclid, to which we have just alluded, and which appeared in Latin, at Venice, in 1509, is that as to which [GREGORY, p. 153] we have followed the editor of Fabricius in doubting its existence. We have since seen the work. Heilbronner infers from the preface to the '*Divina Proportione*,' that Pacioli translated Euclid into Italian, and it is now known that he did not publish several of his earlier works; but he himself, in the dedication of the work now under mention, speaking of this very Latin Euclid itself, says, '*Leges . . . versacula lingua per me donatum Euclidem*,' whence it is obvious that by *cernacula* he means the Latin, as opposed to Greek or Arabic. The translation is substantially that of Alhazard (which goes by the name of Campanus), and the commentaries of Campanus, or many of them, are added: Pacioli's own additional comments are all headed *Castigator*. All the fifteen books are given which were supposed to be Euclid's.

Pacioli is not to be looked on as a great improver either of geometry or arithmetic: but his utility cannot be denied. It was he who made Fibonacci useful to the world by his compilations from that writer, and he has shown so much learning on the subject, and has drawn from so many sources, that it is not perhaps too much to say that it was better he should have printed the first book on algebra, than a more original but less erudite teacher.

VIGA GANITA, the name of the principal Hindu work on algebra which remains. We have referred to this article all matters which relate to the astronomical and arithmetical science of the Hindus, partly because there is not enough to be said on the subject to make it worth while to distribute it under heads in a work like the present, and partly because it was desirable to defer the article in question as long as possible, in the hope that some further investigation of the points on which we are to write might make its appearance. For it is not a simple record of facts, but an account of the most singular extremes of opinion, which is to be given, almost every point having been discussed in the most extreme spirit of party

* We cite it here because we wish to give some account of a work which is mostly only mentioned, and because we cannot understand what M. Libri means.

by every writer whom we have to name, except two. We cannot pretend to the knowledge of Oriental matters which is necessary to form the most positive judgment upon the controversy: but it is of more consequence to our readers to see the manner in which the question has been discussed, than to be put in possession of any new statements of opinion; and it is of some importance that those who may hereafter write on the subject should see that a disposition to support system is soon pointed out, even in ordinary works of reference.

In 1647 La Loubère, returning from his embassy to Siam, brought home what are called the Siamese Tables. In 1790 Du Chaspe, a missionary, sent home another set of tables, from Christnabouram (the Kistnabouram of the ordinary maps?). In the Carnatic. About the same time Patouillet, another missionary, sent home another set, nameless, but supposed to answer to the latitude of Narsapur, near Masulipatam. In 1769 the astronomer Le Gentil brought with him from India, where he had been to observe the transit of Venus, the tables of Tirvalore. These were all the documents of Indian astronomy which were known when BAILLY published his history of that subject. The professed epochs of these tables are—Siamese, A.D. 638; Christnabouram, A.D. 1491; Narsapur, A.D. 1569; Tirvalore, A.C. 3102, the beginning of the Cali Yuga, or fourth great age of the Hindus.

These tables, with the exception of some remarks by D. Cassini and Legendre, excited no great notice till they impressed the active imagination of BAILLY with the idea that the epoch of the Tirvalore tables was that at which they were actually made, and that consequently they represent actual observations made nearly five thousand years ago. We have seen, in the article cited, the manner in which he rode this singular hobby, and how he even 'changed it at last for one still more strange, in inventing a people unknown to history to be the original progenitors of all astronomical science. Baily had learned from his Indian teachers not to be nice about a few thousand years; but, as it has been mercifully said that we are not to judge of the temptation to which a man has yielded without taking into consideration the amount which he may possibly have resisted, we may remember that the Hindu Calpa was upwards of four hundred millions of years, and that Baily, when at his wildest, never asked for more than eight or nine thousand. His latest opponent, Bentley, who, as we shall see, had the same sort of fault as himself, petitioned for and obtained a note of certificate in his own favour from Maskelyne, who states that, to his knowledge, Lalande and Laplace considered Baily as a superficial astronomer and an indifferent calculator. But Baily was a better calculator than Laplace, and a better astronomer (in the sense in which Laplace was an astronomer) than Lalande.

The antiquity of Hindu astronomy found favour to the eyes of Playfair, and was supported by him in the 'Edinburgh Transactions.' In a paper which is reprinted in his miscellaneous works. It was opposed by Leslie, who regarded everything Indian with abhorrence: his gross ignorance and reckless assertions were exposed by Colebrooke (*Algebra*, &c. Introduction, p. 59). Playfair's only authority was Baily: and his paper amounts to little more than a reiteration, in his own elegant manner, of the main points of Baily's argument. Sir W. Jones evidently leans to the side of antiquity, and, placing the foundation of the Indian system about B.C. 2000, seems to suppose that astronomical knowledge was nearly of as old a date: but he does not enter into the question as a mathematician. We next come to Delambre, a mind the opposite of Baily's in every particular: he was seduced by the regular and demonstrated systems of the Greeks into the belief that the origin of all astronomy which deserves the name must have been Grecian. Relying upon nothing but contemporary written documents, his mode of meeting every conjecture, however probable, is simply that of treating it as conjecture. It is evident that the spirit of system is as strong in him as in Baily, the current only setting in a different direction: his mode of arguing equally keeps out truth and falsehood, when it comes on unwritten evidence. The admissions which he is obliged to make in favour of Indian arithmetic and algebra are evidently wrung from a most unwilling soul: and not content with overthrowing most completely the premises of Baily's argument, he endeavours to insinuate that all the astronomy of the Eastern world either

did come or might have come from the Greeks: in his mind the latter is the same thing as the former. Much of the matter of Delambre's chapters on the subject is drawn from the writings of Davis and the earlier writings of Bentley. Colebrooke's 'Algebra,' &c. only appeared in time for him to consider it in the preface to the History of Astronomy in the Middle Ages. He did not see Colebrooke's work: the account of it in the 'Edinburgh Review' was, he says, better for his object (and he puts it in Italian) than the work itself, on account of the accompanying remarks. It is the only instance that we can find in which an article in a review serves Delambre's purpose better than the historical documents on which it was written.

Since the time of Baily, three Anglo-Indians have written on the subject of Hindu science, more or less controversially: Samuel Davis, Henry Thomas Colebrooke, and John Bentley. The first two are the only writers in our list who seem to have no personal wish that the astronomy of which they treat should have any particular date. Mr. Colebrooke states that Mr. Davis was the first who opened to the public a correct view of the astronomical computations of the Hindus. Mr. Colebrooke was one of the most eminent of Sanscrit scholars, an indefatigable Indian antiquary, and more than well informed in mathematics and astronomy. His account of the Hindu systems of philosophy, as published in his 'Miscellaneous Essays,' (V. 1824) is by far the best which exists; and all that he has written on their science is done in the most careful and conscientious spirit. We may even say that it was his bias to allow the least possible weight to his own arguments, and the greatest to all that could make for his opponents. For instance, when he has brought the time of Aryabhatta (presently mentioned) to 'some ages before the sixth century,' he places him in the fifth century A.C., and requires no other conclusion to be granted. But when he comes to speak of Diophantus (of whom the earlier he wrote, the more likely is it that he did not borrow his algebra from India), he is willing that it should be 'confidently affirmed' that he cannot be later than the fourth century, because (such are his grounds) Suidas states that Hypatia wrote a commentary on some Diophantus, most likely the writer now known by that name, and an author of uncertain date in the 'Anthologia' wrote an epigram upon him. Throughout his writings there is this apparent carelessness of making the most of his own argument, and the least of that of his opponents; to an extent which, while it makes us feel we are certainly on the safe side in following him, causes us to regret that so cautious an investigator should not have given as his limits in both directions. We consider him by far the safest guide, both in point of learning and judgment, taking the former from the general report of Oriental scholars; and accordingly we shall represent him as to dates and facts, even where we do not follow him.

Mr. Bentley, the last named of the three, is the Baily of those who oppose the antiquity of Hindu astronomy. In his earlier writings, which are to be found (as well as those of Davis and some of those of Colebrooke) in the 'Asiatic Researches,' he does not deserve any such epithet; his opinions, though strong, are accompanied by their supports, or what he takes for such, moderately stated. His paper 'On the Antiquity of the Surya Siddhanta's' was published in 1799: it was not till 1823 that he published at Calcutta his 'Historical View of the Hindu Astronomy,' which was reprinted in England in 1825. It is in this work that he has surpassed Baily in his own line. The Hindu works are forgeries by the dozen: Bentley knows who forged them, and why. The upholders of Indian antiquity are dupes, or worse: they are to take the stain (see his preface) of supporting all the horrid abuses and impositions of the Hindu superstition. 'the burning of widows, the destroying of infants, and even' (even!) 'the immolation of men.' They conspire to overturn the Moslem account; and they calumniate 'the just endeavours of those who attempt to stop the torrent of imposition. It is worth while to state an instance or two of Mr. Bentley's mode of proceeding, as some of our readers may have no other authority on the subject.

Bhaskara, the author of the *Lilavati* and *Viga Ganita*,
 * The 'Edinburgh Review' had an article of moderate opposition against Mr. Bentley's system: from his opponents any one would suppose they had done him a most unjustifiable injury.

lived, according to Mr. Colebrooke, who gives his reasons, in the twelfth century. A version of the former, by one Faizi, was made, at the command of the emperor Akbar, in 1587. It does not please Mr. Bentley that it should be so, and he accordingly informs us that Bhaskara's work was presented to Akbar, the author being then alive; but that, in order to give a false antiquity to the work, it was represented as that of another Bhaskara, who lived some centuries before. Not a single hint at any authority is given: it is a simple statement, as of the author's own knowledge; and is only one out of hundreds of the same kind, all of which Mr. Bentley emits in different places 'absolute facts,' 'demonstrated facts,' &c.

Again, Mr. Colebrooke mentions a treatise which he found in his library, the *Siddhanta-Sphuta*. This is one of Mr. Bentley's mass of forged treatises: but in this instance he declares he knew the forger. A native, he says, offered his services to him, informed him that his profession was *book-making*, in rather an odd sense, for he said he could forge any book whatever. This native was, after being contemptuously dismissed by Mr. Bentley, in the employment of Mr. Colebrooke: at least so the former affirms, and on this native he fixes the forgery, as he asserts it to be, of the *Siddhanta-Sphuta*, giving us to understand that the keen and critical eye of Mr. Colebrooke could be deceived by so shallow an artifice as a recent forgery laid among his papers by his own servant. And he makes this adroit native interpolate other books of Mr. Colebrooke's, so that the latter, in fact, had a manufactory of falsified history on his own premises, from which his opponent could destroy the genuineness of any passage he pleased. Mr. Bentley does not tell us in what language he talked with this native, but we strongly suspect that they misunderstood each other.

On the ground of the complete absence of all reference to authority, the certainty of all the conclusions (for there is rarely an admission of any degree of probability less than certainty), and the temper of the writer, who sees nothing but folly or fraud in every one who differs from him, we feel justified in assuming that Bentley is no authority whatsoever in the matter. Had it not been for Colebrooke (for Davis does not go into the subject to a sufficient extent), we could but have recommended our reader to make up his mind first, and then to read the arguments of the writer who favoured his own opinion.

We had written thus far on the subject of Bentley's views and methods, and had sent the article to the press, when we learnt that Colebrooke had answered his last work in the '*Asiatic Journal*' for March, 1826. We had imagined that, trusting to the excuses of his age and of the improbability of his reputation being affected by the mere assertions of so wild a writer, Colebrooke had not thought it necessary to make any reply. The answer does in truth not occupy more than seven pages of the periodical above cited, but it sets in array such a number of inconsistencies, as well as of simple unsupported assertions, that we are now very confident of our opinion of Bentley as derived from his writings being a correct one. An unexceptionable living authority, who knew Bentley, informs us that his supposed system of forgeries of Hindu writings was a sort of monomania with him, on which he was quite deaf to argument and testimony; and Colebrooke, in the answer just referred to, says, 'he bore animosity to me and to every one who did not implicitly adopt his opinions concerning Hindu astronomy.' We should have supposed the first from his writings in general, and the second from the heat of his attack on the very quiet criticism of the '*Edinburgh Review*.' With respect to his asserted forgery of the '*Brahma Sphuta Siddhanta*,' Colebrooke says it is 'an idle guess, untrue in all its particulars.' But he turns the tables on his opponent, as follows:—'Bentley has reasoned on a treatise in his possession, which he calls the *Arya Siddhanta*, and asserts to have been written by Aryabhata.' Colebrooke says that none but Bentley had seen this work; that the manuscript was not forthcoming; that Bentley himself did not understand Sanscrit, that the natives about him 'knew his notions, and that he was as likely as his friend Colonel Wilford (who from his ignorance of Sanscrit had had some very curious impostures palmed upon him) to have been imposed upon. With regard to his own manuscript, Colebrooke adverts to the fact of its being (with the rest of his Oriental library) deposited at the India House, in a situation accessible to

Sanscrit scholars. And with respect to Bentley's celebrated test, namely, that tables must have been constructed at the time when they best represent the state of the heavens, Colebrooke adverts to an instance in which Bentley himself was obliged to abandon it, because it would have proved that a certain set of tables, which now exist, were written fourteen hundred years hence. But as we have nothing here to do with Bentley, except to give sufficient reason for not taking as an authority a writer whose name is very well known (perhaps better than that of any recent writer) in connection with our subject, we refer the reader to the '*Asiatic Journal*' (March, 1826, vol. xxi.) for further information.

The writers who are most cited by Hindu astronomers bear the names of Varaha-mihira and Brahmagupta. The astronomers at Ujein place the latter at A.D. 628, and Mr. Colebrooke, from his own description of the position of certain stars with respect to the equinox, thinks he lived towards the end of the sixth century. His work, called the *Brahma-sphuta-siddhanta*, generally referred to under the name of *Brahma-siddhanta*, which appears to be a correction of a treatise of the latter name, was found in an imperfect state by Mr. Colebrooke. He informs us that it consists in the computation of mean motions and true places of the planets; solution of problems concerning time, the points of the horizon, and the position of places; calculation of lunar and solar eclipses; rising and setting of the planets; position of the moon's cusps; observation of altitudes by the gnomon; conjunctions of planets with each other and with stars; the astronomical sphere and its circles; the construction of sines; the rectification of the apparent planet (?) from mean motions; the cause of lunar and solar eclipses; and the construction of the armillary sphere. It also contains algebra and mensuration.

From his astronomical data, Colebrooke infers that Varaha-mihira wrote at the end of the fifth century, which is also the date assigned to him by the astronomers at Ujein. He is the author of a system of astrology (including astronomy) which he declares he has compiled from earlier writers. There is another Varaha-mihira, whom the same astronomers place in A.D. 200. But popular tradition places Varaha-mihira in the time of Vikramaditya (A.D. 56), and names, as hereafter noticed, several of his contemporaries. No historical evidence tending to impeach this tradition has yet been put forward, not prominently at least.

Aryabhata, known to the Arabs under the name of Arjabhar, is placed by Colebrooke, after much discussion, at not later than the fifth century, possibly not far from the first. He wrote both on astronomy and algebra, but none of his writings have been found, except in citations.

Authors prior to or contemporary with the last-named are mentioned by name, and even cited: such are Palisa, Parnasara, and others; but none of their writings are preserved.

Bhaskara Acharya, the author of the *Lilavati*, *Viga Ganita*, *Siddhanta-siromani* (of which the two former are parts), and other works, is very confidently placed by Colebrooke A.D. 1150.

The celebrated work on astronomy, the *Surya-siddhanta*, is of uncertain date. The term *Siddhanta* means a system of astronomy, and *Surya* is the sun. The oldest writings mention a work of this name, and the Arabs state that among the systems of astronomy of the Hindus there is one called *Ara* (or solar). The tables mentioned at the beginning of this article are generally admitted to have been substantially taken from the *Surya-siddhanta*, as it now exists, or from a common source: but whether the work which now exists is that which was mentioned by the ancient writers may be strongly doubted. Bentley (in one of his early papers, before he became his reader's sole authority) has discussed the question, and assuming that the age of a table is most probably that at which, one result with another, it best represents the heavens, has deduced the year A.D. 1000, or thereabouts, for the age of the *Surya-siddhanta*. The principal is a fair one; and Colebrooke at one time acknowledged great force in Bentley's argument. But it is notorious that the Hindu writers were in the habit of correcting their works from time to time, without altering their names; so that it is very possible that there may always have been a *Surya-siddhanta*, from the earliest times of Hindu astronomy. The name of the author, according to Bentley, is Varaha-mihira; but Colebrooke does not mention any author, as far as we can find,

and certainly disputes Bentley's assertion, which also overturns itself, thus:—Bentley's method (which was also that of Bailly and Playfair, though their conclusions were very different), as applied by himself, throws the tables of Brahmagupta into the sixth century: now Brahmagupta mentions Varaha, who is nevertheless, by Bentley's own conclusion from another source, the author of the *Surya-siddhanta* in the eleventh century. Perhaps it was this dilemma which drove its author to assert forgery upon forgery, until he had set all right.

It thus appears that there is ordinarily good evidence for a succession of writers from the commencement of the Christian era up to the twelfth century, with no very great allowance of antiquity to those who are cited by the earliest writers now remaining. There would be nothing extraordinary in the supposition that the chain of authors went back to the time of Alexander at least, since it is certain that the Brahminical system existed before the time of that conqueror. The only question which is worth discussing is, whether anything was received from the Greeks, and if so, whether it was without interchange, and enough to give us a right to say that the Greeks were the primary instructors of the Hindus. If not, then it is to be settled whether the Hindus were the original instructors of the Greeks. It is only with reference to this question that the antiquity of Hindu astronomy is of much independent interest, as a matter of discussion at least: if the astronomy travelled westward, then we must place a flourishing period of it before the time of Thales, and the only thing to be said is, that we must probably wait for the actual ascertainment of the most active age of Hindu science, till we know that of other things. But if it travelled eastward, it must be pretty clear, from the dates given above, that it was the science of Hipparchus and his successors of the period preceding Ptolemy, and not that of Ptolemy, nor of his Saracen followers, which was communicated to the Hindus.

There is some evidence of communication between the Greeks and Hindus, such as it is: but neither Delambre nor Bentley could produce it. All that can be obtained from the actual theories and methods amounts to very little indeed, in establishing any connexion: while there are hints and processes by the dozen to which there is no resemblance whatever in the Greek writings. Varahamihira, according to Colebrooke, says that the Yavanas (Ionians or Greeks) are barbarians, but that this science (astronomy) is well established among them, and that they (the learned in it, we suppose) are revered like holy sages. The name of Yavana-charya, which occurs frequently in Hindu compilations, is thought by the same writer to have reference to some European; and he thinks he sees in a work entitled *Romaca-Siddhanta* a title which has some allusion to the astronomers of the West. But nevertheless in another place Colebrooke cites one *Parasurama* as a known Sanscrit writer. Besides this, there are several words of Greek origin, and used in their Greek meaning. First *hora*, for astronomical prediction, in the sense of determining the hour:—Varahamihira... derives the word from *ohorvra*, day and night.... But this formation of a word, by dropping both the first and last syllables, is not conformable to the analogies of Sanscrit etymology. Next *dreacchana*, used in the same astronomical sense with the Greek *dracene* and Latin *decans*. Thirdly, for the minute of a degree, the Hindus have adopted, besides their own *cala*, one taken from the Greek *λεπτα*, hardly altered in the Sanscrit *lipa*. This word, in Sanscrit, means smeared, infected with poison, eaten; and the dictionaries give no interpretation that has any affinity with its special acceptance as a technical term in the writings of Brahmagupta. *Cendra*, for centre, resembling the Greek *σεντρον*, is not easily traced to any Sanscrit root. If to all that precedes we add that the Hindu astronomy employs epicycles about as much as Hipparchus appears to have done, but stops decidedly short of the use of them made by Ptolemy, it seems very likely, especially when we consider the age in which their earliest cited writers must be placed, that they had some communication with the Greeks, or their writings, before or immediately after the Christian era. And this surmise, founded on the points of resemblance between their astronomy and that of the Greeks, receives an additional probability from the state of their political affairs. In the first century before our era was the celebrated prince Vikramaditya of Ujjain, from whose reign the years of the Samvat era are counted (a.c. 56). Varaha-

mihira, whom Colebrooke leaves somewhere in the fifth century, is the name, according to Professor Wilson, of one of nine who were called the gems of the court of this prince. The prince just mentioned was a noted promoter of knowledge, and the period was a remarkable one. It is not unreasonable to suppose that at this period, which is intermediate between the times of Hipparchus and Ptolemy, an effort was made to obtain information from Greek writings: nor would it be unlikely that at the same time those notions of algebra from which Diophantus wrote his work were given in exchange. It is exceedingly difficult to make any other conjecture which will explain the existence of this solitary work on algebra among the Greeks; but that the Hindus received at this time all their astronomy is very unlikely. In several points it differs materially from the system of the Greeks, and in some it is more correct: for instance, in the precession of the equinoxes, the length of the tropical year, and the synodic period of the moon.

It is worth noting that the disposition which existed among Greek writers to send their old sages to India to learn the principles of astronomy and other sciences does not commence till after the Christian era.

We may now leave the question of the antiquity of Hindu science, and proceed to give some account of its materials. The works in which it is contained are usually written in verse, and in short and obscure precepts, intended to be committed to memory: the commentators take every verse, and almost every word, in succession. The most peculiar feature of these books is the general absence of demonstration: results only are frequently announced. It cannot be denied that there is, particularly in the algebraical part, a frequent succession of steps, of which the connexion is pointed out in a manner which makes the last of those steps a necessary consequence of the first. But though a Hindu writer may fall into the road of demonstration in any part of his journey, and remain there for a time, it is evident that this is with him entirely a matter of convenience, and that he does not feel himself at all bound to give proof.

It seems to us by no means in to be taken for granted that there ever was any such thing among those writers, or their predecessors, as a connected system of demonstration; there are few propositions either of their geometry or algebra which might not have been found by trial, and verified numerically, or graphically; or else procured from empirical propositions by the mode of occasional demonstration just alluded to. But it must be allowed that here and there we have a proposition for which it is difficult to suppose an origin without presuming, not only power of demonstration, but methods of considerable generality. Though the Greeks, after the time of Euclid, never published anything of a mathematical nature without demonstration, it does not follow that even they had demonstration from the beginning; and the hints given by Proclus on the progress of geometry would almost support the contrary notion. The idea of an undemonstrated mathematical system may appear a strange one, but it must be remembered that the nations of modern Europe are, in this matter, the pupils of the Greeks, and never, till of late years, even so much as heard of any science which was independent of their own masters, except what has been added among themselves; and it is no wonder that any different mode of proceeding may seem strange, when the mere possibility of such a mode has never been made a matter of discussion among us.

The following is Colebrooke's comparison of the daily motions of the several planets, according to the Hindus, Ptolemy, and Lalande (it is not worth while to substitute any astronomer more modern than the latter). Degrees, minutes, and seconds, are common to all:—

	Brahmagupta.				Surya Siddhanta.				Ptolemy.				Lalande.			
	°	'	"	iv	°	'	"	iv	°	'	"	iv	°	'	"	iv
Sun . .	0	55	8	10	22	10	10	10	17	13	17	10	16	9	46	
Moon . .	13	10	34	52	47	52	3	58	30				61	40		
Moon (synodic) . .	12	11	26	42	25	41	53	31	17				41	52		
Mercury . .	4	5	32	18	28	20	42	24	12				34	13		
Venus . .	1	36	7	44	35	63	29	43	0				48	24		
Mars . .	0	31	26	28	7	28	11	36	53				39	25		
Jupiter . .	0	4	59	9	8	8	48	14	26				15	53		
Saturn . .	0	2	0	22	52	22	53	33	31				35	38		

It appears then that Ptolemy's daily motions are generally too small, but that the Hindus are still more in the same direction; except only in the syodic motion of the moon, in which they are much more correct than Ptolemy: the Surya Siddhanta in particular, probably the later work of the two, and therefore the more likely to be misled by Ptolemy's numbers if they were known, agrees entirely with Lalanda. This is what might have been expected: the Hindus were not, as far as appears, noted for good observations, nor very apt to record them; but they sedulously attended to eclipses, the prediction of which was the most important duty of the astronomer, and hence the goodness of their determination of the moon's syodic motion.

The length of the sidereal year is given $365^{\circ} 4' 12'' = 369$, more than three minutes too much: the Hindu astronomical year is sidereal, and begins when the sun enters the sign of the Ram. But their tropical year is $365^{\circ} 5' 54'' = 369$, much nearer the truth than that of Ptolemy and Hipparchus, which was $365^{\circ} 5' 55''$. The meridian from which they reckon is that of Lanka, which some take to be Ceylon, others the name of a lake near the sources of the Ganges: it passes through Ujain. Their precession of the equinoxes is $54''$ in each year, which is much more correct than that of Hipparchus or of Ptolemy. Most of the Hindu writers do not suppose a permanent recession, but imagine the oscillatory motion or trepidation, as it was called when it was afterwards introduced into Europe by the Arabs, who seem to have borrowed this idea from India. Those who hold the oscillatory motion fix it at from $24''$ to $27''$ on each side of a mean position. The revolutions of the apses and nodes of the moon are given within a fraction of a day of what they are now known to be; the obliquity of the ecliptic is $24''$, too large even for their time. The inclination of the moon's orbit is made $4^{\circ} 30'$; those of Mercury, Venus, and Saturn, 2° each; of Mars $1^{\circ} 30'$; of Jupiter 1° . The circumferences of the orbits (obtained, it is said, upon the purely speculative idea that they all move with the same actual velocity) are given in *yojanas*, a measure which appears to have been used in different senses, and which cannot be very well settled. This *yojana* contains four *crossas*, and the modern cross is 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ statute miles. According to Colebrooke, Aryabhatta gave 3300 *yojanas* for the circumference of the earth, which, if the cross were the modern one, would be 25,080 statute miles, or $69^{\circ} 7'$ miles to a degree: this degree of accuracy must be accidental. With regard to the motions of the nodes and apses of the planets, which the Hindu writers profess to give, Colebrooke thinks they are inventions constructed from analogy with those of the moon. As to the more theoretical parts of astronomy, the Hindus knew the inequality of the planetary motions which is called the equation of the centre, though their values of these equations are not very correct. They had about as much of that which was afterwards called the Ptolemaic system as is reported to have been invented by Hipparchus; the principal variation being that their epicycles are made (by several of their astronomers, oval, instead of circular. This is enough of the actual details of the astronomy for our present purpose; those who would know more of it must search the tedious and disjointed pages of the authors whom we have cited. No one of them would trouble himself to collect into one page the actual numerical elements of the astronomy on which they were all writing; and it is consequently so difficult to understand their several accounts (since, in case of apparent contradiction, we cannot know whether they speak of the same or of different values of the elements), that we have not felt ourselves able to supply the deficiency. It is not however of much consequence, for the elements of the Hindu astronomy are only interesting as connected with its date and the discussions upon it. We have not at all entered upon the refutations which it is still customary to give to Baily on points connected with the theory of gravitation. That writer imagined that by correcting the various elements of the planets as they now are, so as to reduce them to what, according to the Newtonian theory, they should have been at the beginning of the Cali Yuga, a remarkable agreement was found between the results and the recorded elements of Hindu astronomy. There is such agreement in one or two cases, but the result of the whole is, that there is no reason to suppose the few concordances to be due to any thing but accident.

The mixture of the mythological, which some of the Hindu astronomers* allow to appear in their works, and which seems to have belonged to the vulgar creed, presents a very strange appearance. Both in Hindu and Barman systems eclipses are caused by a distinct planet, Rahu, of a dark essence, which at times takes both the sun and moon under its influence. The irregularities of the planetary motions, their stations, retrogradations, and departures from the ecliptic, are caused by deities provided for the purpose, who reside at the nodes and points of conjunction. Aryabhatta, according to Colebrooke, not only gave the true solution of the phenomena of eclipses, but asserted the diurnal motion of the earth, which he affirmed to be carried round an axis by a strong wind. Brahmagupta attributes this opinion to him with reproach, and asks why, in such case, lofty bodies do not fall (that is, off the earth). A commentator of Brahmagupta, who lived before the twelfth century (since he is mentioned by Bhaskara), and whose name (Pritidhara Swami) deserves to be mentioned, in spite of our wish to keep as clear of these unseemable appellatives as we can, says—'The objection that lofty things would fall is contradicted; for every way the under part of the earth is also the upper, since wherever the spectator stands on the earth's surface, even that point is the uppermost point.' But the same commentator adds a very scholastic reason for the earth's motion causing the diurnal changes. He says a planet cannot have two motions; meaning that the orbital motion is the only one it can have, and that the diurnal motion is therefore to be attributed to the earth.

The great point of contest seems to have been whether the earth is stable in space or perpetually falling; if the former, whether it stands by itself or upon a support. We do not find that any astronomer cited by our authorities support the notion which our books attribute to the Hindus, namely, that the earth stands upon an elephant, which itself stands upon a tortoise, which tortoise swims in a sea of milk: but there is an allusion to this succession of supports in a passage of Bhaskara cited by Colebrooke, which is on other accounts worth the quoting. The Jains, a species of Buddhist sect, affirmed the falling motion of the earth; on which Bhaskara remarks—'The earth stands firm, by its own power, without other support, in space. If there be a material support to the earth, and another upholder of that, and again another of this, and so on, there is no limit. If finally self-support must be assumed, why not assume it in the first instance? Why not recognise it in this multimorphic earth? As heat is in the sun and fire, coldness in the moon, fluidity in water, hardness in iron; so mobility is in air, and immobility in the earth, by nature. How wonderful are the implanted faculties! The earth possessing an attractive force' (like the attraction of the lodestone for iron, adds a commentator), 'draws towards itself any heavy substance situated in the surrounding atmosphere, and that substance appears as if it fell. But whither can the earth fall in ethereal space, which is equal and alike on every side? Observing the revolution of the stars, the Bauddhins (Jains) acknowledge that the earth has no support, but as nothing heavy is seen to remain in the atmosphere, they thence conclude that it falls in ethereal space. Whence dost thou deduce, O Bauddha, this idle notion?' &c. He adds in his notes, 'For if the earth were falling, an arrow shot into the air would not return to it, since both would descend. Nor can it be said that it moves slower and is overtaken by the arrow, for heavier bodies fall quickest, and the earth is heavier.'

As to observations and instruments, it is sufficiently evident from the differences between the Hindu system and that of the Greeks, that they must have had both. Their system is more accurate than that of Hipparchus or Ptolemy, precisely in the three fundamental results of widely separated observations—the tropical year, the syodic month, and the precession of the equinoxes. But no observations have been preserved, except indirectly in results; Bhaskara describes nine instruments, including the quadrant, semicircle, circle, armillary sphere, horary ring, gnomon, and clepsydra.

The periods of the Hindus, which were of interest as long as it was a question whether the beginning of the Cali Yuga was or was not to be considered as an epoch of

* The author of the *Surya Siddhanta* and also Bhaskara; the latter with apparent reluctance, not in the text, and only briefly in the notes.

actual observation, may now be returned into the hands of two mythologists, warranted as long as ever. A Yuga, or age, is 432,000 years; a Maha-Yuga, ten Yugas, or 4,320,000 years; a Calpa, or day of Brahma, is 1000 Maha-Yugas, or 4,320 millions of years; and Brahma's life is 100 years of such days and nights, of which about one-half is past. Various attempts have been made to expound these periods by combinations of astronomical cycles; and considering that the number of years in a Calpa has 382 distinct divisors, it is not wonderful that various modes of putting astronomical periods together should seem equally effective in this respect. It is just as well to leave these speculations, and to remark what a power of expressing large numbers was given by the Indian nomenclature, now universally diffused. Archimedes wrote a book (the 'Arenarius') merely to prove that it was possible to express such numbers as the Brahmans played with in their astronomical computations, and spoke of to the people in the common mythological stories.

The astronomy of the Hindus would have had little interest, but for their arithmetic and algebra. In leaving the former to turn to the two latter, we shall soon cease to feel any surprise at the respect with which the astronomy has been treated, coupled as it is with an arithmetic which is greatly superior to any which the Greeks had, and an algebra which no other nation ever had, except those who derived it from the Hindus. For even supposing Diophantus to have been an original inventor, which we greatly doubt, his work is hardly algebraical, in any sense in which that term can be applied to the science of India.

We shall begin by describing the *Lilivati* and *Viga Ganita*, the proper subject of this article, presuming the reader to be aware that the Indian arithmetic is (NUMERATION) that which we now use, and that both this arithmetic and algebra were introduced among the Arabs from India (as the Mohammedan writers themselves inform us), through whom they were transmitted to Europe. [VIETA.] Bhaskara Acharya (A.D. 1150, as already mentioned) was the author of the *Lilivati* (called after his daughter [CLEPSYDRA]), and the *Viga-Ganita* (or casual calculus: *viga*, cause; *ganita*, computation). These two works form the preliminary chapters of the *Siddhanta-saramani*, an astronomical work of the same writer.

The *Lilivati* opens with a salutation to Ganesh, the god of wisdom, and then proceeds to describe the system of weights and measures. Then follows decimal nomenclature, briefly described; and the eight operations of arithmetic, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, square, cube, square-root, cube-root. Reduction of fractions to a common denominator, fractions of fractions, mixed numbers, the eight rules applied to fractions. Cipher: $a \pm 0 = a$; $0 \div a = 0$, $\sqrt{0} = 0$, &c., $a \div 0$, the submultiple of 0, called infinite by the commentator; $a \times 0 = 0$. Inversion of processes, the solution of such an equation as $\{(\frac{x}{a} + b) \div c\} e - d = e$, which is made a rule of arithmetic. Rule of false position. Rule of concurrence, to solve $x + y = a$, $x - y = b$, and $x \pm y = a$, $x^2 - y^2 = b$. A problem concerning squares, finding pairs of fractions the sum and difference of whose squares, diminished by 1, are both squares. Solution of $x^2 \pm nx = b$. Rule of three. Compound rule of three, various cases. Interest, discount, partnership. Time of filling a cistern by several fountains (a practical matter to those who used the clepsydra). Barter. Presents of gems. Alligation. Arithmetical progression; sums of squares and cubes. Geometrical progression. Right-angled triangles; given two sides to find the third; also to find sides in rational numbers, to a given side or hypotenuse; segments of the base of a given triangle; perpendicular and area, the sides being given. Four-sided figures, arcs, &c., sides and a diagonal or perpendicular being given. Many problems relative to four-sided figures. Circumference of a circle is diameter $\times 3927 \div 1250$, very nearly; but $\times 22 \div 7$ is adapted to practice (the first answers to 3' 1416): area is $\frac{1}{2}$ diameter \times circumference: the surface of the sphere is four times that of the great circle: the solidity of the sphere is surface \times diameter $\div 6$. Versed sine found from chord of twice the arc and diameter, and the two converses.

* The reader will easily understand that, to save room, we put down a sort of table of contents, brief, but, we hope, intelligible. When we make a small digression, we treat the subject for a European attention, not for a transcript from the work. We have not put down some things of minor importance, nor have we taken anything from the commentators without mention.

* By 103923, 84853, 71634, 60000, 52055, 45922, 41031, multiply the diameter, and divide the products by 120000, the quotients are severally the sides of polygons, from the triangle to the enneagon, within the circle.* To determine roughly the chord of an arc, a rule is used which amounts to the following:

$$\text{side of } \frac{2 \text{ right angles}}{n} = \frac{16(n-1)}{5n^2 - 4n + 4} \cdot$$

$$\text{or cosecant of } \frac{2 \text{ right angles}}{n} = \frac{1}{16} \left(5n + 1 + \frac{5}{n-1} \right)$$

For 1° this last gives 56.3 instead of 57.3, and the relative error diminishes up to 90° . A corresponding rule is given for the arc of a chord. The solid contents of a cone, pyramid, cylinder, prism, and truncated cone or cylinder, are then given, and rules for estimating the contents of mounds of different kinds of grain, derived from experiment, the height being greater or less according as the grain is coarser or finer. Various rules on shadows are then given, derived from the geometrical properties of a right-angled triangle, and this is followed by a chapter on the Cutlax, or pulverizer, presently noticed. The work ends with a chapter on combinations, containing questions of this kind: any number of digits being given, as 5, 6, 7, 8, 6, required the number of different arrangements, as 557766, 577665, 75565, &c., and a rule for the sum of all the numbers thus formed.

The *Viga Ganita* commences with a curiosity of the Sanscrit language—a sentence in which each of the leading words is threefold in meaning; so that it will bear, and is intended to bear, three different translations, which are as follows:—

1. I reverse the unapparent primary matter, which ages conversant with theology declare to be productive of the intelligent principle, be ag directed to that production by the sentient being: for t is the sole element of all which is apparent.

2. I adore the ruling power, which ages conversant with the nature of soul pronounce to be the cause of knowledge, being so explained by a holy person: for it is the sole element of all which is unapparent.

3. I venerate that unapparent computation, which calculators affirm to be the means of comprehension, being expounded by a fit person: for it is the single element of all which is apparent.

Bhaskara then proceeds thus: 'Since the arithmetic of apparent (known) quantity, which has been already propounded in a former treatise, is founded on that of unapparent (unknown) quantity, and since questions to be solved can hardly be understood by any, and not at all by such as have dull apprehensions, without the application of unapparent quantity; therefore I now propound the operations of analysis (Vijñāna, elemental solution).'

According to Colebrooke, whose words we abridge, the algebraic notation of the Hindus is as follows:—Abbreviations and initials for symbols; negative quantities with a dot; no mark for positive, except the absence of negative. No symbol for addition, multiplication, equality, greater or less. A product denoted by the first syllable of a word subjoined to the factors, between which a dot is sometimes placed. In fractions, divisor under dividend without line of separation. The two sides of an equation are one under the other, confusion being prevented by the revival of the steps in words which always accompanies the operation. Symbols of unknown quantity are various, usually initials of names of colours, except the first, which is the initial of *para-tarati*, as much as: Bombelli used *tanto* in the same sense. Colour means unknown quantity, but its Sanscrit also signifies a letter, and letters are also used, either from the alphabet, or from initial syllables of subjects of the problems. Symbols are also used for variable and arbitrary quantities, and sometimes for both given and sought quantities. Initials of square and solid denote those powers, and combined, the higher powers, reckoned* not by sums of powers, but by their products. An initial syllable also marks a unit root. Polynomials are arranged in powers, the absolute quantity being always last, distinguished by an initial syllable denoting known quantity. Numerical coefficients are employed, integer and fractional, unity being always noted: fractional coefficients preferred

* In the old times of European algebra, some would call, for instance, the sixth power the cube-cube, as being of x^2 , others would call the sixth power by the same name, as being the cube of the cube.

to division of unknown quantities, and the negative dot always over the numeral, not over the literal character. The numeral coefficient always after the unknown quantity. Positive or negative terms indiscriminately allowed to come first; and every power repeated on both sides of an equation, with nought for the coefficient, when wanted.

The Arabian algebraists have no symbols, arbitrary or abbreviated, either for quantities known or unknown, positive or negative, or for the steps and operations of an algebraic process; but they express everything by words at length. The description of the Hindin notation always led us to suspect that there was some communication with Hinda algebra over and above that which was made through the Arabs; and the preceding account, with that which follows, will lead every one who knows the history of algebra to wish that there had been more of it.

The Viga Ganita contains as follows, it being presumed that the preceding account of Hindu notation will prevent the reader from imagining that the algebraical symbols which we here employ are contained in the work:—The rules for addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of positive and negative quantities: the rules for the square and square roots of the same, it being distinctly specified that the square root of a negative quantity is imaginary. Rules for the cipher, as in the Liliwiti; but here it is more distinctly stated that 'the fraction of which the denominator is epher is termed an infinite quantity.' The commentator Chishna is well worth quoting on this point:—As much as the divisor is diminished, so much is the quotient increased. If the divisor be reduced to the utmost, the quotient is to the utmost increased. But if it can be specified that the amount of the quotient is so much, it has not been raised to the utmost, for a quantity greater than that can be assigned. The quotient therefore is indefinitely great, and is rightly termed infinite.' Then follow arithmetical operations on unknown quantities, and combinations of them. Surds, the usual operations on them, the rationalization of surd denominators, and the extraction of square roots. The rule for the extraction of such a surd as the square root of $a + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c} + \sqrt{d}$ is worth citing as a proof of the decided character of their knowledge of this part of algebra. Let $\sqrt{a^2 - b - c} = e$, $\sqrt{a^2 - b} = f$, $\sqrt{a^2 - c} = g$, $\sqrt{f^2 - d} = h$; then the square root required is

$$\sqrt{\frac{f+h}{2}} + \sqrt{\frac{f-h}{2}} + \sqrt{g}.$$

The *Cuttaca*, or pulverizer, is the rule for the solution, in integers, of $ax \pm by = c$; a , b , and c being integers. There is no need to describe it, as it is the rule which is now found in every European book on the theory of numbers, and which proceeds by resolving $a \div b$ into a continued fraction. The Hindus give no use of continued fractions except in this rule, though it is obvious, from the skill with which they manage the reduction of fractions to nearly equal fractions of more simple terms, that they must have applied continued fractions, directly or indirectly, probably by means of this very rule. We do not mean to say that they had continued fractions, but only the processes involved in the use of them, and power of obtaining their results.

The *Farga-pracriti*, or principle of the square, is a rule which is remarkable, as the whole of it was not used in Europe till after the middle of the last century. It consists in a rule for finding an indefinite number of solutions of $y^2 = ax^2 + 1$ (a being an integer which is not a square) by means of one solution given or found, and of feeling for one solution by making a solution of $y^2 = ax^2 + b$ give a solution of $y^2 = ax^2 + 1$. It amounts to the following theorem: If p and q be one set of values of x and y in $y^2 = ax^2 + b$, and p' and q' the same or another set, then $qp + p'q'$ and $qp' + pq'$ are values of x and y in $y^2 = ax^2 + 1$. From this it is obvious that one solution of $y^2 = ax^2 + 1$ may be made to give any number, and that if, taking b at pleasure, $y^2 = ax^2 + b^2$ can be solved so that x and y are divisible by b , then one preliminary solution of $y^2 = ax^2 + 1$ can be found. Another mode of trying for solutions is the combination of the preceding with the *Cuttaca*, as follows:—Let $y = c$, $x = p$, satisfy $y^2 = ax^2 + b$; then solve $pz + q = bw$, and

$$aw^2 + \frac{a^2 - a}{b} \text{ will be } \left(\frac{q^2 + ap}{b} \right)^2$$

and will be a square. It is then said that $y^2 = ax^2 + 1$ is impossible unless a be the sum of two squares; and some miscellaneous provisions are then given.

The chapter on simple equations requires no particular description; many of the examples are geometrical, as—Given the sides of a triangle to find the perpendicular. In the chapter on quadratic equations the well-known rules are given, and some cubic and biquadratic equations (special cases of course) are solved by completion of the cubes and squares. The two roots are mentioned, when positive, and it is said, 'people do not approve an absolute negative number,' on which the commentators speak as if the negative roots were seen, but not admitted. The property of the right-angled triangle is proved in a twofold way: first, by the similarity of the right-angled triangles formed by the perpendicular on the hypotenuse to the whole and to one another; next, by the method called Indian in the article HYPOTHENUSE. Various of the propositions in Euclid's second book are proved. In the chapter on equations of more than one unknown quantity questions both of the determinate and indeterminate kind are considered. In the next chapter are considered the equations $ax + bx^2 = y^2$; $(x + y)^2 + (x + y)^2 = 2x^2 + 2y^2$; $ax^2 - bx^2 = y^2$; $x - y = v^2$, $x^2 + y^2 = w^2$: 'in what period is the sum of a progression continued to a certain period tripled, its first term being three and the common difference two?'; $ax^2 + by^2 = v^2$ and $ax^2 - by^2 + 1 = w^2$; $x^2 + y^2 = v^2$ and $x + y = w^2$; $x^2 + y^2 + xy = v^2$, and $xy + y^2 + 1 = w^2$;

$$\sqrt{\left(\frac{xy+x}{2}\right)} + \sqrt{(x^2+y^2)} + \sqrt{(x+y+2)} + \sqrt{(x+y-2)} \\ + \sqrt{(y^2-x^2+8)} = v^2;$$

$y^2 + x + 3 = v^2$, $y - x + 3 = w^2$, $y^2 + x^2 - 4 = v^2$, $y^2 - 2x + 12 = w^2$, $\frac{1}{2}xy - x = p^2$, and $v + w + t + u + p + 2 = v^2$; $x^2 + y^2 + 1 = v^2$, $x^2 - y^2 + 1 = w^2$, $x^2 + y^2 - 1 = v^2$ and $x^2 - y^2 - 1 = w^2$; $3x + 1 = v^2$ and $5x + 1 = w^2$; $3x + 1 - v^2$ and $3x + 1 = w^2$; $2x^2 - 2y^2 + 3 = v^2$ and $3x^2 + 3y^2 + 3 = w^2$; $x^2 - a = by$; $x^2 - 6 = 5y$; $5x^2 + 3 = 16y$; $4x + 3y + 2 = xy$; $23xy = 20(v + w + x + y)$; $x + y + x^2 + y^2 + xy = (23 - x - y)^2$; $4x + 3y + 2 = xy$; $2xy = 56 - 10x - 14y$.

Mr. Colebrooke has also given the algebra of Brahme-gupta, being a chapter of the Brahme-sphuta-siddhanta. It contains the operations of algebra, barter, interest, progression, plane geometrical questions (the ratio of the circumference to the diameter is called 3 for practice, and $\sqrt{10}$ for more accuracy), and many of the more practical applications of arithmetic, as in the Liliwiti. Also the *Cuttaca*, simple and quadratic equations, the indeterminate equation $y^2 = ax^2 + b$, and miscellaneous problems. The whole of this algebra is contained in Colebrooke's 'Algebra, with Arithmetic and Mensuration, from the Sanscrit of Brahme-gupta and Bhaskara,' London, 1817. Dr. John Taylor, in 1816, published at Bombay a translation of the Liliwiti from the Persian, with an appendix on the mode in which arithmetic is now taught in Hindu schools; and (London, 1813) Mr. Edward Strachey published a great part of the Viga-Ganita, also from the Persian, with Mr. Davis's notes. It remains to mention that, by the extracts which were made from the Surya Siddhanta, it appears that the Hindu arithmetic of sines was more perfect than could be gathered from what is said of the mode of finding chords in the Liliwiti. They had a table of sines, calculated by the method of second differences for every $3\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ from 0° to 90° ; and among their astronomical uses of this table is one which is equivalent to the equation $d(\sin a) = \cos a da$. (Delambre, *Astron. Anc.*, i. 456.) The minimum of trigonometrical formulae which Delambre allows them (and he never grants them more than the barest minimum) amounts to

$$\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1, \sin 30^\circ = \frac{1}{2}, \sin 60^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \sin^2 \frac{1}{2} A = \frac{1}{4}(1 - \cos A);$$

but how they were to find out a theorem equivalent to $\Delta^2 \sin x = -4 \sin^2 \frac{1}{2} x \sin x$, with only this amount of formulae, he does not say.

The Mohammedans brought but a small part of this splendid body of algebra into Europe. The work of Mohammed-ben-Musa, which is sufficiently shown by Dr. Rosen in his translation to have had an Indian origin (and indeed no one now questions that origo), contains merely simple and quadratic equations of the determinate kind, applied to

various questions connected with pecuniary transactions. The algebra of Diophantus is more Indian in its character, as it treats entirely of those problems which are therefore called *Diophantine*, namely, integer solutions of indeterminate equations. It is, to all appearance, a part of the Indian algebra, similar in its contents to some of the classes of problems which fill the two last chapters of the *Vigraṇṭa*, translated into that strict and consecutive mode of demonstration which the Greek mathematicians (fortunately for us) never dispensed with. But, while granting to the first European algebraist full credit for the superior completeness of his mode of exposition, every comparison confirms us more and more in the impression that the Hindu was his teacher: whether we consider the probable *era* of the older Indian algebraists, or the contents of the book itself, it is difficult to come to any other conclusion. The extravagant mania of Bailly, and the reaction caused by the writings of Delambre, have left no medium opinion upon Hindu antiquity; and conclusions founded on the most sober views of history, and the most usual modes of chronological reasoning, have been entirely kept out of sight. In both our suspicions with respect to ancient intercourse between the two nations, namely, that the Indians received some astronomy between the time of Hipparchus and Ptolemy, and communicated some algebra which was finally systematized by Diophantus, we think we derive some support from the period at which the Grecian kingdom of Bactria was in existence. That principality was governed and partly colonized by Greeks at a time when the discoveries of Hipparchus must have been in the hands of Greek astronomers, if of those of any country; and to put a difficulty in the way of Bactrian Greeks knowing of Hipparchus, is to put a much stronger one in the way of Hindus having the same information. Again, though it is possible that Hindus might have taught algebra to Greeks in Bactria, it is impossible that the latter could have communicated it to the former, since Bactria ceased to be a Grecian kingdom about 140 a.c.; and Diophantus, though his time is not known, has never been supposed to have lived till two or three centuries after the Christian *era*. Granting, which is likely enough, that Greeks remained in Bactria after their government was overthrown by the Scythians, and that they retained the knowledge of Grecian arts; granting also that the descendants of these same Greeks became in time incorporated with the Hindu race after Vicramaditya had checked the advance of the Scythians, and established a government which was likely enough to attract the remaining Greeks of Bactria, and more particularly the learned among them—this, though a reasonable account of the transmission from Greece to India of the astronomy of Hipparchus, gives no clue whatever to that of the algebra. Colebrooke's researches give a chain of algebraical writers who are cited, each by his successor, and who begin (even upon his cautious mode of estimation) at the very time when Diophantus probably wrote; and to suppose anything like an immediate and direct transmission of a Greek writing to India, and an immediate cultivation and extension of its results, is to start on hypothesis which not only bears on the face of it the purpose which it is to serve, but pays far too high a compliment to the natives of India, whether as recipients of the knowledge of others or as extenders of their own. There is one difficulty in the way of our own opinion as to the algebra, and that not a small one: why did not the Greeks, or the Greek, obtain the Indian principle of local value in numeration at the same time as he learnt their algebra? ²

The modern state of science in India is generally reported, from Le Gentil downwards, to be at a low ebb. Very few persons, it is asserted, can even predict the time of an eclipse; and still fewer understand the rules by which it is done. In this, the assertion of Le Gentil, Davis, and Bentley, uncontradicted by Colebrooke, we should have been disposed implicitly to rely, had it not been for a paper published in our own day (*Memo. Asiatic Soc.*, vol. iii.) by Mr. Whish, of the Madras Civil Establishment, 'On the Hindu Quadrature of the Circle.' If any one whose name was not known to us had simply published this paper on his own authority, we should have had some suspicion that it was neither more nor less than a clever hoax; but it is published, with the Sanskrit at full length, in the *Memoirs* of the Society which is best able to judge of its contents.

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The author begins by mentioning a work of Aryabhatta (the Aryabhatiyam, apparently unknown to Colebrooke), in which he mentions the epoch of his birth in a manner which places him at the period of Colebrooke's latest conjecture, namely, at the end of the fifth century. Here he gives the circumference of the circle at 3·1416 times its diameter. Mr. Whish then mentions three works:

1. The *Tantra Saṅgraha* of Talsaculattara, who, by his own statement, that of his commentators, and the general consent of the learned in Malabar, wrote in A.D. 1608.

2. The *Carana Padhati*, by Pithumana Soma Yaji, whose grandson was (when the paper was written; it was read before the Society in 1832) alive in his seventieth year; written in 1733.

3. The *Sadratnamalah*, by Sancara Varma, younger brother of the rajah of Cadattannada, near Tellicherry (1832).

In the *Tantra Saṅgraha* it is stated that 104348 divided by 33215 is the circumference when the diameter is unity. This gives 3·1415926539, and is correct to the ninth decimal place inclusive. He adds the ratio of Metius, 355 to 113 (*QUADRATURA*), which, on the supposition of his having borrowed it from European books, found its way to India in less than half a century. Nothing so correct as his first statement existed in Europe before VIKTA.

In the same work are (if we use the meaning of π now uniformly established) the following approximations:—

$$\frac{\pi}{4} = 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \dots$$

$$\frac{\pi}{4} = 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \dots \pm \frac{1}{2x+1} \mp \frac{\pi}{4x+1}$$

$$\frac{\pi}{4} = 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \dots \pm \frac{1}{2x-1} \mp \frac{x^2+1}{(4x^2+5)x^2}$$

This last is very correct: three terms and the final correction give ·78539; six terms and the correction give ·785398. Then follows

$$\pi = \sqrt{12} \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{3 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{5 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{7 \cdot 3} - \dots \right\}$$

$$\frac{\pi}{16} = \frac{1}{1^2+4 \cdot 1} - \frac{1}{3^2+4 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{5^2+4 \cdot 5} - \dots$$

$$\pi = 3 + 4 \left\{ \frac{1}{3^2-8} - \frac{1}{5^2-5} + \frac{1}{7^2-7} - \dots \right\}$$

$$\frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^2-1} - \frac{1}{4^2-1} + \dots \pm \frac{1}{4x^2-1} \mp \frac{1}{8x^2-8x+6}$$

$$\frac{\pi}{8} = \frac{1}{2^2-1} + \frac{1}{6^2-1} + \frac{1}{10^2-1} + \dots$$

$$\frac{\pi}{8} = \frac{1}{2} - \left\{ \frac{1}{4^2-1} + \frac{1}{12^2-1} + \frac{1}{20^2-1} + \dots \right\}$$

The *Carana Padhati*, besides some of the series already mentioned, gives

$$\frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{(2 \cdot 2^2-1)^2-2^2} + \frac{1}{(2 \cdot 4^2-1)^2-4^2} + \dots$$

$$\frac{\pi}{\tan} = \tan - \frac{\tan^3}{3} + \frac{\tan^5}{5} - \dots$$

the tangent is not named, being called $\sin \div \cosine$.

The *Sadratnamalah* gives some series, and also 3·1415926539879324 for an approximation to π . This last work, being written in our own day, requires no remark; but it is rather a staggering assertion that works written in 1608 and 1733 give series which not only were not known in Europe at those periods, but must have been discovered by something answering to the integral calculus. On this point we must suspend our opinion till these works are published, with such an account of them as may command belief in their being the genuine productions of the time at which they profess to have been written: but if we grant them existence at all, they are enough to show that there has been, in Malabar at least, knowledge enough to enable the possessors to avail themselves of the results of modern European mathematics. Mr. Whish asserts that the invention of these infinite series originated in Malabar, and that they are not 'even to this day known to the eastward of the range of Ghats which divides that country from the countries of Madras, Coimbatore, and Mysore.' This by itself seems to us to favour the presumption that they were introduced from Europe at a comparatively recent period. We rather suspect

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that *Le Gentil*, who was in the southern parts of the Decan in 1769, and who used every means to ingratiate himself, that he might procure a knowledge of the native astronomical processes, in which, much against the will of the Houbins, he succeeded by the aid of a Tamil Christian—may have been the communicator of several of these series, and that Catholic missionaries may have given the rest. All writers admit that the Hindus are apt to assign a greater antiquity to their methods and writings than really belongs to them, as indeed is evident enough from their astronomical periods. This desire on their part seems to have been met in Europe by a determination to deny their writings any antiquity whatever: it is forgotten that the mere desire to appear an exceedingly ancient nation is itself a consequence of the feeling that there is already a considerable antiquity to boast of. The Chinese and Hindus, whose system has certainly lasted longer than that of any other countries with which we are acquainted, are precisely, of all the people on the face of the earth, those who most desire to have their knowledge of all kinds considered as more ancient than it really can be shown to be.

VIGAN, J.E. [GARO.]

VIGEVANO. [MONTARA.]

VIGILIUS, a deacon of the church of Rome, happened to be at Constantinople when Theodora, wife of the emperor Justinian, determined to depose Pope Sylvester, who had incurred her displeasure for reasons not very clearly ascertained. Anastasius Bibliothecarius says that Sylvester had refused to reinstate in the see of Constantinople the patriarch Anthimus, who had been deposed through the influence of Pope Agapetus I., the predecessor of Sylvester, on the charge of heresy. A charge was brought against Sylvester of having held correspondence with the Goths, who were besieging Rome, A.D. 537; upon which Belisarius, who commanded in that city, arrested Sylvester, stripped him of his pontifical garments, and banished him to Patara in Asia Minor. Belisarius then, according to the instructions which he had received from Theodora, ordered the clergy of Rome to proceed to a new election, suggesting at the same time the deacon Vigilius, who had been intriguing with the court of Constantinople, as the fittest candidate. Vigilius was accordingly elected in November, 537, and he soon after repaired to Rome, where he was installed in his see through the influence of Belisarius. His election however was generally looked upon as having been forced and unlawful, and the historians of the Church consider him as an intruder as long as Sylvester lived. Vigilius is said by some to have agreed with Theodora to reject the Council of Chalcedon, and to receive into his communion Anthimus, Theodosius, bishop of Alexandria, and others who entertained Eutychian doctrines. Liberatus Diacenus and Pagi quote letters of Vigilius in proof of his connivance at these doctrines. It also said that he paid a large sum of money to Theodora to obtain his election. In the year 538 Sylvester, who had been sent back to Italy by the emperor Justinian to be tried concerning his alleged treason, died: Procopius says that he was put to death by order of Antonina, the wife of Belisarius; others say that he was starved to death in the island of Ponza by order of Vigilius, who after his death remained undisputed possessor of the see of Rome. Vigilius has been since generally acknowledged as legitimate pope from the date of his predecessor's death. From that time also Vigilius showed himself less docile to the encries of the court of Constantinople; he maintained the authority of the Council of Chalcedon, and he even incurred the displeasure of Justinian because he would not subscribe to the theological opinions of that emperor.

In the year 543 Vigilius left Rome for Sicily, from whence he sent supplies to Rome during the subsequent siege of that city by the Goths under Totilas. In the year 547 Vigilius repaired to Constantinople at the request of Justinian, who was warmly engaged in a theological controversy, which is known in Church history by the name of the 'three chapters.' Vigilius, after remaining at Constantinople for some years, was obliged to escape from the wrath of the emperor to Chalcedon, where he took refuge in a sanctuary, A.D. 552. In the following year Justinian convoked a general council at Constantinople, chiefly to decide upon the question of the 'three chapters,' or, in other words, to condemn certain controversial writings of three bishops of the preceding century, THEODORE OF

Mopuestia, Ibas of Edessa, and THEODORETUS. Vigilius, who considered those writings to be orthodox, refused to condemn them, and for this he was banished, with other bishops of his own opinion, to the island of Proconnesus, from which he was recalled in 554, at the urgent entreaty of the clergy of Rome, supported by the intercession of Justinian's successful general Narses. Meantime the Council of Constantinople had condemned the 'three chapters,' and its decision was now sanctioned by Vigilius, after which Justinian permitted him to return to Italy. On his way to Rome by sea, Vigilius landed at Syracuse, where he died of the stone, of which he had been suffering for some time, in the seventeenth year of his troubled pontificate. He was succeeded by Pelagius I.

(Muratori, *Annali d'Italia*, and the authorities therein quoted.)

VIGNOLA, GIO'COMO BAROZZI, a very eminent Italian architect, and one of the greatest modern authorities in his art, was born in 1507, at Vignola, in the territory of Modena, whence he derives the name by which he is more generally mentioned than by his family appellation. Giacomo was the only child of his parents, and by the death of his father he was left at an early age entirely dependent upon his mother. Having manifested some taste for drawing, he was sent by her at a suitable age to Bologna to study painting, but he made so very little progress, that he determined to abandon it and apply himself to architecture, a study he had been led to by that of perspective, in which he had discovered principles and practical rules that in the then state of the science were eminently useful. He now set out for Rome in order to make himself acquainted with ancient architecture by examining the various remains in that city; and afterwards he made a series of drawings of them for an academy or architectural society which was at the time just established under the auspices of several persons of rank. In the meantime, or previously to being so employed, he had supported himself by painting. What was the length of his first residence at Rome is not known, but it could hardly have been one of many years, because, about 1537, he accompanied Primaticcio to France, where he remained two years, during which he made several models and designs for Francis I., none of which however were executed, owing to the unfavourable state of public affairs. The Château Chambord indeed has been erroneously attributed to him, but it was erected somewhat earlier, and is of a very different character from any of his works.

On returning to Italy he fixed himself for awhile at Bologna, where in competition with many others he made designs for the façade of San Petronio, in which he endeavoured to combine the antique, or rather the style founded upon its orders, with the Gothic of the original fabric; but, as not unfrequently happens under such circumstances, neither his nor any of the other designs were adopted, for the whole scheme fell to nothing. He was however employed upon various works in that city, and among them are the Casa Beccia (no very favourable specimen of his taste, as he was obliged to comply with that of the proprietor), alterations of the Bank or Change, the 'Naviglio,' or canal leading to Ferrara, and the Palazzo Isolani at Mignisio, at a short distance from Bologna. So poorly were his services for the work of the Naviglio recompensed, that on its being completed he took his leave of Bologna and went to Piacenza, where he designed the ducal palace, leaving however the building of it to his son Giacinto. It was perhaps about this period that he erected the church at Mazzano, the Madonna degli Angeli at Assisi, the chapel of San Francesco at Perugia, and other structures in various parts of Italy, the precise dates of which are unknown. During the pontificate of Julius III. (1550-6) he was introduced by his friend Giorgio Vasari to that pope, who had known him while legate at Bologna, and who appointed him his architect. Besides the direction of the Trevi aqueduct, his new patron employed him almost immediately on the villa for himself, called 'La Papa Giulio,' or 'Villa Giulia.' This last has always been regarded as a superior piece of architecture, and it forms the subject of a splendid atlas volume, published by the architect Stern, in 1788; nevertheless it is difficult to account for its celebrity, there being little to admire, or that is striking, except the picturesque arrangement and effect of the inner cortile and its semicircular loggia: it is besides a mere 'casino,' both small and in-

commodious as a house. The same work also contains plans, &c. of the small church of St. Andrea, near Ponte Molle at Rome, another highly esteemed production of Vignola's, but which also has been greatly overrated: at the best its merits are of a negative kind, because though taken by themselves the individual parts and their mere proportions are correct, they have no particular character, and the composition is anything but masterly, or in accordance with the spirit and system of the antique. The heavy double attic causes the order to appear insignificant and the pediment unmeaning. In such cases however the established reputation of a work generally silences criticism, and deters from nice examination into merits which may safely be taken upon trust; accordingly Stern speaks of this building in very encomiastic terms, as does likewise De Quincy. After the death of Julius, Vignola found a liberal patron in his nephew the Cardinal Alexander Farnese, for whom he erected his chef d'œuvre, the celebrated palace at Caprarola, a magnificent edifice of very peculiar character, it being a mixture of military and civil architecture, pentagonal in plan, and presenting a lofty mass reared upon an equally lofty substructure of terraces of the same form. Yet, although sufficiently stately, there is also something both lumpy and monotonous in its general outline. Within is a circular cortile with open galleries or arcades, with which all the principal rooms immediately communicate, and but for which they would be merely thoroughfares to each other. The magnificence of the interior consisted chiefly in the frescoes and other paintings with which the walls and ceilings of the apartments were decorated, and of which a very circumstantial account has been given by Vasari in his *Life of Taddeo Zuccheri*, the principal artist employed upon them. Philip II., on the part of whom he had been consulted relative to the designs for the Escorial, would willingly have engaged Barozzi in his immediate service, but the architect excused himself on the score of advanced age and infirmity, and his having also undertaken the superintendence of the works at St. Peter's, on the death of Michael Angelo (1564). He therefore remained at Rome, where he died, July 7th, 1573.

What has mainly tended to confer on Vignola the celebrity he enjoys throughout Europe is his *Treatise on the Five Orders*, which has been received as an authority in regard to them; but though it has been of service to the profession, it has done injury to the art, it being impossible to say what variety might have been produced in regard to 'orders' had architects been left to treat them as freely as other parts of design, instead of tying themselves down to fixed rules, which after all are of little use, inasmuch as they do not secure any further merit. Of Vignola's own designs, &c. the best collection is that entitled '*Œuvres complètes de J. B. de Vignola, publiées par H. Lebas et F. Debret*,' in large folio, and in outline, Paris, 1823, &c.

(*Milizia, Vite*; Quatremère de Quincy, *Célèbres Architectes*; Vasari.)

VIGNOLES, ALPHONSE DES, was descended from a Protestant family of great antiquity in Languedoc, where he was born, at the château of Aubais, 29th October, 1643. He had been designed by his father for the military profession, but preferring the church, he went through the usual studies, first at Geneva, and then at Saumur, after which he spent some time in England. Returning home in 1675, he became minister at Aubais, and after some time at Calais, where he remained till the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685. He then retired to Geneva, whence after a time he removed to a church in Berlin, and then to that of Brandenburg; but when the Royal Society of Berlin was founded in 1701, being chosen one of the first members, and invited on the suggestion of Leibnitz to take up his residence in that city, he returned thither, and being appointed minister of the neighbouring church of Copenick, he remained there till his death, at the age of ninety-four, on the 24th of July, 1744. Des Vignoles is the author of many papers in the *Memoirs of the Royal Society of Berlin*, and in the periodical journal called the '*Bibliothèque Germanique*,' of which he became one of the editors in 1711; but his principal work is his '*Chronologie de l'Histoire Sainte et des Histoires Étrangères depuis la sortie d'Égypte jusqu'à la Captivité de Babylone*,' which appeared in 2 vols. 4to., at Berlin, in 1738. Chronology was the study to which he had chiefly devoted his attention.

VIGO, a seaport town of Spain, in the province of Galicia, is situated at the extremity of a bay of the Atlantic, in 42° 14' N. lat. and 8° 43' W. long., about 12 miles north-west of Tuy. The town, which is supposed to be the ancient *Vicus Spacorum*, is built on the declivity of a steep hill, on the summit of which there are two old castles, called San Sebastian and Castro. Vigo is celebrated for its magnificent bay, one of the finest in the world in point of security and extent. In 1567 Sir Francis Drake forced his way into it and took the town, which he plundered. In 1702 the combined Dutch and English fleets, which lay in wait for the Spanish galleons returning from America, succeeded in capturing some and sinking others within the bay. The town was again taken by the English in 1789, but was shortly afterwards evacuated. Very little trade is now carried on at Vigo, which is frequented only by few foreign vessels, except the steam-packets of the Peninsular Navigation Company, which touch weekly there on their passage to Cadiz. The population, according to Miñano, did not exceed 6000 in 1836.

VIGORS, NICHOLAS AYLWARD, was born in 1787, at Old Leighton, in the county of Carlisle, where his family had long lived. He received his early education at home, and afterwards became a student at Trinity College in the University of Oxford, where he gave considerable proof of his classical and literary acquirements, by the publication, in 1810, of '*An Enquiry into the Nature and Extent of Poetic Licence*.' In the year 1800 he had an emsigny purchased for him in the Grenadier Guards, and was present at the action of Barossa, in the early part of 1811, where he got severely wounded. On his return to England he quitted the army, and devoted himself to the study of zoology, especially of birds and insects. In both these subjects he acquired great knowledge, and formed extensive collections, which he at a subsequent period presented to the museum of the Zoological Society. On the death of his father he succeeded to the family estate, and, in 1832, became the representative in parliament of the borough of Carlisle, for which and for the county of Carlisle he continued to sit until the termination of his life, on the 20th of October, 1840.

Although Mr. Vigors has written no work devoted to the subject of zoology, he has contributed a large number of valuable papers to the '*Transactions*' of the Linnean Society and of the Zoological Society, and the pages of the '*Zoological Journal*.' He was an advocate of the circular or quinary system of arrangement as propounded by Mr. W. S. Macleay, in his '*Horn Entomologica*;' and the two papers for which he is best known, the one '*On the Natural Affinities that connect the Orders and Families of Birds*,' and the other, '*On the Arrangement of the Genera of Birds*,' are devoted to the application of this system to ornithology. He was one of the founders of the Zoological Club of the Linnean Society, from which sprung the Zoological Society, of which society he was the first secretary, and through the whole of his life he devoted much of his time and talents to its interests. In his papers he did not confine himself to one department of zoology, but there are many in the '*Zoological Journal*' and '*Proceedings of the Zoological Society*' that attest his acquirements in the whole range of zoology. He died suddenly, in the midst of a useful career, and has left among those who knew him a lively sense of his worth as a friend and of his talents as a man of science.

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VIIA GANITA. (VIOGA GANITA.)

VIIJ ISLANDS is the name of an extensive group of islands in the Pacific Ocean, which on our maps are called Fidji or Feejee Islands. None of the larger groups of islands is less known than these, partly because they are situated out of the common track of vessels and in a dangerous part of the ocean, and partly on account of the great extent of the group. They lie between 15° 19' and 19° S. lat. and between 177° and 182° E. long., and consist properly of three groups. The most eastern contains a great number of small islands, and one of considerable size, the island of Lakemba. Farther to the west there is a more extensive group, containing several islands of moderate size, and a large one, Viji-levu, or Great Viji. We are not well acquainted with its extent, but Captain Beotham found in it a river, which he surveyed for thirty miles upwards, and which at that distance from the sea was 250 yards wide and 12 feet deep: so far also the tide was per-

ceptable. The third group lies to the north of the Viji-levu, and contains the large island of Pau or Takanavu, with several smaller ones. Several good harbours have been visited by Europeans; the best are at Rewa, on the southern shores of Viji-levu, and at Likuba, on the island of Thalava, west of Viji-levu.

These islands seem to be of volcanic origin, though no active volcano has been observed, and they exhibit that irregularity of surface which is peculiar to islands of that formation. Many of them rise to a considerable elevation, which however has not been determined. The climate is hot, but not so constant as it generally is between the tropics, because this group is situated on the southern limit of the trade-winds, where the changes in the temperature are frequent and sudden. In August and September the thermometer on board the vessel varied between 72° and 88°. The domestic animals are pigs and dogs, and the wild animals are rats. There are few kinds of birds; the most common are parrots. Besides the ordinary objects of agriculture in the neighbouring islands, coconuts, palms, bread-fruit trees, bananas, yams, sugar-cane, and sago, Captain Bethune states that rice is very extensively cultivated near Rewa, and he also mentions maize. As these two kinds of grain are not grown in any of the groups which surround the Viji Islands, we are at a loss to account for their cultivation on Viji-levu. There are many timber-trees in the forests, which cover the more elevated parts of the island, and the inhabitants of the Friendly Islands get the best of their large boats from these islands.

The population is stated to amount to 300,000 individuals. In the structure of their bodies the inhabitants resemble those of the Friendly Islands, and there is no great difference in their languages; they evince a considerable degree of inventive power and ingenuity in the construction of their boats and houses, and in making arms, cloths, wicker-work, and earthenware. They have three kinds of boats: the largest, consisting of two boats united, are sometimes 50 feet long, and are used to make voyages which last several days. Many of them are made for sale in the neighbouring islands. In Rewa is a large manufacture of earthenware, which is made with great taste, and is also an article of export to the neighbouring islands. It is rather strange that people who evidently have made considerable progress in civilization are still cannibals. Captain Bethune thinks that it is done to satisfy their desire of revenge, but the missionaries state that they find that human flesh is more agreeable than that of animals. They state that sometimes banquets are given, at which fifty human beings are slaughtered; and add, that they frequently make war on one another for the purpose of procuring prisoners, who are slaughtered. In the last few years some Wesleyan missionaries have established themselves on the islands. In 1835 two of them passed from the Friendly Islands to Likuba, and two years afterwards one of them went to Rewa; but up to the time of Captain Bethune's visit (September, 1838) their labours had produced little effect.

These islands are sometimes visited by American vessels. They get their sandal-wood, tortoise-shell, and trepang for the Chinese markets. Sandal-wood was some years ago very abundant on the northern islands, but it is stated that it has lately become scarce. Only a small quantity of tortoise-shell can be obtained, but a great quantity of trepang is collected on the banks near the islands. The Americans bring guns, gunpowder, cochineal, cotton stuffs, and iron-wire. The inhabitants of the Friendly Islands pay for the large boats with *tapa*, or stuffs made from the bark of the Chinese mulberry-tree, and the teeth of the *phosporic ceratophila*.

The Viji Islands were discovered by Tasman in 1643, but from that time were not visited until 1789, when Captain Bligh, after the mutiny of his crew, sailed through the most eastern group, and in 1792 he discovered the islands farther to the west. In 1797 they were visited by Captain Wilson in the Duff, and since that time occasionally by other vessels.

(*Mariner's Account of the Natives of the Tonga Islands*; Kruzenstern's *Atlas de l'Océan Pacifique*, et *Mémoires*; Captain Drinkwater Bethune, *Account of the Viji Islands*, in *Nautical Magazine*, 1839.)

VILAINÉ (River). [FRANCE; ILL. BY VILAINÉ.]

VILLA DE LEON. [MEXICAN STATES.]

VILLA FRANCA. [NAPLES.]

VILLA FRANCA DE PIEMONTE. [PIEMONTE.]

VILLA HERMOZA. [MEXICAN STATES.]

VILLALCIDRO. [SARDEGNA.]

VILLACH, a Circle of the government of Laybach in the kingdom of Illyria, is about 3000 square miles in extent, and has 125,000 inhabitants, the majority of whom are Germans and Roman Catholics, the minority are Lutherans. The Wends (or Vandals), who are but few in number, are all Roman Catholics. The circle is very mountainous, and more adapted to pasturage than agriculture. The forests are extensive. The river Drave, which comes in from Tyrol, is joined on the right by the Geul, and on the left by the Moll and the Liser. Game and fish are in abundance; the mineral products are gold, silver, lead, iron, quicksilver, antimony, and marble. [BREMANN.]

VILLACH, the capital of the Circle, is very delightfully situated on the Drave, at its confluence with the Geul, in 46° 35' N. lat., and 13° 17' E. long., in a deep mountain-valley, which some call the Switzerland of Inner Austria. The town, which was formerly much larger than it now is (perhaps the *Julium Carnicum*, *Colonia Julia*, or *Forum Viri of the Romans*), is surrounded with an ancient wall, and with the two suburbs has about 2500 inhabitants. There are two Roman Catholic churches, of which the Gothic cathedral is worthy of notice, on account of the numerous very ancient tombstones on the pavement, and its pulpit of white marble. The inhabitants have a manufactory of white-lead, one of litharge, red-lead, yellow-lead, and varnish, and in the neighbourhood several iron-works. Villach was formerly the staple place of the Italian trade, where Italy exchanged its rich productions for those of Germany. It has still a considerable trade in iron and lead, and a carrying-trade between Italy and Germany.

(Jenny, *Handbuch für Reisende in dem Oesterreichischen Kaiserthum*; *Die Oesterreichische National-Encyclopädie*; Blumenbach, *Gemälde der Oesterreichischen Monarchie*, in Schütz, *Allgemeine Erdkunde*, vol. xiv.)

VILLANI, GIOVANNI, born at Florence in the latter part of the 13th century, was a merchant by profession, and travelled in various countries in the pursuit of business. He also filled several offices in the service of the republic of Florence, was repeatedly one of the priors or executive council, and was employed in negotiating the peace with Lucca and Pisa in 1317. He afterwards served in the Florentine army in the war against Castruccio Castracani, after whose death, in 1328, he negotiated the peace with Lucca. He was involved in the bankruptcy of the mercantile company of the Bardi in 1345, by which he was a great loser, and he was even imprisoned in consequence of it as an insolvent. He died of the plague in 1348. Villani wrote the history of his country, in twelve books, from the building of Florence to the time of the author's death. He does not however confine himself to the history of Florence, but he relates also the occurrences of other countries, both of Italy and out of Italy, so as to retain the character of a general chronicle. In the earlier period of his narrative he exhibits considerable credulity, and a want of critical skill, but as he draws near to his own times, he can be more depended upon for correctness of facts and impartiality. Villani, though belonging to the Guelph party, appears to have been as a writer, comparatively free from party spirit. His style is remarkably clear; his language is the pure Florentine of his age, some of the expressions of which however are now become antiquated. Villani is liable to the charge of plagiarism, for he has copied in great part the older chronicle of Riccardiano Malespini, without even mentioning him, which chronicle, including the continuation by Ginecetto Malespini, comes down as far as the year 1246. From this epoch however, to that of Villani's death, 1348, Villani's history is original. The work appears to have lain forgotten for nearly two centuries, until it was first printed at Venice in 1537. Machiavelli quotes Villani once at the beginning of the second book of his *Storie Fiorentine*, but he does not seem to have followed or consulted him in his narrative, and the other historians anterior to Machiavelli do not mention Villani's work. It is worthy of remark that the chronicle of Dino Compagni, also a writer of the fourteenth century, whose

interesting narrative embraces part of the period of that of Villani, remained unedited till the eighteenth century, when Muratori published it in his great collection.

The first ten books of Villani's history were published at Venice in 1537, and the eleventh and twelfth books were afterwards published at Florence in 1554, under the title, 'La Seconda Parte della Cronica Universale de' suoi Tempi, di Giovanni Villani, Cittadino Fiorentino.' In 1587 Baccio Valori published a new and more correct edition of the whole at Florence, and dedicated it to Francesco de' Medici: 'Istoria di Giovanni Villani, Cittadino Fiorentino, nuovamente corretta, e alla sua vera lezione ridotta.' This is the edition which is quoted by the academy of La Crusca as a 'Testo di Lingua,' or a book of authority in matters of language.

Matteo Villani, brother of Giovanni, wrote, after his brother's death, a continuation of his history, and brought it down to the year 1543, in which he died. His veracity has been praised by Muratori, but his style is inferior to that of his brother. Lastly, Filippo Villani, Matteo's son, added a continuation to his father's narrative, including the years 1363-4. The whole body of history by the three Villani was published together by Muratori, and has been reprinted several times since.

Filippo Villani was also a Latin writer; he wrote, 'De Origine Civitatis Florentine et ejusdem famosis Civibus.' The first part of the work, which treats of the origin of Florence, is full of fables, and it has never been printed. Of the second part, which contains short biographies of distinguished men of Florence, detached biographies in the original text have been published in the *Life of Ambrosius Camaldulensis*, by Mehus, who discovered the MS., and some others by Sarti; Moreni published those of Dante, Petrarch, and Boccaccio, under the title, 'Philippus Villani Vita Dantis, Petrarchæ, et Boccacii,' Florence, 1828. Mazzuchelli published an old Italian version of the *Lives of Filippo Villani* by an anonymous translator, before the discovery of the Latin text: 'Le Vite d'Uomini illustri Fiorentini, scritte da Filippo Villani, colle Annotazioni del Conte Mazzuchelli,' 1747.

Filippo Villani wrote also a work 'De Origine Regum Francorum,' which we believe is still unedited. He died about 1494.

Giovanni Villani, the Florentine historian, must not be confounded with another Giovanni Villani, who wrote chronicles of the town of Naples, and also of the kingdom of Sicily, which are of no great value.

(Tiraboschi, *Storia della Letteratura Italiana*; Curniani, *I Secoli della Letteratura Italiana*; Gamba, *Scrittori dei Testi di Lingua*.)

VILLARET, CLAUDE, was born at Paris about the year 1715, or soon after, and was educated for the bar; but a love of light literature and worse levities disinclining him for that or any other laborious profession, he took to writing books, and produced, in 1741, a romance, entitled 'Histoire du Cœur Humain, ou Mémoires du Marquis de —,' besides a one act play, entitled 'Quartier d'Hiver,' in which he was assisted by two other writers; and some other things of the same kind, said to be of little value. It is not certain however that he was really the author of all the pieces that have been attributed to him. In 1748 his embarrassments forced him to leave Paris, upon which he joined a company of provincial players, being smitten, it is said, by the charms of one of the females. His now took the name of Dorval, and made his first appearance at Rouen, in the character of a lover; but he soon rose to a higher range of parts, and at length became manager of a company, which performed at Liège. He left the stage however in 1768. In 1768 he published anonymously at Geneva an answer to Rousseau's 'Lettre sur les Spectacles,' under the title of 'Considérations sur l'Art du Théâtre,' which is said to have been the best that appeared next to that by D'Alembert. This was followed, in 1759, by a volume, also anonymous, of selections from Voltaire, which he called 'Esprit de Voltaire,' and which was well received. In 1760 he returned to Paris, with some literary reputation, and his friends got him the office of first clerk to the Chamber of Accounts (Premier Commis à la Chambre des Comptes), an appointment which led him to the study of the national historians of the middle ages; so that when the booksellers Desaint and Saillant were looking out for a writer to continue the 'Histoire de France,' commenced by the Abbé Velly, recently dead, they were induced to

select Villaret. He conducted or compiled and wrote the work, from the 228th page of the 8th volume to the 348th page of the 17th, being the portion extending from 1329, the second year of Philip de Valois, to 1460, the 9th year of Louis XI. Villaret's first volumes are said to have so greatly extended the sale of the work, that the publishers raised the salary of their new editor to triple what they had paid to his predecessor; but as this would have made his remuneration not less than 4500 livres per volume, the statement is regarded by the writer of his life in the 'Biographie Universelle' as more than doubtful. This writer considers Villaret to be the best written portion of the work, and intimates that it has been generally so esteemed by the public. The Abbé du Castres, on the contrary (in his 'Trois Siècles de la Littérature Française,' iv. 436), describes Villaret as being to his predecessor what Seneca is to Cicero; and asserts that he wanted the art of skillfully weaving his researches into the substance of his narrative—'il a su peu, comme son modèle, l'art de fondre avec adresse ses recherches dans la narration.' Villaret also held the office, made for him, of secretary to the dukes and peers (Secrétaire des Ducs et Pairs); and he is said, in the latter part of his life, to have been concerned in one or two other literary undertakings of the day. He died in February, 1766. His successor in the compilation of the 'Histoire de France' was the Abbé Garnier.

VILLARS, LOUIS HECTOR, a maréchal of France, and one of its most illustrious soldiers, was born at Moulins in 1653. He studied at the college of Juilly, and was, on quitting that seminary, enrolled among the 'pages de la grande écurie.' During an excursion of the court to Flanders, Villars obtained leave to visit Holland, and he afterwards accompanied his relation St. Gérard, envoy to the elector of Brandenburg, to Berlin. On his return to France he served in Holland as a volunteer in the corps commanded by Louis XIV. in person. The spirit of enterprise and observation beyond his years which had spurred him to visit foreign countries, he carried into the camp. The king, who had formerly distinguished him among the other pages on account of his fine figure, remarked one day, 'A single shot can't be fired without this boy starting from the ground to witness it.' Villars's courage and activity, and perhaps his fine figure, obtained for him, although his family was out of favour at court, a troop of horse at the age of nineteen.

The next two years he served in Germany under Turenne, who entertained a high opinion of his talents as a partisan. The Prince of Condé also distinguished him from the crowd of young officers. The mingled good sense and gallantry which he showed at the battle of Seneffe procured for him a regiment of cavalry in 1674, before he had completed his twenty-first year. From 1674 till the peace of Nimwegen in 1678, Villars served in Flanders under the Maréchal de Luxembourg, and in Alsatia under the Maréchal de Crequi. The minister Louvois, who had quarrelled with the Maréchal de Bellefonds, Villars's uncle, extended his inveterate enmity to the whole family. The young soldier felt that he had nothing but himself to rely upon; and he appeared to multiply himself in his search of opportunities of distinction.

The next ten years of the life of Villars were spent principally in diplomatic employments. On his return to court after the peace of 1678, he gave the rein to his amorous propensities, to an extent which attracted general attention, and occasioned much disturbance. He was ordered to rejoin his regiment, but any fear of having lost the king's favour was soon dispelled by his being sent to Vienna to condole with Leopold I. on the death of the empress-mother. At Vienna he gained such an influence over the mind of the elector of Bavaria, that he detached him from the Austrian interest and rendered him subservient to the views of France. With the approbation of Louis, Villars accompanied the elector on his return to Munich, and followed him into Hungary, when he assumed the command of the Bavarian contingent in the imperial army levied against the Turks. Here, as usual, Villars distinguished himself by his impetuous but not uncalculating valour. On his return to Munich he found a new Austrian emissary opposed to him—the beautiful and voluptuous countess of Kaunitz. The first use made by this lady of the complete ascendancy which she soon gained over the elector was to insist that Villars should

be removed from the court. Notwithstanding this partial failure, Louis was satisfied with his ambassador's conduct. Villars was admitted to private interviews; Madame Maintenon received him at St. Cyr. At last Louvois relented, and in 1688, on the eve of the war occasioned by the league of Augsburg, conferred upon him the appointment of commissary-general of the cavalry.

Villars was sent to Munich to attempt to regain his influence over the elector and detach him from the alliance of Austria. In this he failed, and his life was even in danger from the Austrian party in Bavaria. He was next appointed to command the cavalry of the *Maréchal d'Humières*, whose army was stationed in Flanders with orders to act on the defensive. Villars, tired of this inactivity, resumed his old occupation of partisan, and levied contributions as far as Brussels. In 1689 he was created *maréchal-de-camp*. During the two following years he commanded a body of 15,000 men, which formed a reserve to the army of the *Maréchal de Luxembourg*. He was subsequently sent to the Rhine to assist with his counsels the *Maréchal de Joyeuse*, who was hard pressed by the Prince of Baden. In this service he continued till repose was for a short time restored to Europe by the peace of Ryswick in 1697.

The intrigues which preceded the Spanish War of Succession were now in full vigour. In 1699 Villars was entrusted with the delicate mission of ambassador-extraordinary to Vienna. He spent three years at that court, at the time when it and the court of Versailles were incessantly busied by every means short of actual war to thwart each other's views upon the throne of Spain. Villars, with a sleepless patience, strangely contrasting with his impetuosity in war, watched and unravelled all the tortuous intrigues of the Austrian court. He kept Louis and his ministers informed of every movement of Austria, and by blunt and opportune applications more than once deterred the emperor from steps which would have promoted his views. The personal animosity felt by the Austrian court to Villars was extreme; he was personally insulted, attempts were made to implicate him in the rebellious movements of Hungary, and his life was threatened. The courtiers affected to shun him; Prince Eugene alone continued on a footing of unreserved friendly intercourse. Villars persevered, and through more of the honour of insuring the accession of Louis's grandson to the Spanish throne was attributed to others than he felt to be consistent with a due sense of his services, even Louis XIV. was satisfied with his conduct.

On the commencement of hostilities in 1701 Villars was sent to the army commanded by Villeroi in Italy. Dissatisfied with his general, he obtained his recall. On his return to Paris he married Mademoiselle de Varangéville, to whom he was passionately attached. On the appointment of Catinau to the army of Germany, Villars joined him, but it is alleged that he found the genius of his commander enfeebled by age. In 1702 Villars was sent, at the head of thirty battalions, forty squadrons, and thirty pieces of artillery, to disengage the elector of Bavaria, who was surrounded on all sides by the Austrian troops. Villars had now attained his forty-ninth year, and this was the first time he had commanded in chief.

The events of Villars's campaign in Germany in 1703 are faithfully and instructively portrayed in his correspondence with the elector, Louis XIV., and his minister-at-war, and the letters of the general officers under his command, published at Amsterdam in 1762. The French general was everywhere successful, but the imbecility of the elector of Bavaria neutralized all his victories. Disgusted with his position, Villars petitioned to be recalled, and by his importunity wrung from the king a reluctant permission. On his return to France, it was proposed to send him to Italy, but the duke de Vendôme was his senior sovereign, and in his connection with the elector of Bavaria Villars had enough of military partnership with a prince of the royal blood. Louis forbore to insist upon his undertaking the Italian campaign, for there was a more important charge to intrust to him.

This charge was to terminate the war of the Cevennes. With the sanction of the king, he repaired to the scene of action, resolved to put an end to the troubles less by rigour than by gentler methods. In Lamoignon, the intendant of the province, he found a coadjutor participating in his sentiments, master of the necessary local information, and

prompt in action. Together these associates pursued the Cevennards into their most secluded retreats. A few examples of severity to those who resisted were followed by the extension of lenity, and even concessions to their religious scruples, to all who laid down their arms. Cavalier, the ablest leader of the Cevennards, was gained by the humanity and soldierly frankness of Villars. Peace was on the eve of being restored to the province, when emissaries of England and Savoy rekindled the dissensions. The insincerity of the court co-operated with foreign intrigue, but the watchfulness of Villars cut off all assistance from beyond the frontier, and the insurgents of the Cevennes ceased to be dangerous. Villars saved his king, at the moment when he had all Europe on his arms, from the additional embarrassment of a civil war. He was received with the highest honours on his return to Versailles.

From the spring of 1705, till the conclusion of the peace of Rastadt in 1714, the life of Villars was a succession of campaigns. Sent by the king in the former year to inspect and strengthen the defences of the eastern frontier, he took post on the heights near Fronsberg, where he covered Thionville, was in a position to succour Luxembourg if necessary, and, by means of the fortified posts at Bouzonville and Bourgeniche, kept open the communication with Sarre-Louis. Confident in the strength of his position, he did not entrench it, lest he should render his soldiers apprehensive. Marlborough appeared before this camp, at the head of 110,000 men; he examined it at all points for four days, and then retired. This encampment, more generally known by the name of *Siret* than Fronsberg, astonished everybody. The prompt decision and fearlessness of Villars were well known, but the skill shown in selecting a strategic position, and the self-control evinced in keeping on the defensive, were unexpected. The moment the enemy retired, he gave vent to his natural impetuosity by resuming the offensive; he burst into Alsatia, forced the lines of Weissenburg, presented himself before Lauterburg, and, to conceal the weakness which prevented him laying siege to that place, crossed the Rhine between Fort Louis and Strasbourg, and laying the whole country between the river and the Schwarzwald under contribution, closed the campaign of 1705. In 1706 he took Lauterburg and Hagenau, in the latter of which the enemy kept his reserves of artillery and stores. This success was neutralized by Villars's loss of the battle of Ramillies in Flanders, and the minister Chamillard's withdrawing some of his best troops. In 1707 Villars crossed the Rhine; forced the lines of Stollhofen on the 23rd of May; established his head-quarters at Rastadt on the evening of the same day, and the next occupied Stuttgart. He invited Charles XII. of Sweden, who had invaded Saxony, to make a junction with his army under the walls of Nürnberg, and concentrate their forces against Austria; but the invitation was declined. Troops were again withdrawn from him, and he was obliged to re-cross the Rhine. In 1708 he was sent to command on the frontier of Savoy, but the tardiness of those to whom the arrangements were intrusted caused the campaign to terminate without effect. In 1709 he was sent to re-organize the dispirited and demoralized army of Flanders. At the battle of Malplaquet he was wounded early in the day; he endeavoured to continue to direct the troops from a litter, but fainted and was borne from the field. His wound was dangerous, and kept him inactive the rest of the year. The campaign of 1710 was desultory: repeated attempts were made to open negotiations. In the autumn of that year Villars's wound broke open, and he was obliged to resign for a time the command of the army. In 1711 the exhausted state of French finances hampered the military operations and kept Villars on the defensive within the frontier. In 1712 the battle of Denain (24th July), the capture of *Marchiennes*, Douai, and a number of forts by Villars, restored courage to the French. Prince Eugene was obliged to give ground, and retire beneath the walls of Brussels. The peace of Utrecht was concluded (separately) by Holland and England in 1713. Austria refused to sign the treaty; Villars was sent into Germany at the head of an army, and on the 7th of March, 1714, the peace of Rastadt was concluded.

The military labours of Villars were now to experience a long intermission, and only to be renewed when he approached the termination of his career. From 1714 to 1732 he was exclusively engaged in the turmoil of state

intrigue. He had set off to visit his government of Provence, when he was recalled to witness the last moments of Louis XIV. Villars stood on delicate ground with the regent. In concluding the treaty of Rastatt he had made two secret stipulations: that the right of succession to the French throne, to the exclusion of the Duke of Orleans, should be reserved to Philip V. and his descendants. The regent was pacified however by Villars's producing the autograph commands of Louis XIV. to insist upon those conditions. Villars was appointed by the Duke a member of his council, in which he steadily opposed every deviation from the policy of his old master. In particular he laboured to prevent the adoption of the course proposed by Dubois, under the name of the quadruple alliance. He opposed energetically the adoption of the financial schemes of Law. Dubois advised the regent to have Villars arrested, and attempted to implicate him in the conspiracy of Alberoni, but the marshal, by serving the regent with the same entire devotion as he had served Louis XIV., gained his confidence, and the affection entertained for him by the young king was an additional protection. After the death of Dubois the regent reserved to himself the office of prime minister, and regulated his conduct in a great measure by the advice of Villars in military and foreign affairs. The Duke of Bourbon, who succeeded the regent, showed no less confidence in him. His only rival was the Abbé Fleury. The marriage of Louis XV. with the daughter of the king of Poland appeared for a time to strengthen the influence of Villars, but the Abbé Fleury having undermined the queen's power with the king, the marshal was obliged to give way to the favourite. This continued till 1732, when the rupture with Austria on account of the Spanish possessions in Italy rendered the military services of Villars indispensable. In his eighty-first year he was sent to command in Italy with the rank of *maréchal-général de la France*, which had never been conferred on any one before him, except Turenne. In the campaigns of 1733 and 1734 he evinced all the ardour, activity, and contempt of danger which characterised his youth. The ingratitude of the king of Sardinia however decided Villars to solicit his recall early in the course of the second. His wish was granted. He was taken ill at Turin on his way to France, and died on the 17th of June, 1734.

The predominant features of Villars's character were humanity, sincerity, quickness of apprehension, and promptitude without precipitancy in action. He was not free from the lax gallantry of his day, and is said, with or without cause, to have been extremely jealous of his wife. In advanced life he evinced a degree of avarice, contracted probably from the habits of economy forced upon him by the circumstances of his youth. He is among the most brilliant military characters of France, yet without that restless desire of show which detracts from the merits of so many of them. He was capable of deep, disinterested, and lasting attachment. His conduct in the war of the *Cavonnes* will ever endear his memory to the lover of humanity and of religious liberty.

VILLARS, DOMINIQUE, botanist, was born in a hamlet of the village of Noyer in Dauphiné. His father taught him reading and writing, and he learned Latin and geometry of the parish priest. When he was only fourteen years old his father died, and being the oldest in the family, at that early age he was obliged to superintend the duties of the farm on which his family lived. He was also appointed to his father's post of parish registrar, and in order to fit himself for his duties, he received instruction from a notary, in whose library he met with books on natural history, which so engaged his attention, that he determined to pursue the study of botany and medicine at his leisure. This led his mother to fear that he would neglect his agricultural pursuits, and accordingly at the age of seventeen she persuaded him to marry, in the hope that this would be a check to his pursuit of science. But in this she was disappointed, for in 1763 Villars made an excursion through Lyonsis, Bourgogne, La Franche-Comté, and Bresse, and collected many plants, and otherwise added to his knowledge of natural history. He afterwards became known to the Abbé Chaux, a good botanist, with whom he made many excursions in the mountains of Gapennois. He thus became acquainted with M. de Marchéval of Grenoble, and in 1771 proceeded to the military hospital of Grenoble for the purpose of studying medicine.

Here his botanical knowledge soon brought him into notice, and in 1773 he gave a course of lectures on botany to the pupils of the hospital. From this period to 1776 he made several excursions in Bas-Dauphiné, Provence, Languedoc, and La Grande Chartreuse, for the purpose of studying the natural history, more particularly the botany, of these districts. In 1777 he visited Paris, where his reputation as a botanist secured him a very flattering reception. In 1778 he took his degree as doctor of medicine, and would have returned to Noyer to practise medicine, but his friend M. Marchéval secured him an increase of stipend for his lectures at Grenoble, and in 1782 he was appointed physician to the hospital: he continued in this position till the suppression of the hospital by the French government in 1803. As this was unexpected, he remained for some time in considerable difficulties, but in 1805 he was appointed professor of botany and medicine in the school of medicine at Strasbourg, where he remained till his death, which took place on the 27th of June, 1814.

He wrote several works on botany and medicine, but that which secured him the greatest reputation is his '*Natural History of the Plants of Dauphiné*' (*Histoire Naturelle des Plantes du Dauphiné*). This work was published in 4 volumes, 4to., in 1786 and successive years. It contains 65 plates of the plants described. Each of the volumes contains a preface, in which an account is given of the various excursions which he had made. All the plants are arranged according to a classification of his own, in which he reduces the number of the Linnæan classes to twelve, by considering only the number of the stamens as a character of the classes. Under these classes he arranges 27 natural orders, named after the '*Fragments*' of Linnæus. It also includes a dictionary of terms, and lists of plants found in particular districts. This work was submitted to the French Institute, and a critical report given of its merits by Jussieu, Geoffroy, and Tessier. Although in some respects unfavourable to the work, the author was modest enough to print each report of the members of the Institute at the commencement of the volumes as they appeared. In 1801 he published a catalogue of the plants growing in the botanic garden at Strasbourg, in which he arranged the plants according to the system of Jussieu. He published several other books and memoirs on various departments of natural history and topography. His principal work on medicine was entitled '*Principes de Médecine et de Chirurgie*,' and was published at Lyon in 1797. He also gave an account of an epidemic fever which prevailed in Dauphiné during the years 1779 and 1780. At his death he left behind him an extensive library and a large collection of plants. In a prospectus of his large work on plants, he named a species *Herardia*, after Bernard, an apothecary, who lived at Strasbourg, and was a contemporary of the Bauhins, and who left behind him a manuscript work on plants, still in the public library at Strasbourg. A genus of plants has been named in honour of Villars, *Villarsia*.

(*Biog. Univ.*; Bischoff, *Lehrbuch der Botanik*; '*Præfates*' to volumes of the *Plants of Dauphiné*.)

VILLARSIA, a genus of plants belonging to the natural order of Gentianaceæ. This name was given in honour of Villars, a French botanist, who published a *Flora of Dauphiné* in 1786, and which, on account of its excellence, is used even at the present day. The species were formerly included under *Mentyanthes*, and was formed by Robert Brown. It has a 5-parted calyx; a subrotate corolla with spreading limb, the segments with a flat disk; 2-lobed stigma, the lobes toothed; 5 hypogynous glands; a 1-celled 2-valved or valveless capsule; seeds naked, or girded with a membranous margin. There are about sixteen species of this genus: they are either aquatic or marsh plants, with alternate entire leaves and yellow flowers. They are inhabitants of all parts of the world. One only is a native of Europe.

V. Nymphaeoides, Nymphaeæ-like Villarsia, is a floating plant, with orbicular-cordate leaves; the peduncles single-flowered and aggregate; the segments of the corolla ciliate. It is a native of Denmark, Holland, Sweden, Germany, Piedmont, and of Siberia. It is found in ditches and slow-running streams. It is also a native of Great Britain, though comparatively a rare plant. It is found in the Thames, in the recesses of the shores near Walton Bridge, near Botley Bridge, Godstow Bridge, and Hinksey Ferry. It occurs also in the fens of Lincolnshire and in

Yorkshire. It is a beautiful plant, and may be easily cultivated. It has a large yellow flower, which is curiously plaited. It is a very abundant plant in Holland, frequently covering large tracts of the canals with its beautiful yellow flowers and dark green leaves.

F. ovata, Ovate-leaved Villarsia, is an erect plant, with ovate erect leaves, panicled racemose flowers, and the segment of the corolla ciliated. This plant grows in wet boggy places at the Cape of Good Hope. The flowers are of an orange-yellow colour, and its stem rises to a height of one or two feet. It requires a wet soil, but is not a floating plant.

F. pinnatifida, Pinnatifid-leaved Villarsia, has the radical leaves ovate-cordate; the stem elongated, nearly naked; the flowers panicled; the segments of the corolla with entire margins; valves of the capsule bifid; the seeds scabrous. This is a marsh plant, and, with two or three other species, is found on the south coast of New Holland and in Van Diemen's Land. It is the tallest species of the genus, and varies much in its unessential character.

F. indica and *crinitata* are found in most parts of India floating in tanks and pools of fresh water, and are both noticed under the name of *Camada* by Sir Wm. Jones. A variety of *V. indica* is also found in Nepal. *V. nymphaeoides*, usually considered a native of Europe only, is also found floating on the lakes of Cashmere. This species was stated by Thunberg to be found floating on water in Japan; but his plant is now considered a distinct species, and is called *V. pelata*. *V. indica* is said to be accounted a sacred plant by the Chinese.

All the species of Villarsia are elegant plants when in blossom, and deserve a place in the garden and greenhouse. The hardy species may be grown in a pond, and they are easily increased by seeds or dividing their roots. The species requiring the greenhouse should be grown in cisterns. The bog or marsh species may be grown in pots, containing a mixture of peat and sand, and placed in deep pans of water.

VILLE. [ROIN BAS.]

VILLEFRANCHE. [GARONNE, HAUTE; PYRENEES ORIENTALES; RHONE, DEPARTMENT.]

VILLEFRANCHE, distinguished as VILLEFRANCHE-SUR-AVEYRON, a town in France, capital of an arrondissement in the department of Aveyron, 310 miles in a direct line south of Paris, or about 40 miles by the road through Orlans, Châteauroux, Limoges, Uzerche, and Cahors; in 44° 20' N. lat. and 2° 1' or 2° 2' E. long. The town stands in a pleasant situation at the confluence of the Alzou, or Alzon, with the Aveyron, on the right bank of the latter. The population, in 1831, was 7,360 for the town, or 55,410 for the whole commune; in 1836 it was 87,348 for the commune. There are a number of copper-works, and some hat-manufactories, tan-yards, and paper-mills; packing-cloth is also made, and trade is carried on in corn, hemp-seed, cattle, and wine. There are twelve yearly fairs. Villefranche was the native place of the Marshal de Belleisle.

The arrondissement of Villefranche comprehends 137 communes, and is divided into 7 cantons: the population, in 1831, was 77,960.

(Macle-Brun, *Géographie*; *Dictionnaire Géographique Universel*.)

VILLEIN, or VILLAIN, denotes a species of bondman subject to his feudal superior. In England, during the Anglo-Saxon period, the majority of the people appear to have been in a servile condition. The Saxon conquerors of England had brought with them from Germany the practice of slavery, and the continual wars of the Heptarchy and the Danish invasions deprived great numbers of their liberty; for prisoners taken in battle became slaves. There were then two classes of slaves: the one attached to the household of their lords and performing domestic services; the other, predial and engaged in the cultivation of the soil. The latter resembled the slaves of the Germans, of whom Tacitus observes, that they resided with their families on the estate of their lord, and formed no part of his menial establishment. The Germans had unlimited power over their slaves, and might kill them with impunity; and if they killed the slave of another, they only had to pay his price to the owner. The power of the master among the Anglo-Saxons, though very extensive, had some limits. If a master bent out the eye or the tooth of his slave, the slave was entitled to his freedom; if he

killed him, he paid a fine to the king, unless the slave lived a day after the wound was inflicted, in which case the offence was unpunished. The Norman conquest did not materially alter the state of slavery in England. The lands were transferred to Norman masters, and the slaves passed as part of the property. Many freemen also were then reduced to servitude, having been taken prisoners while fighting against the invaders. After the Conquest there were four classes of slaves. 1. Villeins in gross, who were the personal property of their lords and performed the lowest household duties. They were very numerous, and not being particularly allotted to the soil, they were frequently sold and even exported to foreign countries. (Walsingham, *Hist. Ang.*, p. 298.) 2. Villeins regardant, or predial slaves, who were attached to the soil and specially engaged in agriculture. These were in a better condition than villeins in gross, were allowed many indulgences, and even, in some cases, a limited right of property; yet the law held that the person and property of the villein belonged entirely to his lord, the rule being the same as that in the Roman law, that whatever was acquired through the slave was acquired by the lord. They were frequently permitted to absent themselves from the lands of their masters and to employ themselves in trade upon paying to the lord a fine called *chevageum*, or chiefage (that is, literally, 'headage'), as an acknowledgment of their subjection and villenage. If they did not return regularly, or neglected to pay the fine, they might be pursued as runaways, for which purpose the aid of the king's officers might be had; but if no claim were made within a year, the villein became privileged, and was considered free. (Bacon, 5, 6.) 3. Another class, differing from the last more in name than in character and condition, is repeatedly mentioned in Domesday Book as *Cottars*, or *Cottarii*. These had been instructed in some trade or handicraft, which they practised for their masters, still residing on the estate, and subject to the lord in the same manner as the predial slaves. 4. Another class often found in Domesday Book are the *Bordarii*. In what respects they differed from the other denominations of villeins is not apparent. Lord Coke calls them 'boors holding a little house with some land of husbandry, bigger than a cottage.' (1 *Inst.*, lib. i., sect. 1.) But they do not appear to have been all engaged in agriculture. In the town of Huntington there were returned 100, in Norwich 180, and 20 in Thetford. (Domesday Book, vol. i., pp. 173, 203; vol. ii., p. 116.) Bishop Kennett says, 'The *Bordarii* were distinct from the servi and villani, and seem to be those of a less servile condition, who had a bord or cottage with a small parcel of land allowed to them, on condition they should supply the lord with poultry and eggs, and other small provisions for his board and entertainment.' (*Parochial Antiquities*, 'Glossary.') Brady places them in a much lower condition. 'They were drudges, and performed vile services, which were reserved by the lord upon a poor little house, and a small parcel of land, and might perhaps be domestic works, such as grinding, thrashing, drawing water, cutting wood, &c.' ('Preface' to *History of England*, p. 56.) [BORDARIE.]

In addition to these special denominations, a class is distinguished from them in Domesday as *servi*; but whether these differed in their legal or social condition from other villeins is nowhere explained. Bishop Kennett conjectures that they were villeins in gross without any determined tenure of land, and whose services were undefined. It is very possible that the term may have been frequently applied to all the classes of villeins as a generic term, and sometimes to particular classes only, usually distinguished by other names. The names would vary in particular districts, and the enumerations would not all observe the same classification. The probability of this circumstance is confirmed by similar variations in Domesday, and by the experience of modern statistical inquiries.

The two classes first mentioned, viz. the villeins in gross and villeins regardant, were the most numerous, and may be said indeed to include the others, which, though differing sometimes in name only, and sometimes in minor particulars of service and condition, were but varieties of the servile class, partaking more or less either of the domestic or of the predial character. The relative numbers of the different classes as distinguished in Domesday may be fairly estimated from the county of Sussex, in which there were, about the year 1086, 5866 villans 'in gross and

regardant, but not separated), 2510 bordari, 738 cottari, and 416 servi.

The following are some of the legal conditions of the state of villenage:—

Persons were villeins either by prescription, their ancestors having been in that condition time out of mind, or by acknowledgment and confession in a court of record. The former were the original villeins regardant, who had always belonged to a manor. If they were transferred by deed from one to another, they became villeins in gross, as did all who confessed themselves villeins in a court of record.

If a villein married a free woman, the children were villeins; but if a female villein or niece married a free man, the children were free. A bastard could only become a villein, by confession in a court of record, for having in law no father, or, as it was phrased, being *natus filius*: he could not of course be claimed as a villein by descent.

If a villein purchased land, the lord might enter upon it; if he possessed goods, the lord might seize a part in the name of the whole, and immediately become the legal owner of them. A villein was able to sue any person except his lord, and even against him he might have an appeal of his ancestor's death. A niece might also have an appeal of rape. Although the law did not allow a lord to maim his villein, the latter could not have an appeal of mayhem, because the lord could immediately retake the damages; but he might have had an indictment. (Littleton, 132-208.)

As society advanced, the state of slavery became less adapted to the interests of proprietors, and the villeins were becoming a more important class. Frequent manumissions were the consequence. These were generally performed by deed, but frequently by will, and there were also many acts of the lord which were considered as implied manumissions, and entitled his villeins to freedom. By these means the social condition of villenage became less and less general, and at length disappeared altogether. In England a few instances of predial servitude existed so late as the reign of Elizabeth and perhaps at a still later period. (Barrington, *On the Statutes*, 274; Hallam's *Middle Ages*, vol. i., p. 223.) In some parts of France it existed down to the time of the Revolution. In Russia predial servitude is still universal and unmodified: in Poland it was unmodified until 1791, and though defaced by law in 1807, still exists in an improved form. In Hungary it prevailed in a most offensive shape until 1836, when the nobles renounced some of their privileges and extended the civil rights of the peasantry. (VILLENEUVE.)

(Bracton; Littleton; Coke's *First Inst.*; Reeves, *Hist. of English Law*; Blackstone's *Commentaries*, &c.)

VILLENEUVE was a base tenure of land, which, according to Sir William Blackstone, was 'neither strictly feudal, Norman, or Saxon; but mixed and compounded of them all; and which also, on account of the heriots that usually attend it, may seem to have somewhat Danish in its composition.' Originally this tenure was founded on the servile estate of the occupiers of the soil (VILLEIN), who were allowed to hold portions of land at the will of their lord, on condition of performing base and menial services. Where the service was base in its nature, and uncertain as to time and quantity, the tenure was called pure villenage; but where the service, though base, was certain and defined, it was termed privileged villenage, and sometimes villein-socage.

So long as the services were properly performed, the lord had no interest in disturbing the occupation of his villeins; and thus it frequently happened that lands held in villenage descended, in uninterrupted succession, from father to son; until, at length, the occupiers became entitled by prescription or custom to hold their lands against the lord so long as they performed the required services. And although the villeins themselves acquired freedom, or their lands came into the possession of freemen, the villein services were still the condition of the tenure, according to the custom of the manor. The customs of the several manors were either proved by the rolls of the Courts Baron or by constant immemorial usage; and as the tenants thus depended for their titles upon entries in those rolls or copies authenticated by the steward, they became gradually known as tenants by copy of court roll, and their tenure as a copyhold. While the tenure of the land had thus been growing more secure, the character of the services had become defined, and in the reign of Edward IV. a

pure villenage was no longer known. The gradual improvements of the tenure, whether caused by encroachments of the tenants, by the liberality of the lords, or by bargains between them, did not alter the form of title. The copyhold lands were still supposed to be held at the will of the lord, and the tenant could not alienate them by deed, but was obliged to surrender them to the lord, in court, to the use of him who was to have the estate.

At the Conquest there were freemen holding their lands by free services, or by free customs, who were then ejected, but who were re-admitted on consenting to hold in villenage and to perform base services, but such as were certain and expressed by name. Such tenants held by copy of court roll; but these admittances are not, as in ordinary copyholds, to hold at the will of the lord, but to hold according to the custom of the manor; from whence they have been called free copyholders or customary freeholders.

The act 12 Charles II., c. 24 (for taking away tenures in capite, and by knights' service), expressly provided (sec. 7) that it should 'not alter or change any tenure by copy of court roll, or any services incident thereto.' The tenure has therefore continued until the present day, subject to rents, fines, and heriots, payable to lords of manors, varying with the customs of each manor. The chief disadvantage of a copyhold tenure is the uncertainty of many of the fines and other demands upon the tenant, for the removal of which the act 4 & 5 Victoria, c. 35, was passed. By this act the Tithe Commissioners were empowered to commute all fines and other customary payments into rent-charges, assessed according to the price of corn, in the same manner as tithe rent-charges (TITHES), and into small fixed fines not exceeding 5s. upon death or alienation. Provision was also made for the complete enfranchisement of copyhold lands on paying the estimated value of the customary rents, fines, and heriots. As yet very little has been effected under the powers of the act.

(Bracton; Littleton; Coke, *First Inst.*; Wright's *Law of Tenures*; Gilbert's *Law of Tenures*, by Watkins; Reeves, *Hist. of English Law*; Blackstone's *Commentaries*.)

VILLENEUVE. From the birth of Romée de Villeneuve, grand-sénéchal of Provence in 1170, to the death of Vice-Admiral Villeneuve in 1806, there has almost always been some one of this name to lend it distinction in France.

ROMÉE DE VILLENEUVE (born 1170, died soon after 1250) deserves to be remembered in the history of France as one of the earliest statesmen who appears to have comprehended the importance of uniting all the Gallic provinces into one nation. The history of his early life is obscure and distorted by fables. Created constable of Provence by Berenger before 1238, he besieged and took Nice, which had revolted against the count. Villeneuve frequently made that city his place of abode during his subsequent career, and conciliated its citizens by his wise and humane government. He fought bravely against the Pisans and Genoese, patronised the Troubadours in general, and punished some in particular who sinned against morality in their writings. On the 12th of July, 1238, Berenger nominated him in his will regent of Provence, and guardian of Beatrice, his fourth and unmarried daughter. On the death of Berenger, in 1245, Villeneuve assembled the nobility of Provence, and persuaded them to swear fealty to Beatrice. He next married his ward to Charles of Anjou, brother of St. Louis, who had many years before in a great measure through the instrumentality of Villeneuve, been married to Marguerite, her elder sister. The regent procured the insertion of a clause in the marriage contract of Charles of Anjou, in virtue of which the territories of Provence, if Beatrice died without male issue, were to descend to the offspring of her sister Marguerite by St. Louis. The object of this arrangement was realised two centuries later by Palamède de Forbin. After this marriage Villeneuve appears to have withdrawn himself from public life. His name only appears again in the page of history in the mention of his will, by which he disposed of an enormous fortune for that age.

ELION, or HELION, DE VILLENEUVE (born in 1270; died in 1346), of the same family as the preceding, entered in early life the order of St. John of Jerusalem, and, in 1319, on the abdication of Foulques de Villaret, grand-master of Rhodes, was elected his successor. Before

repairing to his seat of government, the new grand-master visited several courts to collect contributions for his Order, which was at that time deeply involved in debt. The division of the order into langues has been attributed to him, and is said to have been proposed at a chapter which he held at Montpellier soon after his election. His visits to the courts above noticed, and a severe attack of illness, prevented his reaching Rhodes before 1336: the remaining ten years of his life were exclusively devoted to the discharge of his official duties. In 1344 he in person besieged and took Smyrna. It is of the period of his grand-mastership that the legend of the Dragon and the Knight of Rhodes is told.

ROSALENE DE VILLENEUVE (born 1263, died 1329), sister of the grand-master of Rhodes, was famous for her piety, her charity, and her ascetic exercises of devotion. In 1310 she was elected head of the order of Chateaux. She was canonized after her death; and some legendary writers have attributed in a great measure to her intercession the suppression of the heresy of the Albigens.

LOUIS DE VILLENEUVE, premier marquis de France, distinguished by the title 'Riche d'Hommeur', belonged to the same family. He was born about 1451, and died in 1516. Charles VIII., whose chamberlain he was, intrusted Villeneuve with the command of the army destined for the conquest of Naples. When Louis XII. mounted the throne, he sent Villeneuve as his ambassador to the papal court. At Rome the Provençal ambassador received extraordinary honours; the Romans were charmed with his manly and persuasive eloquence; and his popularity was the occasion of his being again employed on a mission to that court at the perilous crisis of 1500. Villeneuve was the intimate and esteemed friend of Bayard and Gaston de Foix. In 1505 Louis XII. erected the honours of Trans, hereditary in the family of Villeneuve, into a marquisate, the first instance of that title being conferred in France. The only son of Louis de Villeneuve fell at the king's side in the battle of Marignan, and the father, already enfeebled by wounds and years, died not long after of grief, in the month of July, 1516.

CHRISTOPHE DE VILLENEUVE (born 30th June, 1541; died 29th July, 1615) was also a member of this illustrious family. He was in his youth page to François de Lorraine, duc de Guise. He entered the service of Claude de Savoie, and earned a high reputation for bravery in that prince's campaigns against the Huguenots. On the death of the duke of Savoie, Villeneuve remained attached to the Comte de Carres, his lieutenant and successor in the government of Provence. De Carres intrusted to Villeneuve the delicate mission of moving the king to countermand the orders for the massacre of St. Bartholomew. The envoy reached Paris on the same day that a messenger was dispatched from that city by the king, with fresh orders for the massacre. His representations were however successful in partially slaking the resolution of the king, who sent for him in the course of the night, and charged him with a message to De Carres, countermanding his previous orders in so far as Provence was concerned. Villeneuve started immediately, passed the messenger of death on his way, and reached Aix in time to save Provence from the massacre. The subsequent career of Villeneuve was as honourable as this its commencement. He served with distinction Henri III., Henri IV., and Louis XIII.

There have been several authors of the name of Villeneuve. HUDON DE VILLENEUVE, an ancient French poet of some reputation, was a contemporary of Philippe Auguste. He was one of the earliest versifiers of the legends of the Twelve Peers. His principal work is 'Le Quatre Fils d'Aymon,' next to which perhaps ranks his 'Doctine de Mayence,' of which a prose translation into more modern French was published at Paris in 1501, with the title 'Fleur des Batailles.' GUILLAUME DE VILLENEUVE, a good soldier, who served Charles VIII. in his Neapolitan campaigns, published in 1497 'Mémoires sur la Conquête de Naples.' It is the only narrative by an eye-witness of the adventures of the French army and partisans from the departure of Charles till their final expulsion. GABRIELLE SIOUANA BARROT, dame de Villeneuve (born about 1605; died in 1756), was a friend of Crébillon, and published many tales and romances. Only one has retained hold of the popular mind, and that in the form of an abridgment: it is the famous 'Beauty and the Beast.'

The reputation of the name of Villeneuve was well sus-

tained during the wars of the French revolution by PHÉAS CHARLES JEAN BAPTISTE SILVÈSTRE DE VILLENEUVE, vice-admiral. He was born at Valençoles in Provence, on the 31st of December, 1763. He entered the navy in his fifteenth year, and obtained the command of a vessel in 1793. In 1796 he was promoted to be commodore (capitaine de division), and a few months later to be rear-admiral (contre-amiral). He was appointed to command a division of the fleet destined for the invasion of Ireland; but contrary winds detained him in the Mediterranean, and rendered the expedition abortive. At Aboukir Villeneuve commanded the Guillaume Tell, and carried off his own vessel, with two other ships and two frigates, in safety after the defeat. In 1805 he was placed in command of a squadron, the main object of which was to withdraw the British fleet from the shores of Europe. With this view he sailed for the Antilles, where he did some mischief among the English traders, and attacked the Diamond. As soon as Villeneuve heard of the arrival of the English fleet at Bahre-doës, his mission being accomplished, he re-embarked his troops, and set sail for Europe. On the 22nd of July, 1805, he encountered, off Cape Finisterre, the English fleet under Sir Robert Calder. An engagement took place, which continued till nightfall. Next morning, neither the French nor the English admiral sought to renew the action, and for failing to do so both were reprimanded by their respective governments. This reprimand so enlivened the spirit of Villeneuve, that, when he again put to sea, an instruction to his captains, issued on the 28th October, 1805, contained the remarkable expression—'Every captain who is not in action (dans le feu) is not at his post; and a signal of recall will be a brand of dishonour to him.' In the battle of Trafalgar, Villeneuve was taken prisoner after displaying throughout the fight the most perfect self-possession and high courage. He was carried to England, and detained there till the month of April, 1806. On his arrival at Rennes, he wrote to the minister of marine that he was in France, and waiting the orders of the emperor in that town. This was on the 17th of April. Four days elapsed, and he had received no answer. Mindful of the rebuke he had received on a former occasion, this delay appears to have unsettled the mind of Villeneuve. On the 22nd of April he was found dead in his apartment by wounds inflicted by his own hand.

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VILLENEUVE D'AGEN. [LOT ET GARONNE.]

VILLENEUVE-LES-AVIGNON. [GARD.]

VILLENEUVE-SUR-YONNE. [YONNE.]

VILLERS, G. [BRUCKINGHAM, DUKES OF.]

VILLERS, CHARLES FRANÇOIS DOMINIQUE DE, had, next to Madame de Staël-Holstein, the chief share in making German literature known to the French at a period when the French, clinging to old prejudices and intoxicated by recent victories, treated Germany with neglect and contempt. He was born on the 4th of November, either of 1764 or 1767, at Beleben, a small town in that part of Lorraine which is inhabited by Germans. His father was chief receiver of the taxes, and a royal counsellor; by his mother's side, a baroness de Lannoy, he is said to have been allied to the family Du Lys, which is descended from the brothers of Jeanne d'Arc, the maid of Orleans. He received a military education at Metz, and as early as 1782 was appointed lieutenant in the artillery. His first literary essay was on magnetism, which was then the favourite science of the day. He lived alternately at Strasburg and Metz, and he filled up his leisure hours with studying history, ancient and modern literature, as well as Greek and Hebrew, which he had hitherto neglected. Excited, though not misled, by the Revolution, he wrote a witty political satire in verse, entitled 'Les Députés aux États Généraux;' and in 1791 he published his celebrated work 'De la Liberté.' In this work, which went through three editions in the course of one year, he laid down political principles which were very dangerous not only for those who published them, but even for those who received them. At a period when the bloody tyranny of the people began to be established in France, he had the courage to place on the title of a work on liberty the motto, 'Alind est, alind dictur;' and in the face of the most fanatical democrats he said 'that it was dangerous to preach liberty to the people, because they always confounded liberty with the desire of indulging their will in everything;' and 'that the people in insurrection were

the worst tyrants of all.' No sooner had the Jacobins established their power, than they pursued Villers, who, after many perilous adventures, escaped to Germany, and settled at Holzminden on the Weser. Though acquainted with the German language, he had the most unfavourable opinion of German literature, because he had never read any good book in the language, and he had all the prejudices against the Germans which were then prevalent in France. At Holzminden however he made the acquaintance of Dr. Brandis, known by his excellent works on medicine and philosophy, who became afterwards first physician to the king of Denmark. His intercourse with this learned medical man, and his friendship with Kästner, Spittler, Heeren, and Schliizer at Göttingen, where he stayed from 1794 to 1796, led Villers not only to abandon his prejudices against the Germans, but to become the most active and generous defender of this nation against his own countrymen, the French. His friendship with the learned daughter of Schliizer, Mrs. Dorothea von Rodde, upon whom the University of Göttingen had conferred the title of Doctor in Philosophy, exercised still greater influence over him. In 1797 he followed Mrs. Dr. von Rodde and her husband, to Lübeck. From this time he lived alternately at Lübeck and Eutin, then the residence of Voss, Count Stollberg, Jacobi, and other distinguished scholars, poets, and philosophers. His chief object was to mediate between the French and Germans, by eradicating their national prejudices, and by translating several of the best German works into French, among which was Heeren's 'Essay on the Influence of the Crusades.' Reinmarus persuaded him to write for the 'Spektateur du Nord,' one of the best newspapers of the time, which was published at Hamburg, and which in the course of one year received sixty leading articles from Villers. Hanover having been occupied by the French in 1803, he addressed a letter to the French officers, urging them to spare and to respect the people. In 1804 he published his 'Essai sur l'Esprit et l'Influence de la Réformation de Luther,' a masterpiece, which was crowned by the Institut de France, and which was translated into English (by B. Lambert, London, 1805*). German (thrice), Dutch, and Swedish. In 1806 Lübeck was taken by storm by the French, who would have destroyed the whole town and massacred its inhabitants, but for the courage and activity of Villers, who exposed the revolting brutality and immorality of the French troops in his 'Lettre à M^{me} la Comtesse Fanny de Beusharnois sur Lübeck.' This pamphlet caused him much persecution, especially from Davoust, in 1811. Although he attacked the policy of Napoleon on several occasions, and especially by his articles against the Continental System, Jérôme Bonaparte, king of Westphalia, appointed him, in 1811, professor of philosophy (for the branches of literature and history) in the University of Göttingen. Jérôme having ordered the abolition of this university, Villers, at the request of Heyne, Heeren, and John von Müller, represented to the king the consequences of this measure, and the king countermanded his order. Villers was esteemed and cherished both by Frenchmen and Germans, and the Germans looked on him as their trusty friend and protector. He had nevertheless many enemies, especially among those who could or would not lay aside their prejudices; and the frequent attacks which were made upon his character gradually ruined his health. After the House of Brunswick had been restored to the possession of Hanover in 1813, Villers was dismissed from his post: he received a pension of 3000 francs, but he was ordered to return to France. As he had committed no crime, he protested against this order, and it was discovered that he had been calumniated by the Prince Regent, afterwards George IV., who, at the request of Count Münster, augmented the pension of Villers to 4000 francs, and allowed him to live in Hanover; but he was not permitted to continue his lectures. He had just been invited to the University of Heidelberg, when he died of consumption, on the 26th of February, 1815, with the reputation of having been one of the most enlightened and best men of his time, who had sacrificed himself for the good of others. Villers also wrote—'Philosophie de Kant, ou Principes Fondamentaux de la Philosophie Transcendante'; 'Lettre à George Cuvier sur une Nouvelle Théorie du Cerveau par Gall'; 'Rapport sur l'Etat de la Littérature Ancienne et l'Histoire en Allemagne'; 'Précis Historique de la

Vie de Martin Luther, traduit du Latin de Melancthon, avec des Notes,' &c. He had begun the Life of Luther, but death prevented him from finishing it. The authorities cited below contain a list of his works.

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VILLOISON, JEAN BAPTISTE GASPARD D'ANSSE DE, one of the most eminent Greek scholars of modern times, was born at Corbeil-sur-Seine on the 5th of March, 1750. Among the scholars to whose instruction he was principally indebted we may mention Le Beau and Cappeironier, but Villoison soon surpassed all his fellow-students, and his teachers also, and pursued his studies of the authors of ancient Greece with such perseverance, that at the age of fifteen he had read nearly all the Greek authors. He soon also gave evidence that his extensive reading was not superficial, for he was scarcely twenty-two years old when he published from a MS. at St. Germain the first edition of Apollonius's *Lexicon* on the 'Iliad' and 'Odyssey,' together with the fragments of Pulemon (Paris, 1773, 2 vols. fol., reprinted at Leipzig in the same year in 2 vols. 4to.), with very valuable and learned Prolegomena and notes. Before the edition was printed, he submitted it to the Academy of Inscriptions, which elected him a member, although he had not yet attained the age at which this honour could be conferred upon him according to their rules. He was now looked upon not only in France, but in Europe also, as a prodigy of learning, and he formed extensive literary connections with scholars of various parts of Europe. But he did not allow himself to be dazzled by the fame thus early acquired, nor to sink into inactivity; he pursued his studies with the same ardour as before; and in 1778 he published a new edition of the pastoral poem of Longus with a very learned commentary. His ambition however was rather to publish such ancient works as had not yet appeared, than to prepare editions of those authors which were already in print. The government being informed of this desire of Villoison, he was sent in 1778, at the expense of the state, to Venice, to search the library of St. Mark. Here he formed an intimate friendship with the Abbe Morelli, with whose assistance he discovered numerous rhetorical and grammatical works and fragments of works of that kind which had not yet been printed. These, together with some other similar works which he had before discovered at Paris, were published under the title 'Anecdota Græca e Regia Parisiensis et Venetis S. Marci Bibliothecis depremissa,' Venice, 1781, 2 vols. 4to. Valuable as these anecdotes are, their publication was too hurried, and it was afterwards discovered that Villoison had published some things as new, which had appeared in print long before his time. Another more important discovery which he made in the library of St. Mark, was a MS. of Homer's *Iliad*, which probably belonged to the tenth century, and contained very ancient scholia (now known under the name of the Scholia Veneta), and marginal notes which pointed out such verses as were supposititious, corrupt, or transposed. This valuable treasure, together with very learned prolegomena by Villoison, appeared at Venice, 1788, fol. It was perhaps appreciated by no one so well as by F. A. Wolf, whose theory of the Homeric poems is based in a great measure upon the information derived from this discovery. Several years before the printing of this work was completed he was invited by Amalie, Duchess of Saxe-Weimar, and her son Carl August, to pay them a visit in Germany. Villoison accordingly left Venice and went to Weimar, where he spent about a year in searching the library of that capital. The results of his learned inquiries were published in his 'Epistolæ Viminenses, in quibus multa Græcorum Scriptorum loca emendantur ex librorum Ducalis Bibliothecæ,' Zürich, 1788, 4to. The year after he edited at Strasburg a Greek translation of the Old Testament, which he had discovered at Venice, and had been made by a Jew in the ninth century of our æra. In 1785 he accompanied the French ambassador at the court of Constantinople, Count Choiseul Gouffier, to Constantinople, and travelled about for three years in the islands of the Archipelago and the continent of Greece. His hopes of finding MSS. of ancient authors not yet published were disappointed, but he made himself perfect master of the modern Greek language, and collected a vast quantity of materials partly with a view to make a new and improved edition of Tournefort's travels, and partly to write a complete description of ancient and

* Another English translation, with a preface and notes by James Mill, is now exceedingly scarce.

modern Greece. But the unhappy condition in which he found his country on his return prevented the realization of these plans. Villosion withdrew to Orleans, and began to read through all the ancient authors in order to collect materials for his great work on Greece. After the storms of the Revolution had passed away, he returned with his literary treasures to Paris, and having lost the greater part of his property, he began a course of lectures on the Greek language, in which however he did not meet with much success. He was made a member of the National Institute of France, and Napoleon afterwards appointed him professor of ancient and modern Greek in the Collège de France, but he had scarcely entered upon this office when he was seized by an illness which terminated in his death on the 25th of April, 1805. The 'Mémoires' of the Academy of Inscriptions contain several valuable papers by Villosion. The materials for his great work on Greece, in fifteen large quarto volumes, as well as his remarks on Tournefort and on Montfaucon's 'Palæographia Græca,' of which he likewise intended to publish a new edition, are in MS. in the royal library of Paris.

Villosion was a man of prodigious learning: he possessed an extraordinary memory, and a quick and penetrating mind; but his thirst for knowledge was so great, that he scarcely allowed himself time to digest that which he had acquired, and all the defects of his works arise more or less from this haste and want of reflection.

(Dacier, in the *Mémoires of the National Institute of France; Biographie Universelle.*)

VILNA. [WILNA.]

VIMOUTIERS. [ORNE.]

VINAGO. [COLUMBIA, vol. vii., p. 367.]

VINCA (from *vincio*, to bind), a genus of plants belonging to the natural order Apocynaceæ. It has a 5-cleft calyx, with linear or subulate acute segments; a salver-shaped corolla, with the tube longer than the calyx, and the throat bearded, the segments of the limb flat, oblique, truncate at the apex; 5 stamens inserted in the throat enclosed with short filaments, each of the anthers ending in a hairy membrane at the apex, which convolves over the stigma; the stigma is bearded, seated on a flat orbicular disk, which is grooved round the circumference; 2 glands alternating with the ovaries; 2 follicles, few-seeded, dehiscent lengthwise; the seeds cylindrical, naked, with fleshy albumen. Five or six species of this genus have been described: they are creeping, suffrutescent, or herbaceous plants, with smooth, shining, opposite leaves, with blue, purple, or white flowers, seated on solitary, axillary, alternate peduncles. They are all natives of Europe, in shady places.

V. major, the Greater Periwinkle, has stems rather erect, ovate-acute, ciliated leaves; teeth of the calyx linear, subulate, ciliated, and usually with a smaller tooth on each side at the base; the segments of the corolla are broad and ovate. It is a native of the middle and southern parts of Europe, and is apparently wild in many parts of Great Britain, but it may be doubted whether it is an original native of this island. Its flowers are of a fine purple-blue colour, and are larger than those of any other species. The English name periwinkle seems to be derived from the French *periwinkle*. In Chaucer's time it was called 'perwinke':—

'Ther sprang the violet al rose,
And fresh perwinke rich of hewe.'

The flowers appear early in spring, and continue open all the summer. It is well adapted for growing on the ground of shrubberies, as well as on the banks of hedges, or in any shady place. In olden times great virtues were attributed to the periwinkle, amongst other things Culpeper says 'the leaves of the periwinkle eaten by man and wife together do cause love between them.' In Italy this plant is called *fiore di morte*, from the practice of making garlands of it in which to bury dead children. It was at one time much used in sorceries and incantations, hence the French still call it *viola des sorciers*. In France too this plant has been lately much grown as a memorial of friendship. This has arisen out of a circumstance in the life of Jean Jacques Rousseau, in which, after thirty years, he was suddenly reminded of his early attachment to Madame de Warens by the sight of a periwinkle in flower. Hence the plant is consecrated *aux doux souvenirs*.

V. minor, the Lesser Periwinkle, has proeminent stems, elliptico-lanceolate glabrous leaves; the segments of the

calyx linear-lanceolate and bluntish; the segments of the corolla broadish at top; the flowering stems usually erect. This is also a native of Europe, in the same situations as the last, and is often found in Great Britain. It varies much in the colour of its flowers, which are sometimes double. The leaves also often become variegated. It is not so large a plant as the last, and may be grown in the same situations.

V. herbacea, Herbaceous Periwinkle, has herbaceous prostrate stems, with oblong-lanceolate smooth leaves, stalked flowers, and a ciliated calyx. The flowers are of a pale blue colour. It is an elegant plant, and is a native of Hungary. *V. rosea* is an East Indian periwinkle; it has an erect stem with twin sessile flowers. Like all the species, it may be easily propagated by cuttings or dividing the roots. It is continually in flower. It has pale flowers, and two or three varieties are known in gardens.

All the species are easily cultivated, and are very desirable plants for gardens, as they retain their leaves all the year round.

VINCE, SAMUEL, a distinguished mathematician, and Plumian Professor of Astronomy and Experimental Philosophy in the University of Cambridge. He took orders, and he was promoted to the archdeaconry of Bedford. He died in December, 1821.

Professor Vince was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1780, having previously written a paper on friction, which was published in the 'Philosophical Transactions' for 1785. This paper, which possesses considerable merit, contains a description of many experiments made on that subject, from which it is concluded that friction is a uniformly retarding force, and that it increases with the surfaces in contact, but in a less ratio than the weight or pressure of the moving bodies against each other: it is also shown that, when one body remains long at rest upon another, a certain degree of cohesion takes place, which increases the friction. It is right to observe that the second of these laws has not been confirmed by the experiments of M. Coulomb, this philosopher having found that the friction varies with the pressure of the bodies.

In the 'Philosophical Transactions' for 1785 there is a paper by Vince, entitled 'Observations on the Theory of the Motion and Resistance of Fluids,' in which are described several experiments relating to the discharge of water through pipes inserted, in vertical positions, in the bottoms of vessels. From these it is shown that, when the pipes are less than one inch in length, the ratio between the quantities discharged from a simple orifice and from a pipe are not exactly to one another in the subduplicate ratio of the depths, that is, of the distances from the upper surface of the water in the vessel to the orifice and to the lower extremity of the pipe; the results of the experiments are however found to agree better with the theory in proportion as the pipes are longer. Another paper by Vince, which is entitled 'Experiments on the Resistance of Bodies moving in Fluids,' was published in the volume of the 'Transactions' for 1798. These experiments were made with bodies at considerable distances below the surface; and it was found that when the body is a plane surface, and also when it is a hemisphere moving with the flat side foremost, the experimented resistances differed from the results of the general theory in the ratio of 3 to 2 nearly. The ratio between the resistance experienced by a plane surface at rest, when struck by a fluid in motion, and that which took place when the same plane was made to move in the fluid, the latter being at rest, was found to be nearly as 6 to 5; and this result agrees with that which was obtained by Du Buat.

In conjunction with the Rev. James Wood, Professor Vince published at Cambridge a 'Course of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, for the Use of Students in the University'; and of this valuable work there have since been several editions with considerable improvements: the parts written by Vince are entitled 'Elements of Conic Sections, intended as Preparations for the reading of Newton's Principia'; 'Principles of Fluxions'; 'Principles of Hydrostatics'; and 'Elements of Astronomy.' In 1790 came out his 'Treatise of Practical Astronomy,' in quarto, containing descriptions of the constructions and the uses of astronomical instruments; but his principal work is a 'Complete System of Astronomy,' which was published at Cambridge in 3 vols. 4to. (1797 to 1808). The first volume contains accounts of the phenomena and motions of the

moon and planets, deduced from observations; part of the second is occupied with the subject of physical astronomy, or investigations from the theory of general attraction, concerning the precession of the equinoxes, the movements of the moon and planets, of the apsidæ and nodes of the orbits, and the variations to which the inclinations of the orbits are subject: the remainder consists of several tables, of great utility in the solution of problems relating to practical astronomy. The third volume contains a complete series of astronomical tables with precepts for their use; they consist of Delambre's tables of the sun, moon, and planets, and of the satellites of Jupiter, and Burg's tables of the moon; the epochs being changed to the first day of January at Greenwich mean noon.

Professor Vince published a pamphlet entitled 'The Credibility of Christianity Vindicated,' in answer to Hume's objections in his 'Essay on Miracles;' and, in 1806, one entitled 'Observations on the Hypotheses which have been assumed to account for the Cause of Gravitation on Mechanical Principles.' The latter was read before the Royal Society, and was intended to be the Bakerian Lecture; but, for some reason, it was not published in the 'Transactions.' The writer endeavours to disprove Newton's supposition that gravity may be accounted for by means of an elastic fluid, and he concludes that the formation and preservation of the universe must be ascribed to the immediate agency of the Deity. He also published four Sermons, which he had preached before the University. The subject of these discourses is a confutation of atheism, from the laws and constitution of the heavenly bodies; the various adaptations of the parts of the solar system to one another are exhibited, and offered as proofs of design in its formation; and the correspondence of certain phenomena in that system to those which have been observed in the stars called fixed is stated as an evidence that the universe is under the superintendence of one Being.

VINCENNES. [SHINE, Department.]

VINCENT, ST., one of the islands of the Columbian Archipelago, situated between 13° 10' and 13° 25' N. lat. and 61° 10' and 61° 20' W. long., having Barbadoes on the east, Grenada on the south, and St. Lucia on the north. The area of St. Vincent is less than that of the county of Rutland, being 131 square miles, or rather more than 84,000 acres. It is one of the most beautiful islands of the Caribbean group, of an oval form, 18 miles long by 11 broad; and though the surface is irregular, the valleys, some of which are very beautiful, possess a fertile soil and are well watered. The coast is bold and rocky, and a range of high mountains crosses the island from north to south. The Grenadines consist of several small islets off the southern extremity of the coast. Bequia, the largest, has an area of 3700 acres, and there are seven others, some of which are partially cultivated. Bequia possesses a fine harbour, called Admiralty Bay. The most remarkable physical feature of St. Vincent is the Soufrière, a volcanic mountain 3000 feet high, with a crater half a mile in diameter, from the centre of which rises a conical hill 300 feet high, and 200 feet in diameter at the base. After a repose of nearly a century an eruption of the mountain took place in 1812. St. Vincent has several times suffered severely from hurricanes, but it is one of the healthiest islands of the archipelago.

St. Vincent was discovered by Columbus in 1498, at which time the natives were numerous, and continued to be so for a long period afterwards. The existence of two distinct races in the island, before its settlement by Europeans, one exhibiting the features of the African negro, is accounted for by a slave-ship from Guinea having, it is said, been wrecked on the coast about 1675. Early in the 18th century the negro Caribs, as they were called, had become very numerous, partly by the accession of runaway slaves from Barbadoes, and partly by the children they had by the Indian women, and they drove the aboriginal population into the north-west part of the island. In 1672 Charles II. included St. Vincent with Barbadoes and several other islands under one government, but this assumption of authority was merely nominal so far as relates to St. Vincent, which was seldom visited. In 1714 the French began to form a settlement with the permission of the natives; and in 1722 or 1723, George I. having granted the island to the duke of Marlborough, an expedition was undertaken to obtain possession of it, which failed. For many years afterwards it was a house of contention between

the French and the English, and the island was declared neutral by the treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle in 1748. When the English took possession of it in 1762, the settlers were chiefly French, but by the treaty of Paris in 1763 it was ceded to Great Britain. Ten years afterwards the Caribs were in open hostilities with the British, which continued two years, until they were pacified by a treaty concluded with them in 1773, under which a certain part of the island was assigned to them. The French took possession of St. Vincent during the American war, in 1779, but it was restored to the British crown at the peace in 1783. In the subsequent war with France, the Caribs, stimulated by French emissaries, revolted, and the result was the removal of the native population, about 5000 in number, to the island of Roatan, in the bay of Honduras. St. Vincent is a dependency of the government of Barbadoes, under a lieutenant-governor, who is assisted by a council of twelve members, who are usually official persons or dependant upon the governing power. The House of Assembly consists of nineteen members, returned from different districts of the island by freeholders and householders who hold the requisite property qualifications. It is urged that, instead of being subject to Barbadoes, the local government ought now to enjoy the advantage of direct correspondence with the Colonial office; and the rapidity and certainty of communication occasioned by the establishment of a line of steam-boats between England and the West India colonies renders this change not altogether unreasonable. St. Vincent is in the diocese of Barbadoes. The island was divided into five parishes in 1797.

In 1783 there were 61 sugar-estates in St. Vincent; 500 acres were planted with coffee; 200 with cacao; 400 were in cotton; 50 in indigo; and 500 in tobacco. The produce of the island in 1836, 1837, and 1838, was as follows:—

	1836.	1837.	1838.
Sugar . . . lbs.	51,591,196	22,867,009	21,867,080
Rum . . . gals.	363,522	408,945	325,742
Molasses . . gals.	493,052	457,323	575,275
Arrow-root . lbs.	40,369	44,461	27,574
Coffee . . lbs.	535	642	282
Cocoa . . lbs.	7,721	1,431	6,588
Cotton . . lbs.	59,411	44,706	15,056

The following are the quantities of the chief articles of produce imported into Great Britain from St. Vincent, from 1831 to 1841 inclusive:—

	Sugar. cwt.	Molasses. cwt.	Rum. gals.	Coffee. lbs.	Cocoa. P. a.
1831	221,662	23,801	100,211	44	6,043
1832	186,812	28,239	20,732	..	242
1833	194,889	48,650	89,206	132	2,713
1834	213,017	33,034	93,397	197	4,279
1835	195,017	28,455	189,154	118	272
1836	186,482	37,067	12,183	..	1,250
1837	201,191	34,564	200,025	5,335	2,625
1838	194,182	45,669	181,562	93	3,191
1839	151,899	34,051	189,697	35	760
1840	110,020	16,523	145,909	699	6,442
1841	110,235	31,587	88,999	..	1,784

In 1837 the value of British produce and manufactures imported into St. Vincent was 178,415*l.*, and the exports to the mother-country were valued at 379,686*l.* In 1838 the commerce of the island employed about 20,000 tons of shipping outwards; 43 ships sailed for the ports of the United Kingdom: 213 for British colonial ports; and 79 for foreign ports.

The population of St. Vincent in 1787 consisted of 1450 whites, 300 free coloured persons, and 11,853 slaves. In 1834 the white population was 1301; free coloured persons 2824; and the 'apprenticed labourers' (late slaves) were 22,997. The slave-owners received compensation out of the parliamentary grant to the amount of 590,770*l.* Kingstown, the capital of the island, contains about 2000 inhabitants. It has a few public buildings, and a church capable of holding 2000 persons. There is a botanic garden of thirty acres, which was formed more than half a century ago.

(Edwards's *West Indies*, vol. i. p. 407; *Parliamentary Returns*; Mr. Porter's *Tables*.)

VINCENT, EARL ST. [JERVIS, JOHN.]

VINCENT, WILLIAM, D.D., was born 2nd November, 1739, in the city of London, where his father carried on business, first as a packer, afterwards as a Portugal merchant, till he lost all he had through the failures that

followed the Lisbon earthquake of 1755, in which also his second son perished. William, who was his third, was admitted a king's scholar of Westminster school in 1733, was thence elected a scholar of Trinity College, Cambridge, in 1757, and in 1761 took his degree of B.A., and was chosen a Fellow of his college. The next year he was appointed one of the ushers of Westminster school; in 1764 he took his degree of M.A.; and in 1771, having passed through the previous gradations, he rose to be second master of the school on the resignation of Dr. Lloyd. The same year he was also nominated one of the chaplains in ordinary to his majesty. Soon after this he married Miss Hannah Wyatt. In 1776 he took his degree of D.D. In 1778 he was presented by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster to the vicarage of London in Worcestershire; but this living he resigned, after having held it about half a year, on being collated by the archbishop of Canterbury to the united rectories of Allhallows the Great and Less, in Thames Street, London. At length, in 1788, on the death of Dr. Smith, Dr. Vincent succeeded him as head-master of Westminster School. This situation he continued to hold, discharging its duties with distinguished ability, till, on the translation of Bishop Horsley from the see of Rochester to that of St. Asaph in 1802, he was nominated by the crown the bishop's successor in the deanery of Westminster, having already been presented to a prebend in that church the year before. In 1803 the rectory of St. John's, Westminster, which is in the gift of the dean and chapter, having become vacant, and the nomination falling to his turn, he took that living for himself and resigned Allhallows, which however he obtained for his eldest son. Finally, in 1805, he exchanged St. John's for the rectory of Islip in Oxfordshire, the patronage of which also belongs to the church of Westminster. He died at his residence in Westminster, on the 21st of December, 1815.

Dr. Vincent's first publication was an anonymous 'Letter to Dr. Richard Watson, Regius Professor of Divinity at Cambridge (afterwards bishop of Landaff), occasioned by his Sermon preached before the University,' 8vo., Lond., 1780. It was an attack upon certain political principles announced in Watson's printed sermon. This was followed by 'A Sermon preached at the Yearly Meeting of the Charity Children at St. Paul's, 4to., 1784; 'Considerations on Parochial Music,' 8vo., 1717; 'A Sermon preached at the Anniversary Meeting of the Sons of the Clergy,' 4to., 1789; and 'A Sermon preached at St. Margaret's, Westminster, for the Grey-coat School of the Parish,' 8vo., 1792. This last discourse, which was another proclamation and defence of its author's strong conservative politics, was printed at the request of the Association against Republicans and Levellers, by whom, it is said, above twenty thousand copies of it were distributed. In 1793 Dr. Vincent published a short Latin tract entitled 'De Legione Maniana, Quæstio ex Livio desumpta,' &c., 4to. It is an explanation of what had appeared to be an irreconcilable difference between the account of the Roman legion given by Polybius book vi., c. 1) and what is said by Livy (book viii., c. 8) about a manoeuvre of the consul T. Manlius in his battle with the Latins at the foot of Mount Vesuvius, A.D. 413. His next publication, which appeared in 1794, was a tract in 8vo., entitled 'The Origin of the Greek Verb, an Hypothesis.' Singularly enough, in the same week in which this performance issued from the press in London, there appeared at Edinburgh a volume of a new edition of the 'Encyclopædia Britannica,' in which, in an article on Philology, was given a view of the origin of the inflections of the Greek verb almost identical with that proposed by Dr. Vincent. The author of the Edinburgh article was the late David Doig, LL.D., a very remarkable man, then master of the grammar-school of Stirling, where he died at the age of eighty-one, in 1800. Vincent immediately sought out Doig, and although, we believe, they never met, they became friends through the medium of an epistolary correspondence. Vincent's speculation extended and put into a new shape, was reproduced the following year, 1795, under the title of 'The Greek Verb analyzed, an Hypothesis.'

In 1797 appeared, in a quarto volume, the first of the works which have principally established Dr. Vincent's reputation, 'The Voyage of Nearchus to the Euphrates, collected from the original journal preserved by Arrian.'

[NEARCHUS.] This was followed in 1800 by 'The Periplus of the Erythraean Sea, part first, containing an Account of the Navigation of the Antients from the Sea of Suez to the Coast of Zanguebar, with Dissertations.' The Second Part, containing the navigation from the Gulf of Aden to the island of Ceylon, appeared in 1805; and both the Nearchus and Periplus were republished together, in two volumes quarto, in 1807, under the title of 'The History of the Commerce and Navigation of the Antients in the Indian Ocean.' A Supplemental volume, containing the Greek text of the two voyages, was afterwards added, with an English translation and also part of Arrian's Indian History. This work forms one of the most important contributions to ancient geography that modern scholarship has produced.

Dr. Vincent contributed several valuable articles to the 'Classical Journal,' and he was also a frequent writer in the 'British Critic' till near the close of his life. He printed, but did not publish, a letter in French, addressed to M. Barbé du Boecq, who had attacked his 'Nearchus.' His only other separate publications were, 'A Defence of Public Education, in a Letter to the Lord Bishop of Meath,' 8vo., 1802; and 'A Sermon preached before the House of Commons on the Day of General Thanksgiving for Peace,' 4to., the same year. The 'Defence of Public Education,' which he wrote and published immediately before terminating his connection with Westminster School, was an answer to certain attacks recently made on the system of our public schools, which was charged with a neglect of religious instruction. One of the principal authors of the attacks was Dr. O'Brien, the prelate to whom Vincent addressed his 'Defence,' which passed rapidly through three editions. It is said to have been the only one of his publications from which he ever derived any pecuniary profit; he presented what he got from it to his wife as the first-fruits of his authorship. It was to this publication also that he was indebted for the deanery of Westminster, which was given him by Mr. Addington, then first lord of the treasury, avowedly as an expression of his admiration of the Defence of Public Schools. When Vincent republished his Nearchus and the Periplus, in 1809, he dedicated the work to his patron, then become Lord Selkirk.

By his wife, who died in 1807, Dr. Vincent had two sons, the Rev. W. St. Andrew Vincent and George Giles Vincent, Esq. The history of his life has been given at ample length by his friend Archdeacon Nares, in a communication printed in the 20th and 27th Nos. of the 'Classical Journal.'

VINCI, LIONARDO DA, one of the most accomplished men of an accomplished age, and for the extent of his knowledge in the arts and sciences yet unrivalled, was born at Vinci in the Val d'Arno below Florence, in 1452. His father Pietro da Vinci, of whom he was a natural son, was a notary, and in the year 1485 notary to the signory of Florence. He had three wives, but his son Leonardo was born before his first marriage, in his twenty-third year: the mother of Leonardo is not known. Leonardo evinced as a boy remarkably quick abilities for everything that he turned his attention to, but more particularly for arithmetic, music, and drawing; his drawings appeared to be something wonderful to his father, who showed them to Andrea Verrocchio. This celebrated artist was likewise surprised to see such productions from an un instructed hand, and willingly took Leonardo as a pupil: but he was soon much more astonished when he perceived the rapid progress his pupil made; he felt his own inferiority, and when Leonardo painted an angel in a picture of the Baptism of Christ, so superior to the other figures, that it made the inferiority of Verrocchio apparent to all, he gave up painting from that time for ever. This picture is now in the academy of Florence. The first original picture of Leonardo's, mentioned by Vasari, was the so-called Rotella del Fico, a round board of fig-tree, upon which his father requested him to paint something for one of his tenants. Leonardo, wishing to astonish his father, determined to execute something extraordinary that should produce the effect of the head of Medusa; and having prepared the rotella and covered it with plaster, he collected almost every kind of reptile and composed from them a monster of most horrible appearance; it seemed alive, its eyes flashed fire, and it appeared to breathe destruction from its open mouth. It had the desired effect

upon his father, who thought it so wonderful that he carried it immediately to a picture-dealer of Florence, sold it for a hundred ducats, and purchased for a trifle an ordinary piece, which he sent to his tenant. This curious production was afterwards sold to the duke of Milan for three hundred ducats.

Although Leonardo devoted himself enthusiastically to painting, he appears to have found time also to study many other arts and sciences—sculpture, architecture, engineering, and mechanics generally, botany, anatomy, mathematics, and astronomy; he was also a poet and an excellent extempore performer on the lyre. He was not only a student in these branches of knowledge, but a master. His acquirements cannot be better told than in his own words, in a letter to Ludovico il Moro, duke of Milan, when he offered him his services:—“*Mo. Illustrissimo Signor—Having seen and sufficiently considered the specimens of all those who repute themselves inventors and makers of instruments of war, and found them nothing out of the common way: I am willing, without derogating from the merit of another, to explain to your excellency the secrets which I possess; and I hope at fit opportunities to be enabled to give proofs of my efficiency in all the following matters, which I will now only briefly mention.*

‘1. I have means of making bridges extremely light and portable, both for the pursuit of or the retreat from an enemy; and others that shall be very strong and fire-proof, and easy to fix and take up again. And I have means to burn and destroy those of the enemy.’

‘2. In case of a siege, I can remove the water from the ditches; make scaling-ladders and all other necessary instruments for such an expedition.’

‘3. If, through the height of the fortifications or the strength of the position of any place, it cannot be effectually bombarded, I have means of destroying any such fortress, provided it be not built upon stone.’

‘4. I can also make bombs most convenient and portable, which shall cause great confusion and loss to the enemy.’

‘5. I can arrive at any (place?) by means of excavations and crooked and narrow ways made without any noise, even where it is required to pass under ditches or a river.’

‘6. I can also construct covered waggons which shall be proof against any force, and entering into the midst of the enemy will break any number of men, and make way for the infantry to follow without hurt or impediment.’

‘7. I can also, if necessary, make bombs, mortars, or field-pieces of beautiful and useful shapes quite out of the common method.’

‘8. If bombs cannot be brought to bear, I can make crossbows, ballistae, and other most efficient instruments; indeed I can construct fit machines of offence for any emergency whatever.’

‘9. For naval operations also I can construct many instruments both of offence and defence: I can make vessels that shall be bomb-proof.’

‘10. In times of peace I think I can as well as any other make designs of buildings for public or for private purposes; I can also convey water from one place to another.’

‘I will also undertake any work in sculpture, in marble, in bronze, or in terra-cotta: likewise in painting I can do what can be done as well as any man, be he who he may.’

‘I can execute the bronze horses to be erected to the memory and glory of your illustrious father, and the renowned house of Sforza.’

‘And if some of the above things should appear to any one impracticable and impossible, I am prepared to make experiments in your park or in any other place in which it may please your Excellency, to whom I most humbly recommend myself, &c.’

There is no date to this letter, but it was probably written about 1483, or perhaps earlier; it is written from right to left, as are all the manuscripts of Leonardo, and is in the Ambrosian Library at Milan.

The duke took Leonardo into his service, with a salary of 500 scudi per annum. Why he chose to leave Florence is not known: he had made several propositions for the improvement of the city and the state, which were not listened to. This however may have had no such influence upon him as to make him leave Florence. One of his propositions was to convert the river Arno, from Florence to Pisa, into a canal.

Though Leonardo devoted more time to painting than

to anything else, he did not make many designs before he went to Milan. The following are mentioned by Vasari:—a Cartoon of Adam and Eve, for the king of Portugal, to be worked in tapestry in Flanders; it was considered in its time to have been the best work that had ever been produced; a painting of the Madonna, in which there was a vase of flowers admirably painted; it was afterwards purchased at a great price by Pope Clement VII.: a design of Neptune, drawn in his car by sea-horses, surrounded by tritons and mermaids, with other accessories; and the head of an Angel, which was in the Palazzo Vecchio. Da Vinci’s application was indefatigable; he sketched from memory striking faces that he saw in the streets; witnessed trials and executions for the sake of studying expression; invited people of the labouring class to sup with him, told them ridiculous stories, and drew their faces: some of these drawings were published by Clarke, in 1786, from drawings by Hollar, taken from the Portland Museum. He painted also before he went to Milan the Medusa’s Head, now in the Florentine gallery. The silly story told by Vasari that the duke of Milan invited Leonardo to go and play the lyre and sing to him, is an imputation on the common sense of the duke, that he could send, and an insult on the manly character of the painter that he could accept, such an invitation. Leonardo does not even mention music in his letter to Ludovico, although he was accounted the best performer on the lyre of his age. In Milan, besides performing many and various services for the duke, Leonardo established for him an academy of the arts about 1483, and formed a great school. His first public work in the arts was the model for a bronze equestrian statue of Francesco Sforza, mentioned in his letter. He painted also for Ludovico portraits of his two favourites, Cecilia Gallerani and Lucrezia Crevelin: there is a copy of the former in the Milanese gallery; the second is said to be in the Louvre at Paris (No. 1091).

When the duke went to meet Charles VIII. at Pavia in 1494, Leonardo accompanied him, and he took that opportunity of studying anatomy with the celebrated Marc Antonio della Torre, with whom he became on very friendly terms. Leonardo made many anatomical drawings in red chalk for Della Torre; and Dr. Hunter, who examined some of them in one of the royal collections in London, says in his Lectures, published in 1784, that they are most minutely correct. About the year 1495 Leonardo wrote a treatise upon the respective merits of painting and sculpture, and dedicated it to the duke, but it is now lost.

All the various works executed or written by Leonardo da Vinci cannot be mentioned in a short notice. The bare enumeration of the titles alone of his treatises, of which he wrote several at this period, would occupy much space. In 1496 he painted a picture of the Nativity, which Ludovico presented to the emperor Maximilian the same year, at Pavia; it is now in the gallery at Vienna.

In 1497 he commenced his celebrated painting of the Last Supper, on a wall of the refectory of the Dominican convent of the Madonna delle Grazie. This work, the greatest that had then appeared, was copied several times while it was in a good state, and it is well known from Frey’s, Morgliani’s, and other numerous engravings of it. One of the best copies is that in the Royal Academy of London, made by Marco Orguini, purchased by Sir Thomas Lawrence in Italy: there are twelve old copies still extant. It was restored by Bellutti in 1726. There was nothing of the original work remaining at the end of the last century, except the heads of three apostles, which were very faint: it was nearly destroyed about fifty years after it was painted; and some French soldiers in the time of the Revolution finished its destruction by amusing themselves with firing at the various heads in it. It was painted in some new manner in oil, and its rapid decay has been attributed to the imperfect or bad vehicles used by Leonardo. This was the last work of importance in painting which Leonardo executed in Milan. He was obliged to leave that place without having seen his great equestrian statue of Ludovico’s father, Francesco Sforza: the mould was ready, and he was waiting only for the metal; but this Ludovico was not able to give him; he required 200,000 pounds of bronze. The affairs of the duke were in so bad a state, that he could not even pay Leonardo his salary, which, in 1499, was two years in arrear; but he made him a present of a small freehold estate near the Porta Vecceclina. After the duke’s flight from Milan in

that year, before Louis XII. of France, Lionardo had no longer any reason for staying there; but when he saw his works destroyed by the French, who broke up his model for the statue of Francesco Sforza, he left the place in disgust, and returned to Florence in the year 1500, accompanied by his favourite scholar and assistant, Salai, and his friend Luca Paciolo. He was well received by Pietro Soderini, the gonfaloniere, who had him enrolled in the list of artists employed by the government, and fixed an annual pension upon him. His first great work was the Cartoon of St. Anne, for the church of the Annunziata, a work which created an extraordinary sensation, but Lionardo never executed it in colours. He made also about the same time the celebrated portrait of the Madonna Lisa, the wife of Francesco del Giocondo, a work that has been praised perhaps more than it deserves; it is infinitely inferior in style and execution to his own portrait at Florence. Francis I. of France gave 4000 gold crowns for it, and it is now in the Louvre at Paris.

In 1502 he was appointed his architect and chief-engineer by Cesare Borgia, captain-general of the pope's army, and he visited in that year many parts of the Roman states in his official capacity; but in 1503, after the death of Pope Alexander VI., he was again in Florence, and was employed by Soderini to paint one end of the council-ball of the Palazzo Vecchio. Da Vinci selected for this purpose the battle in which the Milanese general Nicolo Piccinino was defeated by the Florentines at Anghiari, near Borgo San Sepolchero. This composition, of which Lionardo made only the cartoon of a part, was called the Battle of the Standard; it represents a group of horsemen contending for a standard, with various accessories. Vasari praises the beauty and anatomical correctness of the horses and the costume of the soldiers. Da Vinci is said to have left this work unfinished, on account of jealousy of the more masterly and interesting design of the rival cartoon of the young Buonarroti for the same place. [TUSCAN SCHOOL.] In 1507 Lionardo again visited Milan, and painted in that year, in an apartment in the palace of the Melzi at Vaprio, a large Madonna and Child, which is in part still extant. He painted about the same time also the portrait of the general of Louis XII. in Italy, Giangasparo Trivulzio, which is now in the Dresden gallery. He visited it again in 1512, and painted two portraits of the young duke Maximilian, the son of Lodovico il Moro. He again left it in 1514, with several of his companions, and set out, by Florence, for Rome, on the 24th of September of that year. He arrived at Rome in the train of the duke Giuliano de' Medici, the brother of Leo X., by whom he was introduced to the pope. Leo at first took little notice of Lionardo, but upon seeing a picture of the Holy Family which he had painted for Baldassare Turini da Pescia, the pope's almoner, he gave him a commission to execute some works for him. Seeing however a great apparatus, and hearing that the painter was about to make varnishes, Leo said, 'Dear me, this man will never do anything, for he begins to think of the finishing of his work before the commencement.' This want of courtesy in the pope, and the circumstance of his sending for Michel Angelo to Rome, offended Da Vinci, and he left Rome in disgust, and set out for Pavia to enter into the service of Francis I. of France, known to be a great patron of the arts, and to have a great esteem for Da Vinci, some of whose works he possessed. Francis received him with the greatest kindness, and took him into his service, with an annual salary of 700 crowns. Da Vinci accompanied him to Bologna, where he went to meet Leo X., and afterwards, in the beginning of 1516, he went with him to France, whither, if it had been possible, Francis would have also taken the famed picture of the Last Supper, but it could not be removed from the wall, upon which it was directly painted.

Da Vinci's health after he left Italy was so enfeebled that he executed little or nothing more. Francis could not prevail upon him to colour his cartoon of St. Anne, which he had brought with him; nor did he show himself at all disposed to commence any new work which would require the exertion of his energies. His health gradually grew worse, and he died at Fontainebleau on the 2nd of May, 1519, aged sixty-seven, not seventy-five, as Vasari and others after him have stated. Vasari relates, that he died in the arms of Francis I., who happened to be on a visit to him in his chamber, when he was seized with a paroxysm which ended in his death. Amoretti, in his

Life of Lionardo, has endeavoured to show that this story of Vasari is a fiction, but the reasons he gives for his opinion do not in any way tend to prove it such. Lionardo's will and many other documents concerning him are still extant in the Ambrosian Library at Milan, where his manuscripts are likewise preserved. Lionardo was a man of proud disposition, of very sumptuous habits, and of a remarkably handsome person, which he always took great care to adorn with the most costly attire; in his youth also he was a great horseman. From the manner in which he always lived, his means must have been great, yet the rate of payment he received upon some occasions was very small, his salary when employed by the gonfaloniere Soderini was fifteen gold florins per month; but he was possessed of some property which he inherited from his family, from his father and an uncle; the estate also which was given to him by Ludovico il Moro, though small, may still have been of considerable benefit to him; he had likewise an estate at Fiesole. Half of the former he left to his servant Da Vilanis, and the other half, with the house, to Salai, his favourite assistant; the latter to his brothers. His library, manuscripts, his wardrobe at Cloux, and all things relating to his art, he bequeathed to his scholar and executor Francesco Melzi. The furniture of his house at Cloux near Amboise he bequeathed to Da Vilanis.

This great painter had three different styles of execution. His first was much in the dry manner of Verrocchio, but with a greater roundness of form: his second was that style which particularly characterises what is termed the school of Da Vinci; it consists in an extreme softness of execution, combined with great roundness and depth of chiaro-scuro, together with a fullness of design; in this style are the works which he executed in Milan: his third differed little in essentials from his second, but was characterised by a greater freedom of execution and less formality of composition; of this style the best specimen is his own portrait in the Florentine gallery, a work equal in every respect to the finest portraits of Titian.

No man borrowed less from other men than Lionardo Da Vinci; he might almost be called the inventor of chiaro-scuro, in which, and in design, he was, in the earlier part of his career, without a rival. Both Fra Bartolomeo in his tone and mellowness, and Michel Angelo in his grandeur of design, were anticipated by Vinci. Previous to Fra Bartolomeo, Michel Angelo, and Raphael, with the exception perhaps of those of Masaccio, no works had appeared that could in any respect be compared with those of Da Vinci. Lionardo's works are not numerous; his occupations were too various to allow him to paint many pictures. There can be no doubt that many of the works attributed to him in various galleries are the productions of his scholars or imitators, as Bernardino Luini, Francesco Melzi, and Andrea Salai; or Marco Oggioni, Gian Antonio Beltrami, Cesare da Sesto, Pietro Ricci, Lorenzo Lotto, Nicolo Appiano, and others. The picture in the National Gallery, of Christ Disputing with the Doctors, is one of these doubtful works, or perhaps undoubtedly not the work of Lionardo.

Of Lionardo's numerous treatises few have been published. The best known is that on painting, 'Trattato della Pittura,' of which several editions have been published; it has been twice translated into English. In 1651 a very splendid edition was published at Paris by Du Fresnoy, with engravings from drawings by Nicholas Poussin. The work is divided into 365 short chapters, and contains such a mass of instruction, that subsequent writers have had to do little more than reiterate in different words the precepts of Da Vinci. Lionardo's greatest literary distinction however is derived, says Mr. Hallam, 'from those short fragments of his unpublished writings that appeared not many years since; and which, according at least to our common estimate of the age in which he lived, are more like revelations of physical truths vouchsafed to a single mind, than the superstructure of its reasoning upon any established basis. The discoveries which made Galileo, and Kepler, and Maestlin, and Maurolicus, and Castelli, and other names illustrious, the system of Copernicus, the very theories of recent geologists, are anticipated by Da Vinci, within the compass of a few pages, not perhaps in the most precise language, or on the most conclusive reasoning, but so as to strike us with something like the awe of preternatural knowledge. In an age of so much dogmatism, he first laid down the grand principle of Bacon,

that experiment and observation must be the guides to just theory in the investigation of nature. If any doubt could be harboured, not as to the right of Lionardo da Vinci to stand as the first name of the fifteenth century, which is beyond all doubt, but as to his originality in so many discoveries, which probably no one man, especially in such circumstances, has ever made, it must be on an hypothesis, not very untenable, that some parts of physical science had already attained a height which mere books do not record. The extracts alluded to above were published at Paris in 1777, by Venturi, in an essay entitled 'Essai sur les Ouvrages Physico-Mathématiques de Leonard da Vinci, avec des Fragmens tirés de ses Manuscrits apportés de l'Italie.' These manuscripts were afterwards restored to Milan, where they are still preserved under the name of the 'Codice Atlantico.' It is said that Napoleon carried these and Petrarch's 'Virgil' to his hotel himself, not allowing any one to touch them, exclaiming with delight, 'Questi sono miei' (these are mine). They were collected together by the Cavalieri Pompeo Leoni, who procured most of them from Mazzenta, who had them from the heirs of Francesco Melzi, to whom Lionardo bequeathed them. They came eventually into the hands of Count Galeazzo Arconauti, to whom James I. of England is said to have offered 3000 Spanish doubloons for them (nearly 10,000*l.*), but this patriotic nobleman refused the money, and presented them to the Ambrosian Library.

(Vasari, *Vite de' Pittori*, &c.; Lomazzo, *Idea del Tempio della Pittura*, &c.; Amoretti, *Memorie Storiche su la Vita, gli Studi, e le Opere di Lionardo da Vinci*; Lanzi, *Storia Pittorica*, &c.; Gaye, *Carteggio inedito d'Artisti*; Brown, *Life of Leonardo da Vinci*, &c.; Hallam, *Introduction to the Literature of Europe*, &c.)

VINCULUM, a name given in algebra to the line, brackets, parentheses, or other symbol, by which various terms are compounded into one, or supposed to be so compounded, in order that the result may be further operated on. As in

$$a+b+c x, (a+b+c) x, \{a+b+c\} x, \&c.,$$

which are, by the vinculum, prevented from being compounded with $a+b+c$.

VINDELICII. [VINDELICIA.]

VINDELICIA, the ancient name of a tract which contains parts of the present countries of Swabia and Bavaria in Southern Germany. It extended from the Lacus Brigantinus, now Lake of Constance, or Bodensee, to the north-east as far as the junction of the Inn with the Danube, and from the northern frontier of Rhaetia in the south to the Danube in the north. The adjoining provinces were Helvetia in the south-west, Roman Germany in the west, Independent Germany in the north, Noricum in the east, and Rhaetia in the south. In the Roman division of the provinces Vindelicia at first was a part of Rhaetia, which was conquered by Tiberius during the reign of Augustus; from the time of Diocletian it was a separate province, and was called Rhaetia Secunda, which name was gradually supplanted by the name Vindelicia, which is first mentioned by Sextus Rufus (c. 8). The name of Vindelicia is derived from the Vindelici, a warlike tribe in the southern mountainous part of the country; and it is believed that this tribe had its name from the Vindo or Vinda, also called Virdo, now Wertach, and the Licus, now Lech, which were two of the principal rivers of the country. The other rivers were the Danube, Oenus or Aenus, now Inn; Isarus or Isargus, now Isar; Ambrö, now Amber; Guntia, now Günz; and the Illargus, now Iller, which separates Swabia from Bavaria.

The original inhabitants of Vindelicia were undoubtedly of Celtic origin. The principal tribes were the Vindelici, the Isarii, on the Isar; the Licates, on the Lech; the Brigantii, near the Lake of Constance; and a great number of Boii, who settled between the Inn and the Isar after they had been driven from their homes in Bohemia by the Marcomanni. The Romans founded many colonies in Vindelicia, a great number of which still exist, and their present names are generally corruptions of the Roman names. The first in rank among them was Augusta Vindelicorum, now Augsburg, probably the 'splendidißima Rhaetiae provinciae colonia' of Tacitus, for he mentions no name (*Germania*, 41); Campodunum, now Kempten; Guntia, now Günzburg; Brigantia, now Bregenz; Viminia, or Vermania, now Wangen; Juliomagus, now Dillingen (?); P. C., No. 1639.

Brigobanna, now Beyern (?); Reginum, or Castra Regina, now Ratisbon, or in German, Regensburg; Batava Castra, now Passau, at the confluence of the Inn and the Danube; Pons Oeni or Aeni, now Mühlhof, on the Inn, which must not be confounded with Aeni Pons, or Oenipontum, the Latinized name of Innsbruck in the Tyrol. The municipal rights given to these colonies by the Romans, which some of them preserved during all the popular troubles of the following centuries, were the cause of their afterwards becoming free Imperial towns, the number of which was greater in those provinces which were formerly occupied by the Romans than in any other part of Germany. From the third century Vindelicia was constantly invaded by German tribes, and during the fourth and fifth centuries it was entirely occupied by the Alemanni and Boiardi, and the ancient population was completely exterminated, except perhaps some inhabitants who became serfs of the conquerors, and were then Germanized.

(Strabo, p. 206-7, Cas.; Ptolemy, ii. 12, 13, ed. Basil., 1541; Mannert, *Geographie der Griechen und Römer*; Cellarius, *Notitia Orbis Antiqui*; D'Anville, *Compendium of Antient Geography*.)

VINDEMIATRIX. [VINO.]

VINDHYA MOUNTAINS. [HINDUSTAN, xii., 211.]

VINE. [VITIS.]

VINEGAR, a dilute acetic acid obtained by the vinous fermentation. [FERMENTATION.] In countries which produce wine, vinegar, as its name imports, is obtained from the acetous fermentation of wine; but in this country it is usually procured from malt, and the process employed resembles the first stages of the brewer's operations. [BREWING.] The malt is ground and mashed with hot water. The wort, after being cooled, is transferred to the fermenting tun, where by the addition of yeast it undergoes the acetous fermentation; and when this is over, the liquor is transferred to small vessels, which are kept warm by means of a stove; in this it remains for a shorter or longer period, according to the temperature of the stove and the strength of the liquor. The process of acetification is assisted by introducing into the casks with the wort what is called *rope*, which is a quantity of the residuary fruit which has served for making domestic wines, or has been preserved by the vinegar-maker from one process to another in his own factory. The use of the *rope* is to act as an acetous ferment, and thus induce sourness in the wash, it being well impregnated with vinegar and continually kept sour. Acetification is sometimes carried on by transferring the wort, after it has undergone the vinous fermentation, into casks, the bungholes of which are left open and loosely covered with tiles; the casks are then exposed for a long time to the air; but the use of stoves has greatly superseded this mode, and has abridged the time of the operation and rendered it less liable to failure. The vinegar, after it has reached its greatest degree of sourness, is rendered clear and fit for use either by subsidence or the employment of isinglass. The manufacturer is allowed by act of parliament to mix $\frac{1}{16}$ of its weight of sulphuric acid with vinegar; and what is termed by the Excise *proof vinegar* contains 5 per cent. of real acetic acid.

Vinegar may be prepared in small quantities from the fermentation of a solution of sugar mixed with yeast; or it may be obtained by the fermentation of various fruits; thus the juice of good apples contains a sufficiency of sugar to afford tolerably good vinegar without any addition.

In France vinegar is made from poor wine; and there are two kinds—the white, prepared from white wine; and the red, by the acetification of the red wine: these are finer flavoured and somewhat stronger than the malt vinegar of this country. (Donovan's *Domestic Economy*; *Cabinet Cyclopaedia*.)

VINEGAR, *Medical Properties of*. Vinegar produces very different effects according to its degree of concentration; its effects are also different on the dead and living organic tissues. It acts as an effectual preservative from the putrefactive fermentation of dead organic tissues, and is hence employed as the means of forming pickles, or meat in a dried state, by simply immersing the substance in it for a few minutes. Wood-vinegar, or pyroligneous acid, is most efficacious for this purpose, owing to the creosote present in it. Crude pyroligneous acid is one of the most effectual applications to timber, both to prevent the dry-rot and the ravages of insects. Concentrated acetic acid

acts on the living tissues as a caustic poison; applied to the skin it causes heat, redness, and rapid inflammation. The same is the case when taken into the mouth or applied to any mucous membrane, where it blackens like sulphuric acid. When properly diluted and used in moderation, it heightens the vitality of the stomach and greatly promotes the digestive powers. Indeed free acetic acid is one of those always present in the stomach in a healthy state, and the substitution of lactic acid for it in that organ is one of the most common accompaniments of indigestion, especially in bilious persons. The peculiar property which vinegar possesses of dissolving gelatine points out the propriety of employing it as a condiment when veal or other young meats, or fish, are taken. Its powers are heightened by having aromatic or pungent principles dissolved in it, such as chillies or tarragon. In cases of slow digestion the moderate use of vinegar impregnated with these is much to be commended; but their abuse of it is to be reprobated, as productive of serious evils. This is seen in the case of ladies who employ vinegar to retain a slender figure, and who thereby induce organic diseases, even cancer of the stomach. Vinegar assists the digestion of crude vegetables, and is appropriately used for salads. Its power over the nervous system is seen in cases of poisoning with narcotic poisons and in cases of drunkenness. In the former case care must be paid that the narcotic substance is completely evacuated from the stomach before administering it, otherwise much injury may result from a powerful acetate being formed. But after the removal of the poison nothing combats more effectually the secondary symptoms than vinegar, especially if coffee be dissolved in it. Few things will restore a drunken man to his senses more speedily than giving him vinegar to drink, hence the popular custom of putting pickles into the mouth of a drunken person.

Vinegar acts as a refrigerant and as a grateful drink in fever. It may be applied externally likewise to the palms of the hands of consumptive persons, to cool the hectic flush and prevent the subsequent clammy perspirations. In cases of commencing anasarca, or loss of tone of the skin in advancing life, vinegar is a very useful wash. In a concentrated form it is beneficial in some forms of ring-worm of the scalp; though erude pyroligneous acid is preferable, owing to the cresote which it contains. The vapour of strong acetic acid, simple or aromatised, is a powerful restorative when applied to the nostrils in impending fainting, or as a means of relieving headache. It was formerly regarded as a disinfectant, or a protection against plague and similar diseases, but it merely overpowers and does not destroy unwholesome odours; free ventilation is therefore preferable. Acetic acid acts as a powerful solvent both of gum resins, the action of which it thereby increases, such as asarifide, and other vegetable principles, such as those of colchicum, slyll, &c., and also of metallic oxides, such as copper.

In case of poisoning by strong acetic acid, chalk should be instantly administered. The vapour of acetic ether carefully introduced by a suitable apparatus through the Eustachian tube into the ear is very efficacious in restoring hearing in cases of nervous deafness. (Fleicher, *On the Ear*.) Strong acetic acid, either alone or having the active principle of caustics dissolved in it, furnishes a ready means of forming a blister.

VINEYARD. The vine only thrives in particular climates, where the autumns are not excessively hot, nor the springs subject to late frosts. It has been observed in France, that the line which marks the northern boundary of the vineyards is not parallel to any circle of latitude; but that it lies obliquely, advancing more to the north on the eastern boundary of the country than on the western. It seems to depend more on the nature of the climates in spring and autumn, than in summer and winter. A hard frost at the time the sap is quiescent has no bad effect on the vine, but rather the contrary; while a late frost in spring disappoints all the hopes of the vine-grower. There was a time when the vine was cultivated in England for the purpose of making wine; and whether the climate is altered, or the foreign vines have superseded the sour home-made wines, no one now attempts to cultivate the vine except for the purpose of obtaining grapes for the table, and the mode of cultivation is a branch of horticulture.

It may however be interesting to know how the vine is

cultivated in the countries which produce good wine; of which France is one of the principal and nearest to climate to England. The vine grows best in a soil where few other shrubs or plants would thrive, and it seems a wise distribution of Providence, that where there is the best soil for wine, there it is the worst for wheat, and *vice versa*. The vine delights in a deep loose rocky soil, where its roots can penetrate deep into fissures, so as to insure a supply of moisture when the surface is scorched by the sun's rays. On the steep slopes of hills towards the south and sheltered from the north-east, the grapes attain the greatest maturity, and the vintage is most certain. No great an influence has a favourable exposure, that in the same vineyard the greatest difference exists between the wine made from one part and that made from another, merely because there is a turn round the hill, and the aspect varies a very few degrees. A change of soil produces a similar effect. The famous Rhine wine called *Johannisberg*, when made from the grapes which grow near the castle, is worth twice as much as that made a few hundred yards farther off. Here both soil and aspect change. The *Clos de Vougeot*, which produces the finest Burgundy, is confined to a few acres; beyond a certain wall the wine is a common Burgundy, good, but without extraordinary merit.

The best vineyards in Europe formerly belonged to monasteries, and the quality was then thought of more importance than the quantity: of late the demands of commerce have made the quantity the principal object; and to this the quality is frequently sacrificed.

When a vine is first established on any spot where none grew before, the first thing is to prepare the ground for planting. In steep places, where the soil might be carried away by rains in winter or spring, terraces are formed by building massive stone walls along the slope, and levelling the soil behind them. The walls serve to reflect the heat, and form a shelter to the vine below. Thus a whole hill is sometimes covered with terraces from top to bottom, and there the wine is generally good, if the exposure is favourable. Limestone, gravel, or coarse sand, with a small mixture of clay, forms a good soil for a vine; vegetable substances alone should be used to enrich it, such as the leaves and tendrils of the vine, the residue of trees collected when green, and formed into a compost with earth. The ground should be well trenched, if it will admit of it, or loosened with the mattock and pickaxe, as we should do a mass of gravel, which was to be spread on a road, and which was too hard for the shovel or spade. The different parts of the soil should be intimately mixed, keeping some fine earth or soil at top to set the plants in. When the ground is prepared, holes are dug in rows four or five feet wide, at the same distance from each other, so as to alternate; some of the finest of the soil is put into each hole, and the vine-plants, which have been rooted in a nursery, or else simple cuttings, are carefully inserted, pressing the mould round the roots and levelling the earth round them. Rooted plants will bear the second or third year, but cuttings take a much longer time. The season for planting is during the winter, when the weather is open. If cuttings are used, they are taken off the vine on which they grew at the usual time of pruning after the vintage; a piece of the preceding year's wood is left on the cutting, and when it is planted, the end where the old wood is left is bent or twisted to facilitate its striking: three or four eyes are buried, so that the end is a foot at least under ground. If the plant is already rooted, care is taken not to wound or bend the roots, but to spread them out and cover them with mould. During all the time that the vine is growing, the ground must be regularly cultivated and kept perfectly clear of all weeds. The usual instrument of tillage in stony and rocky soils is a two-pronged fork fixed in a short handle, at an angle less than a right angle with the prongs, which are a foot long, and very



strong, like a double pickaxe (see figure). This is struck into the ground and then drawn towards the workman, while the handle is lifted, which acts as a lever in raising the soil. The roots are by this means enabled to spread through the soil in search of moisture and food. The next year it is usual to prune the young vine down to one or at most two eyes or buds; but some experienced vine-dressers recommend deferring this operation to the second year, by which although the vine will not be so forward in fruiting, it will be much strengthened, and fully repay the apparent loss of time in the end.

In the third year the vine is trained, that is, the shoots are tied to upright stakes planted at each root, or they are laid in an arch and tied from one root to another along the ground. In southern climates trees are planted at a certain distance from each other, and the vine, planted at their foot, is allowed to run up their branches, from which it is led in festoons from tree to tree, while the head and branches of the tree are cut off to prevent too much shade. This is by far the most elegant mode of training the vine; but in France the stakes and the low training are the only methods suitable to the climate. The pruning is generally done in the beginning of winter.

When vineyards are established in the plains, where sometimes, as those of Medoc, they produce very good wine, the intervals between the plants can be stirred by the plough, although forking and digging by hand is more common; hoeing is as necessary in a vineyard to destroy weeds as it is in a field of turnips or any other crop sown in rows. Wherever a vineyard is overrun with weeds, you may be sure that there is no good wine, and much poverty in the proprietor. The pruning of a vine in bearing, the object of which is to produce much fruit without weakening the plant, can only be learnt by experience and practice; much of the success of a vineyard depends on this operation. In the best vineyards no manure is used, except that which we mentioned before, of leaves and tendrils; but some soils require to be recruited, and without manure would produce little or no wine. In this case there is no alternative, and composts must be formed, as is done in common cultivation, with animal and vegetable substances mixed and decomposed. Horse-dung should be avoided, if possible; cow-dung is cooler and more nearly of a vegetable nature; this should be mixed with as much virgin earth from pastures and meadows as can be procured, and laid in small heaps in the intervals between the rows. It may be left a little while, if it has any rank smell, and then forked in round the roots; the more it is decomposed the better. Many a vineyard has lost its reputation after having been abundantly manured. The Johannisberg was much reduced in value, after having been dinged, while in the possession of General Kellerman, and it has not yet regained all its former reputation.

After a certain time, which differs in different situations, the vine becomes less productive from the exhaustion of the soil, as is the case when the same crops are repeatedly sown in the same ground: this depends on the depth of the soil. All perennial plants shoot out their roots farther and farther every year in search of fresh earth, and it is by this means that trees flourish for a long time on the same spot; but if the roots are prevented from spreading, or the plants being too crowded, their roots interfere, a diminution of vigour is the consequence. So it is with the vine. In some situations, where the roots strike in crevices of rocks in which rich earth has accumulated, the vines will continue in vigour for many years; but where their progress is arrested by a solid rock or substratum, they will in time show signs of exhaustion. In this case the remedy is the same as for land bearing corn. A fallow, or rest, as it is usually called, is necessary, together with the addition of such manures as shall restore the lost fertility. For this purpose a portion of the oldest roots are dug up every year, and the ground trenched or loosened two feet deep or more with the mattock, to expose it to the influence of the atmosphere. A compost is prepared with soils taken from pastures, or any virgin earth which can be procured; this is mixed with some lime and turned over several times, to rot all the roots and grass which may be in it, and to make it a uniform and rich mould. Holes are now made, exactly as when a new vine is planted, and in each of them a basket or barrowful of earth is thrown; in this the new plants or cuttings are

planted to produce new vines in due time; thus the vineyard is gradually renovated. The proportion thus followed every year depends on the natural duration of the vine in that particular situation. In inferior soils one-seventh is thus renewed every year, in some a twentieth part is sufficient, and there are vineyards which have never been renewed in the memory of the present generation, but these are few in proportion to the rest.

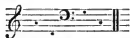
VIOLE, an ancient musical instrument, which is traced back as far as the eighth century, and may be considered as the parent of all modern instruments of the violin family.

The Viol was a fretted instrument, of three sorts—treble, tenor, and base, each furnished with six strings, and played on by a bow. The Treble Viol was rather larger than our violin, and the music for it was written in the treble clef. The Tenor Viol was in length and breadth about the size of the modern viola, but thicker in the body, and its notation was in the soprano or c clef. The Base Viol scarcely differed in dimensions from our violoncello: the music for it was written in the base clef.

‘Concerts of viols,’ says Sir J. Hawkins (v. 336), ‘were the usual entertainments after the practice of singing madrigals grew into disuse; and these latter (i.e. viols) were so totally excluded by the introduction of the violin, that at the beginning of the eighteenth century Dr. Tudway was but just able to give, in a letter to his son, a description of a Chest of Viola. He tells us that it was a large hatch with several apartments and partitions in it, each lined with green baize. Every instrument was sized in bigones according to the part played upon it; the least size played the treble part, &c. The humorous Thomas Mace, of Cambridge, in his ‘Musie’s Monument’ (p. 245), says, ‘Your best provision (and most complete) will be a good chest of viols, six in number, viz. two bases, two tenors, and two trebles, all truly and proportionably suited. Of these the highest in esteem are by Bolles and Ross (one base of Bolles’ I have known valued at 100l.). These were old; but we have now very excellent workmen, who (no doubt) can work as well.’

VIOLE DA GAMBA (or properly, *Viola da Gamba*), i.e. the *leg-viol*, so called from being held between the legs, was the last survivor of the family of viola, and did not entirely fall into disuse till the latter part of the eighteenth century. In form and dimensions it resembled the modern violoncello, but had six strings. The tone was nasal and disagreeable, and the instrument is so thoroughly supplanted by the violoncello, that in all likelihood its restoration will never be attempted.

VIOLE, or **TENOR-VIOLIN**, a larger kind of violin, to which the part between the second violin and base is assigned. It has four gut strings, the two lowest covered with silver wire, which are tuned A, D, G, and C, an octave above the violoncello: or



VIOLE, a genus of plants, the type of the natural order Violaceæ. This name is derived from the Latin word *Viola*. This genus has the following characters:—Sepals unequal, all more or less drawn out downwards into ear-like appendages, erect after flowering; petals unequal, convolute in aestivation, with 3-nerved claws, the lower one drawn out downwards into a hollow spur; stamens approximate or coarctate, inserted on the top of the teeth of a pentagonal 5-toothed torus; the filaments dilated at the base, oblong or triangular, bearing the anthers low down, lobes of anthers spreading at the base, the two anterior stamens bearing on their back two nectariferous, lanceolate, rotund or linear appendages, which are drawn in within the spur; the ovary sometimes superior, sometimes perched round at the base by a concave torus, and in this case the ovary appears half inferior; the valves of the capsule are elastic, contracting when ripe and ejecting the seeds; seeds horizontal, carunculate, more or less egg-shaped and shining; the embryo oblong; the radicle terete; cotyledons flatish, and scarcely longer than the radicle. The species of this genus are exceedingly numerous, above 100 having been described. They are elegant low herbs, for the most part perennial, rarely annual. The leaves are alternate. The peduncles are solitary, axillary,

1 flowered, furnished with two little bracteen. The flowers are drooping.

In subdividing this large genus, many characters have been taken; that of M. Gingins, who arranges the species according to the form of the stigma, has been adopted by Don in Miller's 'Dictionary.' Professor Edward Forbes, in a paper in the first volume of the 'Transactions of the Botanical Society,' has pointed out the value of the form of the nectariferous appendages, in conjunction with other characters, in subdividing this genus. On this subject he observes:—To group the violets according to the form of the nectary, without considering the relation of that form to the other characters of the plant, would be to arrange them artificially and not naturally; for then we should have such violets as *ochroleuca* and *prionantha* associated with the pansies, and other combinations of a similarly unnatural character. But associating the form of the nectaries with that of the leaf, with the colour and with the geographical distribution, we obtain a very natural arrangement of the species. The odorous and hairy violets, presenting short lance-shaped nectaries, cordate leaves, often being hairy, and frequently nearly orbicular, purple-blue flowers, no stem, and a centralization of the species in North America, form a first group. The same form of appendage, but usually more developed as to length, combined with a cordate or lanceolate leaf, smooth, or slightly hairy; a stem, purple-blue or cerulean flowers, and an almost equal distribution in the Old and New Worlds, indicate a second equally natural, which may be represented by *V. canina*. *V. palustris* is the type of a third, and *V. biflora* of a fourth; the former associating a reniform leaf with a rotund appendage and a cerulean flower, and the latter a similar leaf, with an abbreviated lance-shaped appendage and a yellow flower. The linear nectary, combined with a yellow flower and cordate leaves, forms a fifth; parallel with which may be placed (sixth) such as have pinnate leaves, blue flowers, and linear nectaries. Lastly, the pansies (*V. tricolor*) form a most natural group (seventh) of themselves, presenting us with flowers of all colours, linear nectaries, leaves peculiar to themselves, lyrate stipules, and a centralization in the mountainous countries of the western portion of the Old World.' Professor Forbes has not published his arrangement of the species, and we shall here give a description of a few of the best known and most remarkable, independent of any arrangement.

V. odorata, Common Sweet Violet, has no stem, a hooked naked stigma; crenated, smoothish, roundish-cordate leaves; ovate, obtuse sepals, the two lateral petals with a hairy line; the spur very blunt; the capsules turgid, hairy; the seeds turbinate, whitish, the stoles creeping, long, rooting. This plant is a native throughout the whole of Europe, and in Siberia and China. It is common in England, but is a rare plant in Scotland and Ireland. Wherever this plant grows, its delicious scent has made it a great favourite. Wine is said to have been flavoured with its flowers by the Romans, and the sherbet of the Turks is composed of syrup of violets mingled with water. Although a rare plant now in Scotland, it appears to have been used in that country at one time as a cosmetic. Sir William Hooker observes, 'I do not know where the Highland ladies of former times obtained their violets to make a cosmetic.' Yet it was known to them, if the following lines given by Lightfoot are correctly translated from the Gaelic: 'Anoiat thy face with goats' milk in which violets have been infused, and there is not a young prince upon earth who will not be charmed with thy beauty.' The violet is held in great estimation by the Mohammedans. Their prophet has said of it, 'The excellence of the extract of violets above all other extracts is as the excellence of me above all the rest of creation.' It is much cultivated on account of its scent in gardens, and there are several varieties known and described. Some of them have double flowers, which is the case in the variety known as the Neapolitan violet.

V. Airta, the Hairy Violet, has no stem, the whole plant villous or pubescent; the stigma hooked, nude, naked; the leaves cordate; ovate, obtuse, ciliated sepals; stipules with glandular teeth; the two lateral petals bearded along the middle; the spur somewhat conical; the nectaries glabrous, lance-shaped; the capsules turgid, hairy; the seeds turgid, brown. It is a native of thickets and groves throughout the whole of Europe, and is not uncommon in England, though rare in Scotland. It is chiefly found in

calky or limestone soils. Its flowers are of a lighter blue colour than the last, and are scentless. It varies much in habit, as well as in the shape of its leaves, according to soil and situation. Two or three varieties have been recorded. After flowering, its flower-stalks elongate, and, taking a downward direction, carry the ripening capsule two or three inches below the surface of the soil.

V. canina, Dog's Violet, has an herbaceous ascending channelled stem; cordate acute leaves; serrated or finely-jagged stipules; entire awl-shaped bracts and sepals; glabrous peduncles; elongated capsules, with acuminate valves and pearl-shaped brown seeds. This plant is common in Britain, and is a native of hedges, thickets, and heathy grounds throughout almost all Europe, in Japan, Persia, the north-west coast of North America, and the Canary Islands. The flowers are blue and scentless. Several varieties are recorded. Many of the related species have white or cream-coloured flowers.

V. palustris, the Marsh Violet, has jointed scaly roots; a margined stigma; smooth cordately kidney-shaped leaves; broad ovate-acuminate stipules; ovate-obtuse sepals; two lateral petals, with a hairy central line; oblong trigonal capsules; ovoid dark-greenish seeds. This plant is a native throughout Europe in mossy bogs and humid meadows. It is more abundant in Scotland than England. There is a variety found in North America with purplish flowers and almost orbicular petals.

V. clandestina, Clandestine Violet, has jointed scaly roots; almost orbicular leaves, blunth, crenate-serrated with glandular serratures; branched peduncles with from two to eight flowers; linear petals scarcely longer than the calyx; nectaries rotund. This is an American species, and occurs on the high mountains of Pennsylvania, in shady beech-woods among rotten wood and rich vegetable mould. It is remarkable for producing its flowers under the rotting leaves and light mould in which it grows. The flowers are small, and of a chocolate-brown colour. The inhabitants of the districts where it grows call it *Acal-all*, and they are in the habit of using it as an application in the cure of wounds and ulcers.

V. lactea, Cream-coloured Violet, has an ascending stem, with ovate-lanceolate glabrous leaves, dentate stipules, and acuminate bracts. It is a native of boggy heaths in Switzerland, France, and Britain. It is by some considered only a variety of *V. palustris*. *V. biflora* is a native of Europe and North America, and has a 2-flowered stem with small yellow flowers, the lip being streaked with black.

V. Canadensis, Canadian Violet, is a smooth plant, with cordate, crenated, acuminate leaves, with downy nerves; lanceolate, entire, awl-shaped sepals; entire petals; very short acetate spur; blunt capsules; and roundish, ovate, chestnut-coloured seeds. It is a North American species, from Canada to the Carolinas. The flowers are purplish-blue outside, white inside, elegantly veined, and sweet scented.

V. tricolor, Three-coloured Violet, Heart's-ease, or Pansy, has a somewhat fusiform root; diffuse branched stems; lower leaves ovate-cordate, deeply crenate; rudely pinnatifid stipules, with the middle lobe crenate; spur thick, obtuse; nectaries linear. This plant is a native of cultivated fields and gardens throughout Europe, Siberia, and North America. The petals vary exceedingly in colour and size, and this tendency has been taken advantage of by the floriculturist for producing varieties of this flower, and at the present day there is no flower receiving more attention than the pansy. In consequence of this, a great number of varieties are known in gardens, but even in their wild state they vary so much, that botanists have described upwards of twenty wild varieties. Some however of these varieties may, with more careful examination, turn out to deserve the rank of species. For the cultivation of this plant see PANSY. Long before this plant was so great a favourite with florists, it had received much attention, as its popular names indicate. Our English name pansy is derived from the French *pensee*, as it is considered a token of remembrance. Shakspeare says, 'There's pansies, that's for thoughts.' But in this sense it always conveys a mournful impression. 'May they be far from thee,' is the motto which the French attach to little packets of these flowers. Our English word *Acanthaceae* has a much more cheerful signification. Its three colours obtained for it among Roman Catholics the name *Aerbu-*

trinity. It was at one time used in medicine, but is scarcely ever employed now. It seems to possess the properties of the whole family, all of which possess more or less activity as medicinal agents.

V. lutea, Yellow Mountain Violet, or Yellow Pansy, has a fibrous slender root; simple triangular stems; ovate, oblong, crenate, fringed leaves; lyrate subpalmate-pinnatifid leaves. This plant is a native of most mountainous pastures in Wales, the north of England, and Scotland. Its flowers are yellow, marked with blackish branched radiating lines; the lateral petals are palest, the two upper ones sometimes purple. When all are purple, Hooker thinks this is the *V. amara* of authors. There are several other species of *Viola*, of which *V. tricolor* may be considered the type, which have yellow and purple flowers, and which, by cultivation, are susceptible of change: these are mostly called pansies.

In their geographical distribution the species of violet are materially influenced by climate. 'The species from tropical countries,' says Professor Forbes, 'are mostly from localities where the influence of elevation has neutralised or modified the climatal influence. The various sections of the genus have geographic centres, as may be seen in the congregations of the allies of *Airio* in North America, and of those of *tricolor* in Alpine Europe. North America may be looked upon as the capital of the whole genus, since we find there representatives of all its subdivisions. In the following table the distribution of seventy-five species, according to the form of their nectaries, is exhibited:—

Nectaries	Europe	Asia	Africa	North America	South America	Australia	Total
Lanceolate-shaped	19	4	1	22	1	1	48
Rotund	2	0	0	1	0	1	4
Linear	12	4	1	6	0	0	23

There are hardly any species of violet that do not deserve cultivating on account of the beauty of their flowers, but the varieties of *odorata*, the sweet-scented species, and *tricolor*, are the great favourites. 'The hardy perennial species are well adapted for ornamenting rockwork or the front of flower-borders, but the smaller species should be grown in small pots in a mixture of loam, peat, and plenty of sand. The American species do best in vegetable mould or peat; those species which are natives of woods are well adapted for growing under trees, and those natives of bogs or marshes should be planted in moist situations. They are all readily increased by seeds and parting the plants at the root. The annual species may be sown on the open border or on rockwork. The greenhouse and stove species should be grown in a mixture of loam and peat, the herbaceous kinds of them should be increased by dividing at the root or by seeds, and the shrubby kinds should be propagated by cuttings, which will root freely if planted under a hand-glass; those of the stove species, in heat.' (G. Don.)

(*Transactions of Botanical Society*, vol. i.; Hooker's *British Flora*; *Cyclopædia of Plants*; Don's *Miller's Dictionary*; Bischoff's *Lehrbuch*.)

VIOLACEÆ, or **VIOLARIÆ**, a natural order of plants belonging to Lindley's peristose group of polypetalous Exogens. It has the following essential characters:—Sepals 5, persistent, with an imbricate aestivation, usually elongated at the base. Petals 5, hypogynous, equal or unequal, usually withering, and with an obliquely convolute aestivation. Stamens 5, alternate, with the petals occasionally opposite them, inserted on a hypogynous disk, often unequal; anthers bilocular, bursting inwards, either separate or cohering, and lying close upon the ovary; filaments dilated, elongated beyond the anthers; two in the irregular flowers, generally furnished with an appendage or gland at their base. Ovary 1-celled, many-seeded, or rarely 1-seeded, with 3 parietal placentae opposite the 3 outer sepals; style single, usually declinate, with an oblique hooded stigma. Capsule of 3 valves, bearing the placentae in their axis. Seeds often with a tumour at their base; embryo straight, erect in the axis of fleshy albumen. (Lindley.) The species are herbs, undershrubs, or shrubs with alternate rarely opposite leaves, simple, usually involute before expansion, and all furnished with stipules. The flowers are erect or drooping, axillary, seated on peduncles, which are 1-flowered, solitary or numerous, sometimes branched.

Violaceæ are related to Polygalaceæ through a genus

called *Hymenanthera*, which Brown refers to the former order, but Lindley to the latter. It is also closely related to Droseraceæ, but differs from that order in the style being solitary in their elongated embryo, involute veneration, and stipulate leaves. From Passifloraceæ it is distinguished by its capsular not baccate fruit, in its hypogynous stamens and single stigma. The order is divided into two tribes, Violæ and Alsodineæ. The former chiefly inhabit Europe and America; the latter, with the exception of the genus *Pentaloba*, are natives of South America and Africa.



Viola pedata
1, Entire plant; 2, corolla and calyx of flower dissected, to show the anthers and stamens; 3, stamen; 4, section of capsule; 5, section of seed showing embryo.

All the Violaceæ possess in a greater or less degree emetic properties, which reside principally in their roots: the principle on which this property seems to depend has been separated by Boullay from some species of *Viola*, and has been called *Violina*. Its external characters are similar to those of emeta, which is obtained from true *Ipecacuanha*: hence it is that many of the plants belonging to this order are used as substitutes for true *Ipecacuanha*. The *Viola odorata* is admitted into the Edinburgh and Dublin Pharmacopœias for the purpose of making a syrup of the flowers, which is used on account of its scent, and is administered to children as a laxative: it is also used as a test of acidity and alkalinity, being rendered green by alkalis and red by acids. The genus *Pombaha* has the sepals large, with prickly margins; the lower petal long, somewhat gibbous at the base; the stamens free, and two of the filaments with a nectarial gland. The capsule is like *Viola*. There is but one species of this genus, the *P. Ithubu*, White *Ipecacuanha*. This plant was formerly called *Iodidium Ithubu*. Several varieties are recorded, some of which have been placed under the genus *Viola*. In using the roots of this plant as an emetic, from one to three drachms must be administered, so that it is less active than the brown *Ipecacuanha* of *Callicocca* and *Cephaelis*, and of other plants used as substitutes. It is a native of Brazil, where it goes by the name of *Poupa da prata*, or *Poupa branca*, and is sold for the true *Ipecacuanha*. *Ithubu* is the name of this plant in Guiana. It is used as a remedy in dysentery and gout.

The genus *Konidium* is known by possessing unequal sepals, the lower petal large, rather gibbous, or concave at the base; the stamens approximate, the two anterior with a nectary. There are about forty species of this genus: the *I. parviflorum* and *I. Poaya*, the one a native of Peru, the other of Brazil, are both used as substitutes for true *Ipecacuanha*.

VIOLIN (*Violino*, It., a small riot), a musical instru-

ment known, in some shape, as used with a bow, in nearly all parts of the world, justly boasts of having existed in very remote times. Medals of the highest antiquity, M. Charles informs us (*Cours d'Acoustique*), representing Apollo playing on a three-stringed instrument closely resembling the violin, still exist. We have never met with any of these; though it seems improbable that the ancients should not have discovered that the sounds of the lyre admitted of uninterrupted prolongation, by means of that kind of friction which so simple a machine as the bow produces; and a lyre, or lute, acted on by a bow, instead of a plectrum, may be considered as a violin, or, at least, as the parent of all instruments of the violin tribe.

But a very diligent and trust-worthy antiquary, the Abbé le Beuf, has produced a strong proof that the violin—or perhaps rebec [Riesser]—acted on by a bow, was known in France during the eighth century, and thus has left little if any doubt of the use of the instrument from that period, however uncertain we may be as to its previous existence. The Welsh cruth, or crwth, or crowd, which pretends to great antiquity, seems originally to have partaken more of the form and character of the harp than of the violin. The cruth of a later period was however certainly a violin, with gut strings, and played on by a bow. (See *Illustrations*, l. ii. 105.)

The modern violin has four gut strings, the last, or lowest, covered with silver-wire. These are tuned in 5ths, E, A, D, G; or,



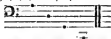
M. Baillet (lately deceased), one of the finest performers of our time, in his *Méthode* for the violin, adopted by the *Conservatoire de Musique*, says that the compass of the violin exceeds three octaves. Supposing this to signify three octaves and a half, the legitimate extent of the instrument will be from *c*, the fourth space in the bass, to the octave above the second added line in the treble. But we cannot refrain from expressing our wish that violinists would confine themselves within a more limited compass. The highest sounds of the instrument are disagreeable to most ears; are often harsh, and almost always speaking; and though they display a kind of mechanical skill in the performer, they, in most instances, betray his vanity and want of true taste.

When complete, says M. Otto (instrument-maker to the court of Weimar), in his *Traité sur la Construction, &c. de la Violin*, this instrument consists of fifty-eight different parts, or pieces: but such small divisions are not indispensably necessary, for in many instruments of a cheap description the parts are not so minutely divided. 'The wood is generally of three sorts. The back, neck, sides, and circles are of *sycomore*: the belly, bass-bar, sound-post, and six blocks, of *cedar*: the finger-board and tail-piece of *ebony*.' The finest violins now in use were made by our family, living in Cremona. [CARMONA.] The oldest came from the hands of Hieronymus Amati, at the commencement of the seventeenth century. He was followed by Antonius Amati, about the middle of that century; and succeeded by Nicola Amati, towards the end of the same. To these is to be added Antonius Stradivarius, of Cremona also, who was contemporary with the two latter of the Amatis. And last, Joseph Guarnerius, at the beginning of the eighteenth century. 'All their instruments,' M. Otto adds, 'were constructed after the simplest rules of mathematics (?), and the six which came into my possession *unspoiled*, were made after the following proportions:—The belly was thickest where the bridge rests; then it diminished about a third at that part where the *f* holes are cut; and, where the belly rests on the sides, it was half as thick as in the middle. The same proportion is observed in the length. The thickness is equally maintained all along that part on which the bass bar is fixed: thence to the upper and under end blocks the thickness decreases to one-half, so that the cheeks are three-fourths the thickness of the breast, and the edges all round only one-half. These proportions are best adapted for imparting a full, powerful, and sonorous tone. The back is worked out much in the same proportion as the belly.'

Steiner, of Apaan, is also celebrated for his violins. 'They

differ,' M. Otto tells us, 'from the Cremonese, both in shape and tone. They are higher modelled, and their proportions of strength are calculated quite differently. A Cremonese has a strong, reedy tone, something like that of a clarionet, while a Steiner approaches that of a flute.' The same author also gives the names of many German violin-makers; but as they are not generally known out of their own country, we cannot afford any space to them, but refer our readers to the translation of M. Otto's work, by Mr. Fardeley of Leeds.

VIOLONCELLO (a diminutive of *Violone*, Ital., a *contra-basso*, or double-bass), a musical instrument of four gut strings, the two lowest covered with silver-wire, and tuned in 5ths, A, D, G, and C; or,



This fine rich instrument is an improvement of the *viol da gamba*, the latter having formed one of the family of viols. [VIOLA.] England may justly claim the merit of having given birth to the best performers on the violoncello that Europe has produced; and still possesses one (Lindley), who, during a period of forty years, has well maintained his country's supremacy in this department of art.

VIOTTI, GIOVANNI-BATTISTA, the first violinist of his time, according to general opinion, and the acknowledged founder of a school of which Rode, Mori, Labon, Labarre, Ppris, Alday, &c. were disciples, was the son of the chief gardener to the Prince di Carignano, and born in 1755, at Fontaneto, a village in Piedmont. His father intended him for a line of life very different from that which his own inclination marked out; but, as usually happens in such cases, parental wishes were combated by a natural propensity too strong to be resisted, and the youthful enthusiast was placed under the instruction of Pognani, to whom all aspiring violinists looked up, and whose skill may be justly inferred from the celebrity which his pupil attained. At the early age of twenty he was chosen to fill the situation of first violin in the royal chapel of Turin, an appointment of great professional rank, in which he remained three years; he then commenced his European travels, and made a lengthened visit to Berlin. He afterwards proceeded to Paris, where, by the grandeur and elegance of his performance, and the originality and beauty of his compositions, he speedily acquired a most brilliant reputation, which never lost any of its lustre, and he still ranks there as the father of that noble style which a vicious thirst for novelty has, for the present, cast into the background; though, like all that is intrinsically good, it will revive when pure taste shall resume its sway; or, perhaps we ought to have said, when what is forgotten will appear anew.

In the early part of the French revolution, when it was deemed right that every class should be represented in the legislative body, Viotti was elected into the Constituent Assembly, for good sense, steadiness, and firmness were remarkable features in his character: but when the reign of terror commenced, he, disgusted and alarmed, fled to the English shores, and made a most successful début at one of Salomon's concerts. He afterwards took some share in the general management of the King's Theatre, but from this he soon retired; his genius fitted him better for the particular duty of leader of the band, in which office he succeeded Mr. William Crumer, who had, during many years, filled it in an entirely satisfactory manner. Viotti however did not long enjoy this appointment, for some envious, unknown enemy, by false representations to government, caused his being ordered, in 1798, to quit the country at a few hours' notice, and he retired to Hamburg, where he published his celebrated '*Six Duos Concertans pour deux Violons*.' In 1801 he was allowed to return to London, and, finally abandoning his profession, embarked the whole of his small fortune in a partnership in the wine trade, by which hasty unguarded step he lost all. Louis XVIII. then offered him the direction of the *Académie Royale de Musique*, and he repaired to Paris; but he found himself as little qualified to direct the French opera as he had been to manage the Italian theatre in London; he therefore once more and finally settled in this country, meeting with an hospitable reception and an agreeable

home in the house of a friend, where he mixed in the best society, including many persons of rank, literature, and science, that the metropolis afforded. In such intercourse he did not refuse to contribute occasionally his talents to the general stock of enjoyment, and even consented to become an active member and director of the Philharmonic Society, when in its palmy state, and while it continued in its independent and disinterested form, appearing as a dilettante in its orchestra, occasionally as a *principe*, but more frequently as a *repiano*, and uniting with Salomon, F. Cramer, Yaniewicz, Spagnoletti, Vacca, &c. to produce such a musical phalanx as never before was witnessed, and probably will never again be assembled under one roof. His losses and disappointments however gradually affected his health, and he sank under them at Brighton on the 3rd of March, 1824.

Viotti was an accomplished, elegant man, and his talents, his lively conversation, and his polished manners rendered him a desirable acquisition in the best circles, to which he chiefly confined himself. His compositions are, for the present, laid aside, but, as we have above hinted, they may come forth again when they shall have novelty, in addition to their intrinsic merit, to recommend them.

VIPER. [Viperidae.]

VIPERIDÆ. Among the great natural groups of VERTEBRATA, certain forms, with their concomitant habits, must have attracted the attention of man at a very early period. The broad line of distinction between the carnivorous and herbivorous mammals, and between birds of prey and the fruit-eating, seed-eating, and insectivorous tribes, must soon have been manifest; while self-preservation would no less teach him to distinguish quickly between the poisonous and harmless serpents.

The place of both these last in the system, as laid down by the highest zoological authorities, together with a general view of their organization, will be found in the articles REPTILES and SNAKES. Under the present title we propose to treat of terrestrial poisonous serpents generally.

The machinery which enables the venom-snakes to inflict their, often, fatal bite, as explained by Professor Owen, is stated at large in the last of the articles above referred to [Vol. xxi., p. 276, *et seq.*]. Here therefore we shall only give cuts explanatory of that machinery.



Shell of Basiliscus: profile.



Tooth and poison gland of *Trigonostrophus urticae*.

a, a, poison gland; b, duct; c, fang; the better indicating the position of the slit, from which the poison passes into the wound.

EUROPEAN VENOM-SNAKES.

Example, *Potius Berni*, Merr.; *Vipera*, Ray; *Vipera vulgaris*, Latr.; *Vipera communis*, Leach; *The Common Viper*.

Description.—The head, says Mr. Bell, in his very accurate *British Reptiles*, 'is somewhat depressed, almost oval, slightly widening behind the eyes. Gape as long as the head, extending behind. No teeth in the upper maxillary bones excepting the poison-fangs; a row of small teeth in the palatine bone on each side. Neck rather smaller than the back of the head, from which the body increases to nearly the middle of the entire length; the rest of the body to the vent scarcely diminishing; the tail

becoming almost abruptly smaller, and tapering to its extremity, which is pointed: the tail varies in proportion to the body, but is generally not more than one-eighth of the total length, and in some even less. The head is covered with small squamous plates, which in some specimens are regularly formed and symmetrically placed; but in others they are very irregular. There are three which are larger than the others—namely, the vertical, and the pair of occipital plates. The scales of the back and sides are semi-oval or somewhat lanceolate, imbricated, and distinctly ornamented. They are disposed in eighteen series. The plates of the abdomen have nothing particular in their form; they vary in number, but usually consist of about one hundred and forty to about one hundred and fifty, and those of the tail are about thirty-five pairs.'



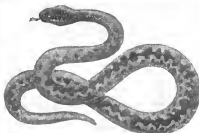
Head of the Viper. (Bell.)

'The general ground-colour,' says Mr. Bell in continuation, 'varies considerably. In some it is nearly olive, in others a rich deep brown, and in others a dirty brownish yellow; and when in high health, and shortly after having cast the skin, the surface is slightly iridescent in particular lights. A mark between the eyes, a spot on each side the hinder part of the head, and a zig-zag line running the whole length of the body and tail, formed by a series of confluent rhombs, as well as a row of small triangular spots on each side, all of a much darker hue than the ground-colour of the body, and frequently almost black. I have a specimen in my collection which I received alive from Hornsey Wood, the ground of which was almost perfectly white and all the markings jet black. The under parts are plumbeous in some, with lighter or darker spots, in others wholly black.'

Mr. Bell well remarks that the tendency of this species to vary in its colours has occasioned an erroneous multiplication of species by various authors, and he enumerates the following varieties:—

1. The Red Viper (*Vipera communis*, var. ϵ , Jenyns).
2. The Black Viper (var. δ , Jenyns).
3. The Cerulean or Blue-bellied Viper (var. γ , Jenyns; *Coluber caeruleus*, Sheppard): Mr. Bell thinks this hardly deserving of being considered a distinct variety, the plumbeous colour of the belly, by which it is characterized, being rather a difference of degree than of hue.
4. The Variegated Viper—that described by Mr. Bell from Hornsey Wood.

Dr. Leach, in his *Zoological Miscellany*, figures, but not well, the black variety, and says that the following species are to be referred to this:—*Berus*, *cherrus*, *capis*, *proterus*, Linnæi; *caeruleus*, Sheppard; *rufescens* and *rufus*, Mus. Brit.



The Common Viper or Adder.

This is, not improbably, the *Viper* (*Echis*) of Aristotle and the Greeks, and the *Vipera* of Virgil (*Georg.*, iii. 417). Pliny

(*Nat. Hist.*, viii. 39; x. 42; xi. 37), and the ancient Italians. It is the *Murasso* of the modern Italians; *Vipere* of the French; *Huggorm* of the Swedes; and *Adder* (antiently written *adder*, and later *adder*, with the loss of the initial *n*, from the Anglo-Saxon *adder*) of the country-people in many parts of England and Scotland.

Mr. Bell remarks that the Prince of Canino and Musignano figures, in his *Fauna Italica*, as the true *cherera*, a small viper, considerably similar to our Red Viper, excepting in its colour, which is a light grey with darker markings. Mr. Bell notices in that figure the greater breadth of the head which is observable in our animal, together with a still more obtuse rostrum, and says that the Prince's figure is evidently taken from a young animal, which may possibly belong to a different species. Mr. Bell then adverts to the terms *murasso palustris* applied by the Prince to *Vipera berus*, and *murasso alpino* to his *Vipera cherera*, observing that this distinction is certainly not sustained by our two varieties. 'After all,' says Mr. Bell in conclusion, 'the question whether it be the *Coluber cherera* of Linnaeus, and whether, if not so, this last-mentioned species be distinct from the Common Viper, is one of considerable doubt and obscurity.' Doubtful it may be; but still the diligence, acuteness, and experience of the Prince have long established a just confidence in his accuracy; and he has been very successful in working out the true specific forms indicated by Linnaeus and others.

Geographical Distribution of the Common Viper.—Europe generally, from the North of Russia to the South of Italy and Spain. England and Scotland, but not Ireland.

Habits, &c.—'That the young Vipers,' says Brown, in his *Enquiries into Vulgar and Common Errors*, 'force their way through the bowels of their dam, or that the female viper in the act of generation bites off the head of the male, in revenge whereof the young ones eat through the womb and belly of the female, is a very antient tradition. In this sense entertained in the Hieroglyphicks of the Egyptians, affirmed by Herodotus, Nicander, Pliny, Plutarch, Elian, Jerome, Basil, Isidore; and seems countenanced by Aristotle and his scholar Theophrastus: from hence is commonly assigned the reason why the Romans punished parricides by drowning them in a sack with a viper; and so perhaps upon the same opinion the men of Melita, when they saw a viper upon the hand of Paul, said presently without conceit of any other sin, No doubt this man is a murderer; who, though he have escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth him not to live. That is, he is now paid in his own way, the parricidous animal and punishment of murderers is upon him. And though the tradition were current among the Greeks, to confirm the same the Latine name is introduced, *Vipera, quasi vi pariat*; that passage also in the Gospel, *O ye generation of Vipers*, hath found expositions which countenance this conceit. Notwithstanding which authorities, transcribed relations, and conjectures, upon enquiry we find the same repugnant unto experience and reason.'

The production of the young alive, so different from the birth of the generality of serpents, gave rise no doubt to one part of this tradition.

Gilbert White writes to Pennant from Selborne, on the 18th June, 1768:—'Providence has been so indulgent to us as to allow of but one venomous reptile of the serpent kind in these kingdoms, and that is the viper. As you propose the good of mankind to be an object of your publications, you will not omit to mention common salubrious as a sovereign remedy against the bite of the viper. A neighbouring yeoman (to whom I am indebted for some good hints) killed and opened a female viper about the 27th of May. He found her filled with a chain of eleven eggs, about the size of those of a blackbird; but none of them were advanced so far towards a state of maturity as to contain any rudiments of young. Though they are oviparous, yet they are viviparous also, hatching their young within their bellies, and then bringing them forth. Whereas snakes lay chains of eggs every summer in my melon-beds, in spite of all that my people can do to prevent them, which eggs do not hatch till the spring following, as I have often experienced. Several intelligent folks assure me that they have seen the viper open her mouth and admit her helpless young down her throat on sudden surprise, just as the female opossum does her

brood into the pouch under her belly, upon the like emergencies, and yet the London viper-catchers insist on it to Mr. Barrington that no such thing ever happens.'

On the 25th April, 1776, he writes from the same place to the Honourable Daines Barrington:—'On August the 4th, 1775, we surprised a large viper, which seemed very heavy and bloated, as it lay in the grass basking in the sun. When we came to cut it up, we found that the abdomen was crowded with young, fifteen in number, the shortest of which measured full seven inches, and were about the size of full-grown earth-worms. This little fry issued into the world with the true viper-spirit about them, showing great alertness as soon as disengaged from the belly of the dam: they twisted and wriggled about, and set themselves up, and gaped very wide when touched with a stick, showing manifest tokens of menace and defiance, though as yet they had no manner of fangs that we could find, even with the help of our glasses.'

White then proceeds with his usual happy power of turning his observations to account:—'To a thinking mind nothing is more wonderful than that early instinct which impresses young animals with the notion of the situation of their natural weapons, and of using them properly in their own defence, even before those weapons subsist or are formed. Thus a young cock will spur at his adversary before his spurs are grown; and a calf or lamb will push with their heads before their horns are sprouted. In the same manner did these young adders attempt to bite before their fangs were in being. The dam however was furnished with very formidable ones, which we lifted up (for they fold down when not used) and cut them off with the point of our scissors. There was little room to suppose that this brood had ever been in the open air before, and that they were taken in for refuge at the mouth of the dam when she perceived that danger was approaching; because then probably we should have found them somewhere in the neck, and not in the abdomen.'

Whether the young take refuge down the throat of the mother is a question not easily answered. There is no physiological reason against it. The young might live in such a situation for some time: it is well known that frogs will live and cry in the stomach of a serpent. But the evidence of the viper-catchers is strong against the fact, and we have never met with any one who could state that he had actually seen the young enter or issue from that retreat, although we have conversed with several who have been assured by gamekeepers and gardeners that the act had been witnessed by them. It is not improbable that when female vipers in the last stage of pregnancy have been surprised, and on being opened have disclosed living young, the spectators, not aware of the extreme thinness of the membrane which encloses them, and which a very slight pressure will suffice to rupture, have leapt to the conclusion that the young had entered the mouth for protection; such a suspicion seems for a moment to have crossed White's mind in the case last mentioned by him.

When a viper is about to strike, it is generally more or less coiled, and elevates the head and neck, which are drawn backwards, the former in a horizontal position. The head is then suddenly darted at the object of attack, and the erected tooth plunged into it and withdrawn with a motion almost too quick for the eye to follow. Unless very much irritated the serpent will not immediately repeat the bite, as if conscious that time is required for the renewal of the poisonous secretion, so as to make it sufficiently virulent. Neither will the snake waste its strength on an invulnerable object a second time. A viper was surprised and transfixed by a pitchfork. The agonized serpent instantly struck at the handle, but made no second effort, although long retained in its painful position.

We are not aware of any well-authenticated case of a person bitten by a viper terminating fatally; but we would by no means insure a person so wounded in the heats of summer or autumn, especially if the wound be inflicted on a naked part, and if he be of a bad habit of body. The remedy used by the viper-catchers was that noticed by White: they rubbed olive-oil on the part wounded, over a chafing-dish of coals, and took it also internally. Some of them would suffer themselves to be bitten by vipers full of 'sweltered venom,' confident in their remedy. Such cases will be found in the work of Dr. Mead, who proved the innocence of the poison when swallowed, by taking it himself without the slightest ill effect, an example not to

be rashly followed, for any recent injury to the gums, or the skin of the mouth or throat generally, would render such an experiment extremely hazardous from the vascularity of the part. We do not attribute much virtue to the internal taking of the oil. Externally it is a specific, and should be aided by doses of ammonia administered internally.

Dogs are very liable to be bitten by vipers, at which pointers will stand as if they were game, and so they will at snakes. We once saw a bad case, where a favourite dog received a bite in one of his hind-legs from a virulent old viper, in very hot weather, and had a hard struggle for his life. The injury yielded to the external application of olive-oil and doses of castor-oil administered as purgatives.

As a general rule it may be considered improbable that the viper uses his offensive weapons in disabling his prey, which consists of frogs, lizards, mice, and (according to Dr. Mead) even moles. Nevertheless in some refractory cases it is very likely that the animal resorts to their use to arrest the struggles of the victim, especially as the poison is so speedily fatal to small animals. Vipers will bear a long fast, and have been boxed up for six months without abatement of their vivacity. Pennant states that they feed only a small part of the year, but never during their confinement; for if mice, their favourite diet, should at that time be thrown into their box, though they will kill, yet they never will eat them.

Even the last generation witnessed the great demand for these poisonous serpents in consequence of the virtues supposed to reside in their flesh. The lingering belief in the wonderfully invigorating qualities of 'viper broth' is not yet quite extinct in some places. Pliny, Galen, and others praise the efficacy of viper flesh in the cure of ulcers, elephantiasis, and other disorders arising from a corrupt state of the system. By the ancients the animal was generally served to the patient boiled like fish, as being more efficacious than when taken in the form of a powder or other dried state. Sir Kenelm Digby's beautiful wife was fed on capons fattened with the flesh of vipers.

In England these reptiles were caught with a cleft or forked stick, which the viper-catcher drove down immediately behind the head, then seized the serpent by the tail, and instantly put it into a bag. In this way the shops of the apothecaries were supplied; and we remember bearing of the alarm produced in the house of one of these professionals of the last age by the escape of a whole collection from the ill-closed box in which they arrived. A great black ooe was discovered curled up between the sheets of one of the beds just as its occupant was about to step into it.

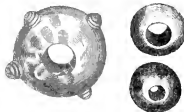
Open copses, dry leathes, newly-cleared woodlands, and sandy wastes are the usual haunts of the viper, which, in winter, is frequently found in its hybernaculum, intertwined with several of its own species, and in an almost torpid state. These conglomerations may have given rise to the mode in which the celebrated 'ovum anguinum' was produced. Pliny indeed (*Nat. Hist.*, xxix., c. 3) attributes its production to snakes convoluted together in the summer, and notices the statements of the Druids with regard to this mystic creation. Mason has not omitted to take advantage of this tradition in his 'Carnetacus,' where the Druid sings—

* From the nest of charms and spells,
Where our mothers state dwells,
Broomie, has thy little hand
Safely brought the Druid wand,
And the potent Adder-stone
Gather'd 'tween the serpent's noon?
When in undulating twine
The fanning snakes profit join;
When they kiss and when they tear
Their wondrous eyes shut in sleep,
Though before to earth it fell,
The Druid in his hollow'd pall
Receives the rose,
And cures the sore,
Fishes it by the serpent's blood,
Till he cross the crystal flood.

Pennant, who quotes these lines, as well as the passage from Pliny, says, "Our modern druidesses give much the same account of the *ovum anguinum*, *Glain Neidr*, as the Welsh call it, or the *Adder-gem*, as the Roman philosopher does, but seem not to have so exalted an opinion of its powers, using it only to assist children in cutting their teeth, or to cure the chin-ouch, or to drive away an ague. We have some of these beads in our cabinet: they

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are made of glass, and of a very rich blue colour: some are plain, others streaked: we say nothing of the figure, as the annexed plate will convey a stronger idea of it than words."



Adder-stones. (Pezant.)

AVIAN VENOM-SNAKES.

Example, *Naja tripudians*. [Naja.]

AFRICAN VENOM-SNAKES.

Examples, *Vipera (Cerastes) coudalis*, Smith (*Vipera ocellata*, Smith).

Dr. Smith describes this poisonous snake as being, above, yellowish-red, spotted and variegated with other colours; and as of a pale rose-red, with a pearly lustre beneath. Along the back the spots are disposed in three irregular rows: those of the centre are oblong; those of the other two more or less circular. All are orange-brown, and some of them are partially, others completely edged with straw-yellow; those of the middle row being in the first condition, and only margined anteriorly and posteriorly; and those of the others mostly in the state last described, the majority of them having moreover a lilac-coloured point toward their centre. Sides of the body faintly freckled with small nebulae, or irregular spots of the same colour as those of the back; but paler, without variegations, and rarely having the snout position in any two specimens. Upper and lateral parts of the head similarly variegated, but disposed in angular or arrow-shaped markings on the top of the head, and in vertical bars on the sides. Those on the top of the head are generally two in number, one between the eyes and the other on the occiput, and both are commonly margined anteriorly with cream-yellow. The vertical bars are usually four on each side; three of them cut the upper lip, and the fourth generally terminates immediately behind the angle of the mouth. Besides the arrow-shaped marks on the top of the head, there are usually two or even more circular spots intermediate between the specified markings: these also are frequently edged with cream-yellow. Eyes reddish-orange.

Dr. Smith further states that the ground-colour of the upper parts of some individuals is much darker than that above stated, and differs but little from the tint of the spots, which, in such cases, are seen indistinctly. In others again the colour entirely differs, being steel or ashy grey, with much darker spots tinted with the same hue. The markings on the head, too, differ greatly.



Head, and Tail (under side) of *Vipera (Cerastes) coudalis*. (Smith.)

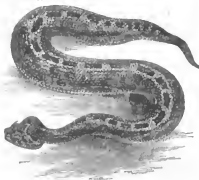
The head is distinct; the body thick in proportion to its length; the tail short, tapered, and pointed. Angles of the jaws very divergent, giving greater width to the hinder part of the head, the anterior portion of which is narrower. Nose rounded; nostrils near its apex, such in the centre of a thick projecting scale. Eyebrows arched,

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each armed near its middle with a slender, pointed, slightly recurved spine, about a line or a line and a quarter in length. Scales of anterior part of the head, particularly round the eyes, very small; those between and immediately behind the nostrils imperfectly carinated: on the hinder part of the head they are oval, as on the body, and distinctly carinated. On the back and sides they are arranged in longitudinal rows; and from the points of each row overlapping the base of those immediately behind them, the carinations form continuous ridges, about twenty-seven in number generally. Dr. Smith then enters into further minute details, for which we must refer the reader to the accurate and interesting work itself. The length of an adult is about fourteen inches.

Locality.—South Africa.

Habits, &c.—'Dry sandy districts,' says the same author, 'constitute the favourite habitats of this viper, which manifests all that indolence of character so remarkable among the various species of the genus, and on account of which they are more dreaded by the native of South Africa than even snakes possessed of more virulent poison, but disposed to action on the approach of danger. According to good testimony this species will continue for days together in one position; and as it never seeks to avoid danger, however imminent, its presence is rarely discovered unless when trampled upon, and the offending parts wounded by its fangs. Though generally inactive, it is by no means so when injured: its movements are then performed with activity; and when once it seizes the obnoxious object, it retains its hold with great determination, and some considerable exertion is often required to detach it. The same may be said of most of the vipers, in which respect they differ materially from *Naja*. The various species of the latter, immediately after they inflict a wound, detach themselves, and fly to a place of concealment; while the vipers, even when detached by force, continue upon the spot where they fall, or remove but slowly from it.' (*Zoology of South Africa*.)



Vipera (Cerastes) costalis. (Smith.)

Echidna inornata (Smith).

Description.—Back and sides dark yellowish-brown; belly brownish-yellow, sparingly sprinkled with brownish dots; tail above, indistinctly marked with dull brown spots or bars. Head oblong, heart-shaped. Length thirteen inches and a quarter. (Smith.)

Locality.—The specimen from which Dr. Smith wrote his description, which is minutely detailed in the work above quoted, was killed in the Sneeuhergen, or Snow-mountains, immediately behind the village of Graaff Reinet.

Habits, &c.—Dr. Smith states that little is known of the habits of this snake, save that, like the other species of the genus, it is indolent, and heedless of the approach of man. He records six species of the genus *Vipera* as inhabitants of South Africa, viz., *Vipera arietans*, Merr.; *V. atropis*, Latr.; *V. cornuta*, Daud.; *V. inornata*, Smith; *V. ocellata* (caudalis), Smith; *V. atropodes*, Smith: or, if the subdivisions of Merrim and Wagner be adopted, *Echidna arietans*; *E. atropis*; *E. inornata*; *E. atropodes*; *Cerastes cornutus*; and *C. ocellatus* (caudalis).



Echidna inornata. (Smith.)

Dr. Smith here again notices the fact that the vipers and one or two species of *Elops* are the only snakes of South Africa which permit themselves generally to be closely approached without evincing any apparent concern. The others manifest a disposition to act on the offensive or to fly: even an unusual noise, without its cause being visible, is sufficient, he remarks, to insure the retreat of the innocuous ones.

The different species of *Naja* and the *Elops lubricus*, Merr., are, he observes, always ready for the fight; and, when their haunts are invaded, they often advance upon the intruder with the head and anterior part of the body almost perpendicular, the neck expanded, and an expression sufficiently indicative of the malignant purpose they have in view. 'To witness such a proceeding,' says Dr. Smith in continuation, 'once fell to my own lot. Walking in the vicinity of Graham's Town, I happened to excite the attention of a *Naja Hemachates*, which immediately raised its head, and warned me of my danger by the strength of its expiration; it then commenced an advance, and, had I not retired, I should in all probability have suffered, provided I had not been fortunate enough to dislodge it, which possibly would not have happened, considering that the species, in common with others of the same genus, is extremely active. Even though I retired, I was not satisfied the danger was past, as the flight of this snake's enemy does not always put a stop to its advance when once commenced. An officer of the Cape corps, upon whose accuracy the most implicit reliance was to be placed, informed me that he once was chased twice round his wagon by an individual of the same species, and the pursuit might have been prolonged, had not a Hottentot disabled the enraged reptile by a blow from a long stick.'



Naja Haje (young)—Smith.

Dr. Smith figures three varieties of *Naja Haje* in his *Zoology* above alluded to; and the young state of the serpent, with the synonym *Echidna flava*, Merr., *Naja*

nigra, Smith, *Geel copell*, *Bruin copell*, and *Spung-slang* of the Cape colonists.

He describes the majority of the South African specimens as either entirely yellow or purplish-brown, though a considerable number occur also in which both these colours exist more or less distinctly in the same individual. The depth of the general colour, he says, varies considerably in different specimens, particularly in the yellow ones, in which every shade between straw yellow and clear purplish brown may be observed. The general colour of the young is pale straw yellow, with two brownish-red collars on the throat, the extremities of each of which are visible upon the neck above; and those of the last collar are generally connected by a narrow angular bar, of the same colour as the collar itself. The eyes are light chestnut-brown.

Dr. Smith remarks that if this reptile be specifically different from the *Noia Hufe* of Northern Africa, he had not, after closely comparing them, been able to discover the differences which, in his opinion, could justify him in regarding them as distinct. He had not been able to perceive greater discrepancies between some of the Cape individuals and those collected in Egypt, than he had found between some of what may be regarded the more typical examples of Southern Africa and others of the same country, which may be viewed as presenting aberrant or less common characters. The young of the Cape reptile exactly corresponds, he observes, with the young of *Noia Hufe*, as figured by M. Geoffroy. (*Egypte*, Atlas, pl. 7, fig. 3.)



The *Spung-slang*. Colour uniform light blackish brown, the light sage-sagegreen on the under parts, forming about a purplish sage-colour, which is very dark and shining towards the head. (Smith.)

The variety most rarely met with, according to Dr. Smith, is the *Spung-slang* (spitting-snake) of the colonists, so named from its supposed power of ejecting its poison to a distance. All the *cobra-de-capella*s of Southern Africa, he remarks, distil poison from the points of their fangs when they are much irritated, and are able to eject a portion of it beyond the mouth by a forcible expiration; but that any power greater than that is possessed by the *Spung-slang*, Dr. Smith is not disposed to believe: the contrary nevertheless is, he allows, strongly maintained both by the European and native inhabitants. 'Both of these,' continues Dr. Smith, 'affirm that the snake in question is able to cast its poison to a distance of several feet, especially if the wind be blowing so as to favour its object; and that it often projects it into the eyes of unwelcome intruders, and thereby occasions a degree of inflammation which not uncommonly terminates in loss of sight. In the Cape colony the varieties of the *cobra-de-capella* are all regarded as highly dangerous; and many severe if not fatal consequences are the results of their bite. They are all savage and bold, and when assailed they generally resist rather than fly, and they not unfrequently even act upon the offensive. They climb trees with great facility, and often take to the water out of choice. In the liquid element their progress is rather slow, and during their residence in it the head and a portion of the neck is always kept raised above the surface.

Whenever they are excited or irritated, they, like the common species of India, inflate the loose skin of the neck, and extend it laterally, so as to exhibit an appearance as if the neck was edged on each side with a thin semicircular appendage. They feed upon small quadrupeds, birds, and eggs, and in search of the latter they ascend trees to rob nests.' The general length of the South African *Noia* is between five and six feet.

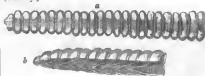
AMERICAN VENOM-SNAKES.

Crotalus, Linn.

Generic Character.—Scales on the head similar to those on the back; tail ending in a rattle; head subtriangular.

Example, *Crotalus horridus*, the Rattle-snake.

Description.—Colour of the head brown; eye red; upper part of the body yellowish-brown, transversely marked with irregular, broad, black lists. Rattle brown, composed of several horny, membranous cells, of an undulated pyramidal figure, articulated one within the other, so that the point of the first cell reaches as far as the basis or protuberant ring of the third, and so on; which articulation, being very loose, gives liberty to the parts of the cells that are enclosed within the outward rings, to strike against the sides of them, and so to cause the rattling noise which is heard when the snake shakes its tail. (Catesby.)



a, Rattle of twenty-four joints; b, section of rattle. (Catesby.)

Locality.—Virginia, the Carolinas, and other parts of America.

Habits, Food, &c.—Lawson, in his *History* (1714), says 'The Rattle-snakes are found in all the main of America that I ever had any account of; being so called from the rattle at the end of their tails, which is a connection of jointed coverings of an excrementitious matter, betwixt the substance of a nail and a horn, though each tegmen is very thin. Nature seems to have designed these on purpose to give warning of such an approaching danger as the venomous bite of these snakes is. Some of them grow to a very great bigness, as six feet in length, their middle being the thickness of the small of a lusty man's leg. We have an account of much larger serpents of this kind; but I never met them yet, although I have seen and killed abundance in my time. They are of an orange tawny, and blackish colour on the back; differing (as all snakes do) in colour on the belly, being of an ash-colour inclining to lead. The male is easily distinguished from the female by a black velvet spot on his head; and, besides, his head is smaller shaped and long. Their bite is venomous, if not speedily remedied; especially if the wound be in a vein, nerve, tendon, or sinew; when it is very difficult to cure. The Indians are the best physicians for the bite of these and all other venomous creatures of this country. There are four sorts of snake-roots already discovered, which knowledge came from the Indians, who have performed several great cures. The rattle-snakes are accounted the peaceablest in the world; for they never attack any one, or injure them, unless they are trod upon or molested. The most danger of being bit by these snakes is for those that survey land in Carolina; yet I never heard of any surveyor that was killed or hurt by them. I have myself gone over several of this sort, and others; yet it pleased God I never came to any harm. They have the power or art (I know not which to call it) to charm squirrels, hares, partridges, &c. any such thing, in such a manner, that they run directly into their mouths. This I have seen by a squirrel and one of these rattle-snakes; and other snakes have in some measure the same power. The rattle-snakes have many small teeth, of which I cannot see they make any use; for they swallow everything whole; but the teeth which poison are only four; two on each side of their upper jaws. These are bent like a sickle, and hang loose as if by a joint. Towards the setting on of these, there is, in each tooth, a little hole wherein you may just get in the

point of a small needle. And here it is that the poison comes out (which is as green as grass) and follows the wound made by the point of their teeth. They are much more venomous in the months of June and July, than they are in March, April, or September. The hotter the weather the more poisonous. Neither may we suppose that they can renew their poison as oft as they will; for we have had a person bit by one of these, who never rightly recovered it, and very hardly escaped with life; a second person bit in the same place by the same snake, and received no more harm than if bitten with a raf. They cast their skins every year, and commonly abide near the place where the old skin lies. These cast-skins are used in physic, and the rattles are reckoned good to expedite the birth. The gall is made up into pills with elay, and kept for use, being given in pestilential fevers and the small-pox. It is accounted a noble remedy, known to few, and held as a great *arcanum*. This snake has two nostrils on each side of his nose. Their venom, I have reason to believe, effects no harm, any otherwise than when darted into the wound by the serpent's teeth.

Catesby thus notices this species in 1771. 'Of these vipers,' says he, writing of all the American venom-snakes under that name, 'the Rattle-snake is most formidable, being the largest and most terrible of all the rest: the largest I ever saw was one about eight feet in length, weighing between eight and nine pounds. This monster was gliding into the house of Colonel Blake of Carolina; and had certainly taken his abode there undiscovered, had not the domestic animals alarmed the family with their repeated outcries; the hogs, dogs, and poultry united in their hatred to him, showing the greatest consternation, by erecting their bristles and feathers; and expressing their wrath and indignation, surrounded him, but carefully kept their distance; whilst he, regardless of their threats, glided slowly along.

'It is not uncommon to have them come into houses, a very extraordinary instance of which happened to myself in the same gentleman's house, in the month of February, 1723; the servant in making the bed in a ground-room (but a few minutes after I left it), on turning down the clothes, discovered a rattlesnake lying coiled between the sheets in the middle of the bed.

'They are the most inactive and slow-moving snake of all others, and are never the aggressors, except in what they prey upon; for unless they are disturbed they will not bite; and, when provoked, they give warning by shaking their rattles. These are commonly believed to be the most deadly venomous serpent of any in these parts of America: I believe they are so, as being generally the largest, and making a deeper wound, and injecting a greater quantity of poison; though I know not why any of the other kinds of vipers may not be as venomous as a rattlesnake, if as big, the structure of the deadly fangs being alike in all. The most successful remedy the Indians seem to have is to suck the wound, which, in a slight bite, has sometimes a good effect; though the recovered person never fails of having annual pains at the time they were bit. They have likewise some roots which they pretend will effect the cure; particularly a kind of *Asarum*, commonly called *Heart Snake-roots*, a kind of *Chrysanthemum* called *St. Anthony's Cross*, and some others; but that which they rely on most, and which most of the Virginian and Carolinian Indians carry dry in their pockets, is a small tuberous root, which they procure from the remote parts of the country; this they chew, and swallow the juice, applying some to the wound. Having, by travelling much with Indians, had frequent opportunities of seeing the direful effects of the bites of these snakes, it always seemed and was apparent to me that the good effects usually attributed to these their remedies is owing more to the force of nature, or the slightness of the bite of a small snake in a muscular part, &c. The person thus bit, I have known to survive without any assistance for many hours; but where a rattlesnake with full force penetrates with his deadly fangs, and pricks a vein or artery, inevitable death ensues; and that, as I have often seen, in less than two minutes. The Indians know their destiny, the minute they are bit; and when they perceive it mortal, apply no remedy, concluding all efforts in vain. If the bite happeneth in a fleshy part, they immediately cut it out to stop the current of the poison. I could heartily wish that oil of olives applied to the wound might have as good

success against the venom of these snakes as it hath been found in England to have had against the poison of the adder.' (Carolina.)

Lawson, it appears, was an eye-witness of the fascination, if so the effect of terror on the victim is to be termed, of the rattlesnake; and though Catesby never saw it, he thus details the evidence of the fact known to him:—

'The charming, as it is commonly called, or attractive power this snake is said to have of drawing to it animals and devouring them, is generally believed in America; as for my own part, I never saw the action; but a great many from whom I have had it related, all agree in the manner of the process; which is that the animals, particularly birds and squirrels (which principally are their prey), no sooner spy the snake, than they skip from spray to spray, hovering and approaching gradually nearer their enemy, regardless of any other danger; but with distracted gestures and outcries descend, though from the top of the loftiest trees, to the mouth of the snake, who openeth his jaws, takes them in, and in an instant swallows them.'

There can be little doubt that this supposed power is greatly exaggerated. That a suddenly-surprised animal should be arrested by terror and easily fall a victim to the serpent is highly probable; but that it should descend to its destruction from the top of the loftiest trees is almost incredible.

That the secretion of the poison may be greatly increased by local irritation would be expected, and Mr. Bell, in his *History of British Reptiles*, adduces the following as evidence of the fact. He was dissecting very carefully and minutely the poison-apparatus of a large rattlesnake, which had been dead for some hours; the head had been taken off immediately after death; yet as Mr. Bell continued his dissection the poison continued to be secreted so fast as to require to be occasionally dried off with a bit of rag or sponge. He states his belief that there could not have been less altogether than six or eight drops at the least.



The Rattle-snake.

The same scientific and entertaining author relates, as a proof that the effect of wounds inflicted by venomous serpents subsequently to the first is greatly lessened, either by the diminution of the quantity of venom or of some deterioration of its strength, the following anecdote:—A gentleman of his acquaintance had received a living rattlesnake from America. Intending to try the effect of its bite upon some rats, he introduced one of these animals into the cage with the serpent, which immediately struck the rat and the latter died in two minutes. Another rat was then placed in the cage, and ran to the farthest corner from the snake, uttering cries of distress. The serpent did not attack it immediately; but after about half an hour, on being irritated, struck the rat, which exhibited no symptoms of being poisoned for several minutes, nor did it die till twenty minutes after the bite had been inflicted. A third rat, remarkably large, was then introduced into the cage, and exhibited no signs of terror, nor was it apparently noticed by its dangerous companion. After watching for the rest of the evening, Mr. Bell's friend retired, leaving the rattlesnake and the rat together. He

rose early the next morning, and visited the cage: there lay the snake dead, and the rat had supped upon the muscular part of its back. Mr. Bell does not remember at what time of the year this took place, but he expresses his belief that it was not during very hot weather.

The length of time during which a man will linger after being bitten by one of these deadly snakes was manifested in a very distressing case which will perhaps be remembered by many of our readers. Some years ago a carpenter came to see a rattle-snake which was publicly shown for money in London. The man endeavoured to excite it, probably to hear its rattle, with his rule, which he dropped into the serpent's cage. As he was trying to recover it the snake bit him in the hand. He was taken to one of our hospitals, St. George's if we recollect right, and bore up so long that hopes were entertained of his recovery; but his constitution gave way at last, and after many days he fell a victim to the poison.

Caudisons. (Fitzing.)

Subgeneric Character.—This form resembles the last, but the head is protected by plates.

Example.—*Caudisona miliaris*. The Small Rattle-snake.

Locality.—Same as that of *Crotalus horridus*.

Habits, &c..—The bite of this snake, though severe, does not, according to Catesby, always prove mortal.

Tuiphoce. (Fitzing.)

Generic Character.—Head covered with plates to behead the eyes. Tail terminating in a spine.

Example.—*Tuiphoce Naen*.

This seems to be the *Horn Snake*, of which such marvellous stories are told. 'Of the horn-snakes,' says Lawson, 'I never saw but two that I remember. They are like the rattle-snake in colour, but rather lighter. They hiss exactly like a goose when anything approaches them. They strike at their enemy with their tail, and kill whatsoever they wound with it, which is armed at the end with a horny substance, like a cock's spur. This is their weapon. I have heard it credibly reported by those who said they were eye-witnesses, that a small locust-tree, about the thickness of a man's arm, being struck by one of these snakes at ten o'clock in the morning, then verdant and flourishing, at four in the afternoon was dead, and the leaves red and withered. Doubtless, be it how it will, they are very venomous. I think the Indians do not pretend to cure their wound.'

From the last sentence but one it appears that Lawson was not without his suspicions that fable hung about this story. Catesby, writing much later, says in his account of 'The Water Viper,' 'The back and head of this serpent are brown: the belly marked transversely with black and yellow alternately, as are the sides of the neck: the neck small: the head large, armed with the like destructive weapons as the rattle-snake; which, next to it, is reckoned the largest of any other viper in these parts; and, contrary to most other vipers, are very simple, and particularly dexterous in catching fish. In summer great numbers of these serpents are seen lying on the branches of trees hanging over rivers, from which, at the approach of a boat, they drop into the water, and often into the boat on the men's heads: they lie in this manner to surprise either birds or fish; after these last they plunge, and pursue them with great swiftness, and catch some of a large size, which they carry on shore and swallow whole. One of these serpents I surprised coming on shore with a large Cat-fish having two sharp bones on each side of its gills, which were so fixed in the jaws of the snake, that he could not disengage himself with all his twists and distortions; and in that condition, being in danger of drowning, was necessitated to swim ashore, where the murderer was slain. This serpent in Carolina commonly goes by the name of *The Water Rattle-snake*; not that it hath a rattle, but many of them are very large, and coloured not much unlike the rattle-snake, and their bite is said to be as mortal. They frequent water, and are never seen at any great distance from it. The tail of this viper is small towards the end, and terminates in a blunt horny point about half an inch long. This harmless little point hath given a dreadful character to its owner, attributing to him another instrument of destruction besides that he had before; imposing a belief on the credulous, that he is the terrible Horn Snake, armed with death at both ends, though in reality of equal truth with that of the two-headed *Amphis-*

æna; yet we are told that this fatal horn, by a jerk of the tail, not only mortally wounds men and other animals, but if by chance struck into a young tree, whose bark is more easily penetrable than in an old one, the tree instantly withers, turns black, and dies.'

Such are a few examples of the poisonous serpents that infest America.

AUSTRALIAN VENOM-SNAKES.

New South Wales is not without its share of these deadly reptiles. There is one viper frequent in the brush very like a burnt stick, which, as all the true vipers are indolent and do not remove upon the approach of persons, like others of the serpent tribe, makes it the more dangerous and the more liable to be trodden on.

Mr. Bennett, in his *Wanderings*, observes that snakes are very numerous in many parts of the colony. Those known as the 'black and brown snakes' are, he says, found about the banks of the rivers or in swampy situations: the natives, who are not however the best authority for the extent of danger produced by a venomous snake, according to Mr. Bennett, say that its bite is not deadly, but causes the person to feel sick and sleepy for a short time, which passes off without producing any further ill effects, even if no remedy be applied.

'It would be interesting,' continues Mr. Bennett, 'to institute experiments, so that the extent of danger attending the bites of the venomous reptiles in the colony might be ascertained with some degree of correctness. As far as regards this snake, I am well informed by persons who have been bitten, that the effects are as above stated; but still it would be interesting to know the degree of violence the poison is capable of producing in each of the venomous reptiles. I examined a "black snake," which had been just killed at the farm of Goudarighy, upon a "flat" near the river; it was of a shining silvery black colour above, the abdomen being dark red: it measured three feet and a half in length, and at its largest circumference three inches: it was a male specimen. The stomach was filled with a quantity of green frogs with golden spots (the *Bufo dore* of Peron?), some having the appearance of being just swallowed, whilst others were half digested; there was also a mass of digested matter in which the remains of frogs could be distinctly seen. This snake appears to be a species of the genus *Acanthophis*. By the natives of Yaa the Black Snake is called "Bubuk."

'The "Brown Snake," which I examined, is also venomous, and, according to popular opinion, the effect very dangerous upon the human constitution. The specimen measured nearly five feet in length, and five inches at its largest circumference; the upper part of the body was of a brown colour (from which no doubt its name is derived), with a few light shades of black; the abdomen was of a light bluish black. In the stomach were found several half-digested lizards, and a quantity of worms, which in some parts had even perforated the coats; on a further examination, the lungs were also found perforated by, and had attached to them, a number of these worms, varying from one and a half to two inches in length, and of a bright red colour. I preserved them, together with the lungs, in spirits, and sent them to the Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons in London.'

Mr. Bennett further observes that both the Black and Brown Snakes take to the water on the appearance of danger; that they evidently procure their food from the banks of streams, and that they may be considered both land and water snakes.

The same author states that there is another dangerous snake, called "Yellow Snake" by the colonists, and 'Jaruk' by the Yaa natives, and describes its size as large and its reputation as being very venomous, the bite producing almost instant death. He relates the case of an overseer at Mulgoa who had been bitten by a *Yellow Snake* a few days since, had undergone the operation of having the piece cut out, but who was, at the date of the account (Oct. 25, 1832), in a dangerous state.

'The most deadly snake in appearance,' says Mr. Bennett, 'and I believe also in effect, is one of hideous aspect, called by the colonists *The Death Adder*, and by the natives *Tiammin*, from having a small curved process at the extremity of the tail, or, more correctly, the tail terminating suddenly in a small curved ex-

tremity, bearing some resemblance to a sting. It is considered by popular rumour to inflict a deadly sting with it.* This hideous reptile is thick in proportion to its length; the eye is vivid yellow, with a black longitudinal pupil; the colour of the body is difficult to be described, being a complication of dull colours, with narrow blackish bands, shaded off into colours which compose the back; abdomen slightly tinged with red; head broad, thick, and flattened. The specimen I examined measured two feet two inches in length, and five inches in circumference. It is, I believe, an undescribed species. A dog that was bitten by one died in less than an hour. The specimen I examined was found coiled up near the banks of the Murrumbidgee river; and being of a torpid disposition, did not move when approached, but quietly reposed in the pathway, with its head turned beneath the belly.

This amusing writer adds, that when cattle are bitten by a venomous snake, they are said to resort immediately to the water. A cow was found lying dead near the river, at Gudairigby, during this time he was visiting the farm, and from the appearances presented by the body the stock-keepers were of opinion that its death was caused by the bite of a venomous snake.

Acanthophis toror, Less.

Formula:—ventral scales, entire, 100; anal, 2; caudal, entire, 5; and lateral, 48—49.

M. Lesson, who gives the above formula, remarks, in the *Zoologie de la Coquille*, that this serpent is not a true *Acanthophis* because its tail does not terminate in an unguiculate point. It ought, he thinks, to be arranged under the genus *Trimeresura* of Lacépède; but, nevertheless, he adds, it differs not in any of its other characters from the serpents with a spiny tail. He expresses his opinion that it is the same species as Dr. Leach has figured in his *Zoological Miscellany* (vol. i., tab. 3), under the name of *Acanthophis Brownii*.



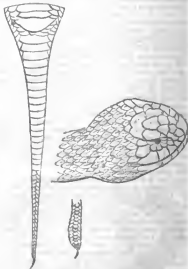
Acanthophis toror, Less. *Acanthophis Brownii*, Leach? a, lat. (Lesson.)

Neither Dr. Leach's description nor figure agrees with those of M. Lesson. The colouring is very different, and there is in Dr. Leach's figure a distinct unguiculate spine at the end of the tail. Dr. Leach says of *Acanthophis Brownii* that it was first noticed at New Holland by Robert Brown, Esq., F.R.S., &c., who described it in his MS. under the title of *Boa ambigua*, and he adds that he named the species after that gentleman as a tribute justly due to him, not only as one of the first botanists in Europe, but also as a gentleman zealous for the promotion of every branch of natural history. Dr. Leach states that the natives, according to the information of Mr. Brown and Mr. A. Huey, the latter of whom killed the specimen which Dr. Leach figured at Port Jackson, suppose it to be the most poisonous snake found in New Holland.

* See ante, p. 253.

If M. Lesson be right in thinking that his serpent and that described and figured by Leach are identical, there is no excuse for changing the name. M. Lesson describes his *Acanthophis toror*, or *Acanthophis Bourroni*, as remarkable for its lively colours. A black velvety blue is spread over the upper part of the body: rose-colour deepened into red takes its origin behind the jaws and extends along the sides to the vent. Pale yellow tinges the lower part of the body, but a brown circle occupies the centre of each ventral plate. The head and tail are uniformly blue-black. The length, according to the same author, reaches two feet nine inches, French. The four poison-teeth, two on each side, are small and very sharp.

Locality, Habits, &c.—M. Lesson states that this snake is very much diffused over New South Wales, where the colonists dread it much in consequence of the mortal wounds which it inflicts, and distinguish it by the name of *The Black Snake*. Its bite, he says, has often killed convicts in less than a quarter of an hour, if the reports of the inhabitants may be credited. It is, he adds, very common in the small woods and sandy heaths which surround Botany Bay, where M. Lesson states that he has often seen it in his excursions.



Head and tail of *Acanthophis Brownii* (Leach).

VIRA. The fine paid for different crimes and trespasses, prescribed by the code of Novgorod, given by Yaroslav I., was called *Vira*. It was evidently of Teutonic origin, as the same fines were called *Wera* in the Saxon and old English laws.

VIRE, a town in France, capital of an arrondissement in the department of Calvados, 142 miles in a direct line west of Paris, or 168 miles by the road through Evreux, Lisieux, and Caen; in 45° 51' N. lat. and 5° W. long. The town stands in a very pleasant situation on the right bank of the river Vire, near its source. It is a handsome town: the principal public buildings are the courts of law, the town-hall, and the new prison. The population, in 1851, was 7500 for the town, or 8043 for the whole commune; in 1856 it was 7339 for the commune. The townsmen manufacture woollen cloth, both fine and for army clothing; woollen stuffs, dyed woollen yarn, coarse lace, paper, horn and wooden wares, needles, &c. There are tan-yards, dye-houses, and fulling-mills. There are four fairs in the year. There are a subordinate court of justice, a tribunal of commerce, some fiscal government offices, a high school for the commune, and a public library. There are iron-works in the neighbourhood.

The arrondissement comprehends 57 communes, and is

divided into six cantons or districts, each under a justice of the peace; the population, in 1831, was 90,335.

(Malte-Brun, *Géographie*; *Dictionnaire Géographique Universel*.)

VIREO. [VIREONINÆ.]

VIREONINÆ. [MUSCIPALIDÆ, vol. xvi., p. 11.] Mr. G. R. Gray makes the *Vireonina* the sixth and last subfamily of the *Muscipalidæ*; and in his arrangement it is immediately preceded by the extensive subfamily of *Muscipalidæ*. The *Vireonina*, according to Mr. Gray, consist of the genera *Vireo*, *Virell*, and *Vireosylva*, Bonap. only.

VIRGILIA, a small chiefly tropical genus of the large natural family of Leguminosæ, named by Lamarck in compliment to the great poet and author of the 'Georgics.' The genus is distinguished by having its calyx 5-cleft. Papilionaceous flowers with the petals about equal in length. Vexillum flat. Stamens 10, unconnected. Legume continuous, compressed, oblong, 2-valved, many seeded. Cotyledons flat, leafy. Radicle bent upon the edge of their lobes. Several species are natives of the Cape of Good Hope; *V. aurea*, of Abyssinia; and *V. lutea*, of North America. *V. aurea* is frequently mentioned as being a native of India, but it is more probable that it has been long introduced and acclimated, as no well-authenticated specimens have been found in a wild state. The roots are said to taste like liquorice, and the roots yield a yellow dye. *V. lutea* is often cultivated in gardens, being an elegant and hardy shrub, of which the bark, like that of *V. aurea*, yields a yellow colouring-matter.

VIRGILIUS, or VERGILIUS, PUBLIUS MARO, was born at Andes, a small place near Mantua, on the 15th of October, B.C. 70, in the first consulship of Cn. Pompeius Magnus and M. Licinius Crassus. He was five years older than Horace, who was born B.C. 65, and seven years older than the emperor Augustus. His father, who probably possessed a landed estate, had his son instructed in the neighbouring towns of Cremona and Mediolanum (Milan). According to Donatus, he stayed at Cremona till he assumed the toga virilis on the day on which he entered on his sixteenth year, in the second consulship of Cn. Pompeius Magnus and M. Licinius Crassus: this day, according to the same authority, was the day on which the poet Lucretius died. Virgil was taught Greek by the grammarian Parthenius, and philosophy by the Epicurean Syron. It is apparent from the writings of Virgil that he had a learned education, and traces of Epicurean opinions are obvious in his poetry. When a division of lands in Italy was made among the veteran soldiers of Octavianus, Virgil lost his patrimony at Mantua (B.C. 41), but it was afterwards restored to him by Octavianus, through the intercession of some powerful friends, among whom are mentioned Alfenus Varus, Asinius Pollio, and Maecenas. His first Eclogue is supposed to allude to the loss of his lands and his recovery of them. Virgil probably afterwards resided at Rome, and he was in favour with Maecenas, who wished to pass for a patron of letters, and with the emperor Augustus. He preceded Horace in acquiring the patronage of Maecenas; for Horace attributes his own introduction to Maecenas to Virgil and Virgil's friend Varius. Virgil also spent part of his time at Naples and Tarentum. In B.C. 19 he visited Greece, where he intended to spend several years, for the purpose of perfecting his epic poem, the 'Æneid.' It was on the occasion of this voyage that Horace addressed to him one of his lyric poems (*Carmin.* i. 3). At Athens Virgil met with Augustus, who was returning from the East, and he determined to accompany Augustus back to Rome; but he fell sick at Megara, which city he visited probably on his road to Rome, and his illness was increased by the voyage to Italy. He lived however to reach Brundisium, where he died in the autumn of the year B.C. 19. According to his wish his body was taken to Naples, and interred on the Via Puteolana, at the second milestone from Naples. He is said to have written his own epitaph a short time before his death in the two following lines, which were placed on his tomb:—

* Mantua me genuit: Calabri puppibus; interque
Parthenope: cœclis pascua, rura, domus.

* My birth-place Mantua: in Calabrian depth
Grew me; and in Naples now I lie,
I've sung of shepherd, deity, and forest's dædæ.

The place of his burial is still pointed out by tradition,

though the so-called tomb of Virgil at Posilipo has no pretensions to be considered as the monument of the Roman poet. He left as heirs the emperor Augustus and his friend Maecenas, the poet Lucius Varius and Plotius Tucca. In person Virgil is said to have had a clownish appearance, and to have been very shy and diffident, and of feeble health. He was intimately acquainted with all the distinguished persons of his age, and his friend Horace has commemorated his virtues and gentle disposition.

The principal poetical works of Virgil are his 'Bucolics,' 'Georgics,' and his 'Æneid,' an epic poem. The 'Bucolics' are probably his earliest works: they consist of ten short poems, which have also received the name of *Elogies*, or *Selections*, a title which probably belongs to a later period than the age of the poet. The composition of these poems is assigned to the period between B.C. 41 and B.C. 37. The several poems were probably not written in the order in which they generally appear in the MSS. and the editions; but critics are not agreed on the exact chronological order, nor indeed can it be ascertained. These poems are not strictly *Bucolic* in the sense in which the poems of Theocritus are called *Bucolic*. It has been justly observed that they are rather allegorical poems with a *Bucolic* colouring. So far as regards the versification these poems have some merit, and Virgil has the credit of attempting to introduce among the Romans a species of poetry with which they were unacquainted. But this is all his merit: his *Bucolics* are defective in construction, all connected in the poems, they have no distinct object, and are consequently obscure. The obscurity is owing both to the subject and the manner of treating it. The circumstances of Italy and of Virgil's time did not present the same materials for *Bucolic* poetry which Theocritus had treated with so much graphic power. Virgil, having undertaken to imitate his Greek model, was obliged to keep to the form, though he could not impress his copy with the same character. Accordingly we have shepherds who sing in alternate verses, like those of Theocritus, and a Corydon, who complains of unrequited love; but we do not find the truth which pervades the pure *Bucolics* of Theocritus. Virgil must have felt the insipidity and unmeaningness of poems which affected to be descriptive, and yet had no realities to correspond to them. To introduce some variety he treats of subjects of present interest; and his own fortunes and the sufferings of his countrymen are supposed to be depicted in his first and ninth Eclogues. But Virgil had a delicate subject to handle: it was necessary to be cautious in speaking of recent events, and he has consequently so constructed these poems, especially the first Eclogue, as to throw over it a mist of obscurity which the commentators have never been able fully to disperse. The first Eclogue is full of incongruities which render the interpretation most perplexing. All the other Eclogues also abound in allusions to the circumstances and persons of his own time; but many of the allusions are as obscure as the oracular responses of the Pythia. His Pollio, the fourth Eclogue, has not a single line which appropriately belongs to a *Bucolic* poem, nor indeed does the poet, as appears from the introductory verses, consider it as *Bucolic* in anything except the name. It is a perpetual enigma for the critics, and its solution still requires an *Œdipus*.

Virgil has borrowed numerous lines from the Greek poets, especially from Theocritus, but we can hardly allow him the merit of judicious adaptation. His *Bucolics*, even when he attempts to approach nearest to the true character of *Bucolic* poetry, give no real picture of rustic manners. The reader never imagines that his shepherds are really singing, like those of Theocritus; and all poetic illusion is completely destroyed by the want of due attention to the properties of place and person, both of which, as already hinted at, were impracticable in the circumstances under which he wrote. Julius Cæsar Scaliger, after a comparison between Virgil and Theocritus, prefers the Roman poet; and a few scholars, who are inferior to Scaliger in learning, have put themselves on the same level with him in critical judgment.

The 'Georgics' of Virgil are a didactic poem, in four books, addressed to his patron Maecenas. In the first book he treats of the cultivation of the soil, in the second of the management of fruit-trees, in the third of cattle, and in the fourth of bees. His judgment and poetic taste were

riper when he wrote the 'Georgics' than when he was employed on his *Bucolics*; and if he began the 'Georgics' as early as his *Eclogues*, it is clear that he must have revised and improved them at a later date. An argument from which we might conclude that the first book was written before *B.C.* 35, is mentioned by *Clint* (*Pæd.*); but the two facts on which this conclusion depends can hardly be relied on. If the concluding lines of the fourth book of the 'Georgics' are genuine, Virgil was finishing his poem at Naples about the year *B.C.* 30. Originality is no part of Virgil's merit, and the materials of this poem are all borrowed; but in the handling of them he has shown skill and taste. He has turned an unpromising subject into a pleasing and even an instructive poem, for the truth of many of his rules and precepts is confirmed by other writers, both Roman and modern. He has relieved the weariness inherent in didactic poetry by judicious ornament and occasional digression without ever wandering far from his subject. It has been said that the poem would have ended better with the third book, which properly closes the poem; and that the fourth, which treats of the management of bees, hardly belongs to the subject. There is some truth in this remark; and the fourth book has the appearance of being an after-thought, and not a part of the original design, though in the opening of the first book, as we now have it, the management of bees is announced as one of the subjects. The treatment of bees indeed seems hardly important enough for one book in four, and the poet has given it a proportional length by closing it with the story of *Aristæus*. If Virgil has erred in the choice of a poetic subject, he has at least redeemed his fault by the mode in which he has treated it, and his reputation must mainly rest on the 'Georgics.' He improved the structure of the hexameter verse as we find it in *Laureti*; and though he never attains the vigour of this writer, whom he had carefully studied, he has avoided that abruptness and harshness which often characterise the lines of *Lucretius*, and remind us of the antiquated verses of *Ennius*.

The *Æneid* of Virgil is the great national epic of the Romans. It is said that Virgil in his will gave instructions that the *Æneid* should be burnt, either because it was imperfect, or for some other reason which is not known; but that on *Tucca* and *Varius* urging to him that *Augustus* would not permit this, he bequeathed the work to them on the condition that they should add nothing, and leave the imperfect verses as they were. The *Æneid* was published by *Tucca* and *Varius* after Virgil's death, and was universally admired. The poem consists of twelve books, which contain the story of the wanderings of *Æneas* after the fall of *Troy*, and his final settlement in *Latium* after the defeat of *Turnus* and the *Rutulii*. The Homeric poems are the model of the *Æneid*; the merit of invention is entirely wanting. The first six books are an imitation of the *Odyssey*; the last six books are founded on the 'Iliad.' Though the adventures of *Æneas* are the direct subject of the *Æneid*, the glories of *Rome* and the fortune of the *Julian House*, to which *Augustus* belonged, are skilfully interwoven in the texture of the poem. The foundation of *Alba Longa* and the transfer of the seat of empire from that city to *Rome*, are announced in the first book of the *Æneid*, by *Jupiter*, to be the will of the *Fates*; and the great family of the *Cæsars* is declared to be the descendant of *Æneas*. The adventures of the Trojan hero at the court of *Dido*, queen of *Carthage*, give occasion to hint at the future rivalry between the Romans and the *Carthaginians*, and the long contest which was destined to end in the triumph of the descendants of the Trojan hero. The numerous allusions to actual circumstances and to the history of the republic were adapted to create or to confirm a popular notion of the Trojan descent of the Romans. Though the *Æneid* contains many fine passages, its poetical merits are greatly below those of the 'Iliad' and 'Odyssey.' The poem wants the unity of purpose and integrity of construction which so eminently characterize the 'Iliad,' and it is deficient in that truth and simplicity which form the never-fading charm of both the 'Iliad' and the 'Odyssey.' The Trojan heroes of the *Æneid* are insipid personages; and the chief actor *Æneas* fails to excite our sympathy as much as his rival *Turnus* or the fierce *Mæzæus*. But Virgil had other models besides *Homer*. The poets of the *Alexandrine* school were his study, and particularly *Apollonius* of *Rhodes*, whom he has often imitated.

It must be admitted that Virgil's subject was barren, and it required considerable skill to invest it with poetic interest. He accomplished this indirectly by giving to it an historical colouring and connecting the fortunes of *Rome* and of his great patron *Augustus* with the illustrious names of *Troy*. He scattered over his work an abundance of antiquarian lore, in which he was well skilled; and the great extent of his learning and his skilful adaptation of it to his purpose are conspicuous all through the work. Virgil was pre-eminently a learned poet; and if he had not originality and strong feeling, he had at least good taste. His poem can bear no comparison with the 'Iliad' as a complete work. It does not abide in the memory as an entire thing; yet numerous single passages are remembered with pleasure—a clear proof that its merits are to be estimated rather by an examination of the details than by the general effect, and consequently that it fails in satisfying the highest conditions of art, which require such a unity of parts as shall render them all subordinate to one general conception. The *Æneid* contains many obscure passages; and though Virgil is generally used for early instruction in schools, he is in fact one of the most difficult Roman writers.

The influence of Virgil on the literature of *Rome* might be the subject of a copious essay. His works were a textbook for the Roman youth and a model for the poets. Those who followed him as epic poets were certainly greatly inferior to him. There are indeed many fine passages in *Lucan* and *Silius Italicus*, but a love of rhetorical ornament always infected the literature of *Rome*, and in the later ages of the empire all good taste was sacrificed to it. Virgil was also the great classical poet of the middle ages. From the time of *Charlemagne* to the present day we may trace him in innumerable imitators and admirers.

Several short poems attributed to Virgil are printed in the collected editions of his works. 1. 'Culex,' or the 'Gnat,' a kind of *Bucolio* poem, in 412 hexameters, which has little merit, and is probably founded on a geosiole poem of the same name by Virgil. 2. 'Ciris,' or the mythus of *Nisus* and *Scylla*. This poem has been attributed to *Cornelius Gallus* and others. 3. 'Copa,' a short poem in elegiac verse, containing an invitation by a woman who is attached to a tavern, to persons to come in and make merry there. Critics have assigned the authorship of this little poem to various persons. 4. 'Moretum,' in 123 verses, is probably a fragment of a larger poem which described the daily labour of a cultivator of the soil. This poem contains the description of the labours of the first part of the day only. The authorship of this poem is also uncertain. 5. 'Catalecta,' a collection of fourteen smaller poems.

The first edition of Virgil, which was printed about 1469, in small folio, has the following title: 'P. Virgii Maronis Opera et Catalecta, Romæ, Coor. Summeynæ et Arn. Pannartz,' with a dedication by *Giovanni Andrea*, bishop of *Aleria* in *Corfica*, to *Pope Paul II.* The text was printed from bad MSS. This edition is very rare; it was reprinted in 1471. Virgil was printed by *Aldus* at *Venice*, in 1501, 8vo.; this edition also is very scarce. Virgil was often printed with the commentaries of *Servius* and others at the close of the fifteenth and the beginning of the sixteenth centuries. The edition of *Robert Stephens*, Paris, 1532, fol., contains the commentary of *Servius*. The edition of *J. L. de la Cerdà*, which is valuable for the commentary, appeared at *Madrid*, in 3 vols. fol.: the several volumes were published in the years 1608, 1612, and 1617. The edition of *Dan. Heinsius* appeared at *Leiden* in 1633, 12mo.; that of *Nicholas Heinsius*, which is much better, was first published at *Amsterdam* in 1676. The edition of *C. G. Heyne*, on which great labour was bestowed, was published from the year 1767 to 1773, at *Leipzig*, in 4 vols. 8vo., with a very copious index: this edition was reprinted in 1798 with improvements. The fourth edition of Heyne, by *G. P. E. Wagner*, has the following title: 'Publius Virgilius Maro, Varietate Lectionis et perpetua Adnotatione illustratus à Christ. Gottl. Heyne, Editio Quarta, curavit G. Phil. Eberhard Wagner, Lipsiæ, 1830, &c., 4 vols. 8vo. The text has been corrected after the best MSS., the *Medicean*, *Vatican*, and others; the punctuation has been improved, and the orthography amended. The text may be had separately, in a single volume entitled 'Publii Virgii Maronis Carmina ad pristinum Orthographum quod ejus fieri potuit revocata, edidit Philippus

Wagner, Leipzig, 1831, 8vo. This volume also contains the 'Orthographia Virgiliana.'

The editions of the several parts of Virgil are very numerous. A tolerably complete list of all the editions and translations is given by Schweigger, 'Handbuch der Classischen Bibliographie,' vol. ii., pp. 1145-1258. There is a good German translation of the *Bucolics* by J. H. Voss with valuable notes; the second edition is by Abraham Voss, Altona, 1830. J. H. Voss also translated the *Georgics*: both the translation and the commentary of Voss are highly esteemed. Martyn's prose English translations of the *Bucolics*, London, 1749, and of the *Georgics*, 1741, are valued for the commentaries. A complete translation of Virgil by J. H. Voss appeared at Brunswick, in 3 vols. 8vo., 1799, and has gone through several editions. The *Aeneid* was translated into Scottish verse by Gavin Douglas, bishop of Dunkeld, and published at London in 1553. The English versions of Virgil are numerous. John Ogilby's translation into verse appeared at London in 1649 and 1650. The verse translation of Dryden was published by Tomsen, London, 1697, with 'a hundred sculptures.' There is a translation in blank verse by Dr. Joseph Trapp, with notes; it is a very dull version. The *Aeneid* translated by C. Pitt, and the *Eclogues* and *Georgics* by Joseph Warton, with observations by Spence and others, was published by Dodsley, 4 vols. 8vo., London, 1753.

The materials for the life of Virgil are chiefly derived from the life attributed to Tiberius Claudius Donatus, which, in its present form, is an uncritical performance, but has the appearance of being founded on good materials. It is printed in Wagner's Virgil with notes, and in some other editions also. The works already referred to, with Baehre's *Geschichte der Römischen Literatur*, contain abundant references to the editions, translations, and commentaries on Virgil's poems.

VIRGILIUS, or VERGILIUS, POLYDORUS, was a native of Urbino in Italy. He first made himself known by a small collection of *Adagia*, or proverbs, which he published in 1498, and which was several times reprinted in the course of the next half-century. Bayle quotes an edition of it in his possession printed at Basle, in 8vo., in 1541, which professed to be according to the author's fourth revision. There is a great deal about this book of proverbs in the Letters of Erasmus, who, according to the notion of Virgilus, had behaved unfairly in omitting all mention of it in his own subsequent work of the same kind. Erasmus, very characteristically, when the booksellers wanted to suppress a preface of Polydore's to a new edition of his book in which he laid his complaint before the public, would not hear of such a thing; and the two authors continued excellent friends, as they had been before. Polydore at last of his own accord withdrew the obnoxious preface; and we find him in after years one of the various persons by whom Erasmus was supplied with money to buy a horse—an article which the great scholar was constantly in want of. Virgilus also suppressed, at the request of Erasmus, a reiteration of his complaint, which he had put into a dedicatory epistle prefixed to his next work, entitled 'De Rerum Inventoribus,' first published in three books, in 1499, and again at Strasbourg in 1503. Being in holy orders, he was before 1503 sent over to England by Pope Alexander VI. to collect the tax called Peter-pence; and he spent the greater part of the remainder of his life in this country, continuing his residence long after he lost his office, of which he was the last holder. In 1517 he republished at London his work 'De Rerum Inventoribus,' extended to eight books. A fourth edition of it was brought out at Basle, in 12mo., in 1536, and another in 8vo., in 1554; and there is a 12mo. edition of it, printed at Amsterdam by Ludov. Elzevir as late as 1671, along with another work by Virgilus, three books of dialogues entitled 'De Prodigis,' against divination, which he appears to have finished at London in 1526, although the first edition mentioned by Gesner is one printed at Basle in 1531. Bayla had another printed at Basle, in 8vo., in 1543, and containing also two books 'De Patientia,' one 'De Vita Perfecta,' and one 'De Mendacis,' all by this author. Erasmus in one of his Letters also speaks of a translation of the 'Monachus' of St. Chrysostom, which Virgilus had printed at Paris in 1528, and dedicated to him.

Soon after he came to England, Virgilus obtained the rectory of Church Langton in Leicestershire; and in 1507 P. C., No. 1061.

he was made archdeacon of Wells, and was also collated in the same year, first to the prebend of Nonnington in the cathedral of Hereford, and then to that of Scameley in the cathedral of Lincoln, which last he exchanged, in 1513, for that of Osgate in St. Paul's. In 1525 he published at London, in 8vo., but from a very imperfect and corrupt copy, the first edition of the fragment of Gildas, entitled 'De Calamitate, Excidio, et Conquestu Britanniae.' He dedicated it to Bishop Tonsall; and, according to Nicolson, the same bad text was reprinted in 8vo. at Basle in 1541, in 12mo. at London in 1568, and in the 5th volume of the Paris 'Bibliotheca Patrum' of 1610, folio. Virgilus finished his principal work, his 'Historia Anglicae,' a history of England from the earliest times to the end of the reign of Henry VII., in twenty-six books, in 1533; the dedication to Henry VIII. is dated in August of that year, and the first edition appears to have been published at Basle, in folio, in 1534. It was reprinted at Basle in the same form in 1536, 1556, 1570, and 1583; and in octavo at Leyden, under the care of Antonius Thysius, in 1569, and again in 1567. For clearness of narrative and neatness of style Polydore Virgil is perhaps the first of our Latin historians, and there are also a good many things in his work which are not to be found elsewhere; but he does not stand high as an authority. It is alleged that he destroyed numerous original documents which he had made use of in preparing his work, or, according to another version of the story, sent them off to Rome. His ignorance of the language and customs of the country has also no doubt betrayed him into some mistakes. He is charged however with having been principally misled by his prejudices in favour of the old religion, although he was hardly accounted a good Roman Catholic in all points. Various passages in his work 'De Rerum Inventoribus' are condemned in the 'Indices Librorum Prohibitorum et Expurgatorum'; and John Bale states that he approved of the marriage of ecclesiastics, and was opposed to the worship of images. Nor was he deprived of his preferences either by Henry VIII. or even by Edward VI.

He left England in 1530. Burnet, in his 'History of the Reformation,' Part ii., says under that date, 'This year Polydore Virgil, who had been now almost forty [fifty?] years in England, growing old, desired leave to go nearer the man, which was granted; and, in consideration of the public service he was thought to have done the nation by his History, he was permitted to hold his archdeaconry of Wells and his prebend of Nonnington, notwithstanding his absence out of the kingdom.' He is understood to have returned to Urbino, and is commonly stated to have died there in 1553. An opinion expressed by M. de la Monnoye, in a note upon Baillet's 'Jugemens des Savans,' ii. 163, that he must have died before 1540, appears to be refuted by the above statement from Burnet, who quotes as his authority the 'Rot. Pat.' 4 Ed. VI., 2 part.

VIRGIN'S BOWER. [CLEMENTINE.]

VIRGIN ISLANDS are an extensive group of small islands, which form part of the Columbian Archipelago commonly called the West Indies. They lie between 18° 5' and 18° 50' N. lat., and between 64° 10' and 65° 40' W. long., exclusive of the island of Santa Cruz, or Saint Croix, which properly does not belong to the group, but is commonly considered as forming part of it, because it belongs to Denmark, which also is in possession of some islands of the group itself. This island is about 50 miles south of the centre of the Virgin Islands.

The Virgin Islands extend in nearly a straight line from west-south-west to east-north-east, and occupy a space of about 100 miles in length, with an average width of 20 miles. The most western, Culebra, and Bieque, or Crab Island, are separated from the island of Puerto Rico by a narrow strait, beset with rocks and shoals. This group consists of about 100 islands, islets, and rocks, of which probably not more than 25 are inhabited and cultivated. The most eastern islands belong to the British; those in the centre to Denmark; and the most western are considered as an appendage of the Spanish island of Puerto Rico, but the British and Danes have the right of cutting wood on Crab Island, which is uninhabited.

The British islands lie between 64° 10' and 64° 50' W. long., and amount to about 50 in number; but most of them are very small, and only a few of moderate extent. They are stated to cover a surface not exceeding 60,000 acres, or between 93 and 104 square miles, which is less

than half the extent of Rutlandshire, the smallest of the English counties. The largest of these islands are, Anegada, Virgin Gorda, Comance, Beef Island, Gunns, Tortola, Jost van Dyke's, and Peter's Island.

Anegada, which is the most north-eastern island of the whole group, is the largest; it contains 31,200 acres, but has only a few inhabitants. [ANEGADA.]

Virgin Gorda, also called Spanish Town, which is considered to be a corruption of Peniston, the original name of the island, consists of a rocky mass, and two peninsulas which project from the mountains to the east and south-west. The rocky mass in the centre occupies a space about two miles in every direction. Its summit is about 1500 feet high. On the north the high rocks extend to the water's edge, but on the south they are separated from the sea by a low narrow tract. The eastern peninsula is about three miles long, but less than a mile wide, rocky, and of moderate elevation. The other peninsula, which is connected with the south-western extremity of the mountains, is low, and nearly four miles long. At its southern extremity are some low rocks, in which copper-ore is found; but it is not stated if these mines are worked at present. The island is said to contain 6000 acres. The soil is sandy and dry. The exports consist of sugar, rum, tobacco, indigo, peas, and some cotton. There are three places near the shores of the island which have good anchorage, and protect vessels against the swell of the sea; but they are rarely visited by foreign vessels, the produce of the island being sent to Tortola for exportation. At St. Thomas Bay, on the southern peninsula, is a cluster of houses, called The Town. The population of the island is not stated, but probably does not exceed 2500 individuals, of whom two-thirds may be negroes. In the prolongation of the southern peninsula is a cluster of rocks, exhibiting a great variety of fantastic figures, resembling ruined temples, columns, and arches. They are called the Fallen City or Broken Jerusalem.

Between Virgin Gorda and Tortola, at a short distance from the last-mentioned island, are—Great Comance, which is about two miles from south to north, with an average width of half a mile, very rocky and elevated, and thinly inhabited; and Beef Island, which is about a mile and a half from east to west, and more than half a mile wide. It is also rocky, but much lower than Great Comance, and mostly used as pasture-ground. Each of these islands contains an area of about 1500 acres. The island of Gunns lies north of the most eastern point of Tortola, and is about two miles long, but on an average less than half a mile wide. It contains 1120 acres, and the soil is moderately fertile.

Tortola, the most important of the British Virgin Islands, extends nearly 12 miles from east-north-east to west-south-west, but its width never exceeds two miles. Its area is said to be 13,200 acres. It is a mountain-mass, broken up and furrowed by gorges and ravines in every direction, so as to present a succession of undulating surfaces and precipitous eminences from one extremity to the other, without any considerable portion of level land. The most elevated part runs through the middle of the island from east to west, but does not attain any very considerable height. Sage Hill, the highest summit, which lies west of Road Town, attains only 1050 feet above the level of the sea. The descent is more precipitous to the north than to the south, and high rocky masses advance to the water's edge on the north-west, but at all other places the country on the shores of the sea is of moderate elevation. The shores are indented with bays, harbours, and creeks, which, together with the adjacent small rocks, afford shelter and anchorage for a great extent of shipping. The soil is dry, and has little depth; it is considered as having been nearly exhausted by repeated crops. The capital of the island is Road Town or Kingstown. It is built on the southern side of the island, in the western light of a deep bay, which is five miles long, and three miles and a half wide, and constitutes an excellent harbour, being perfectly landlocked on all sides. The town consists of only one long irregular street, which encloses in a curve the base of a projecting point of land, and lies close to the water's edge. The houses are rather well-built, and consist mostly of two stories. As the whole export and import trade of the Virgin Islands belonging to Great Britain concentrates in this place, we insert the following table of the exports of the produce of the islands in 1837:—

Description of Goods.	Quantity.	Value in £.
Cotton-wool	4,050 lbs.	150
Fruits		229
Molasses	32,400 gail.	1,835
Salt (from Anegada)	1,180 bush.	31
Rum	9,240 gall.	665
Sarcodes		23
Sugar	1,539,328 lbs.	21,000
Wood		8
Miscellaneous articles		869

£24,310

The imports consisted of a few articles of British manufacture, but chiefly of various kinds of grain, as wheat, Indian corn, oats, and wheat-flour, and Indian-corn meal, which article amounted to 4408. The next article of importance was timber and wood, as staves, shingles, boards and planks, hoops, masts, and spars, which had a value of 3377. Wine was imported to the amount of 750, spirits to 114, and rice to 137: all other were articles to an inconsiderable amount.

In 1837 the harbour was entered by 266 vessels, of which only 2 were from Great Britain, 16 from the British colonies, 4 from the United States of North America, and the remainder (244) from other foreign countries. The last-mentioned vessels contained 1943 tons, whilst the British had only 496 tons, those of the British colonies 804 tons, and the North American vessels 633 tons. The number of vessels which departed from Road Town was 156, of which 5 were British, 12 belonged to the British colonies, 1 to the United States, and 138 to foreign countries. The import trade gave occupation to 837, and the export trade to 633 men. We do not find the population of the town stated, but that of the island amounts to somewhat more than 7000 individuals, of whom only about 300 are whites, and the remainder mulattoes and negroes. In 1837 there were three schools on the island, which were attended by 108 children.

To the north-east of the western extremity of Tortola is Jost van Dyke's Island, which is more than three miles long and about a mile wide. It is of moderate height, but terminates in high rocks on the north. Otherwise it resembles Tortola in soil and productions. It is stated to contain 3200 acres, which however seems to be too much.

To the south of Tortola, about four miles from the island, extends a row of islands from Broken Jerusalem on the east-north-east to the western extremity of St. John. They are all rocky and elevated, but small, none of them containing 1000 acres, with the exception of St. Peter's, which is stated to have an area of 1800 acres. The arm of the sea which is situated between this row of islands and Tortola is called Sir Francis Drake's Channel, and is of difficult navigation on account of the numerous rocks and shoals, the strong tides, and the heavy swell of the sea.

The Danish Virgin Islands lie between 64° 40' and 65° 10' W. long., and consist of St. John, St. Thomas, Santa Cruz, and a considerable number of islets. St. John is separated from Tortola by a strait, which is nearly six miles long, but never more than a mile wide. The island is about eight miles long, and on an average three miles wide, which gives a surface of about 24 square miles, so that it is nearly equal to Tortola in extent. The surface is very uneven, a circumstance which here, as in Tortola, prevents cultivation extending over the steeper declivities of the mountains, which in elevation are at least equal to those of the last-mentioned island. Only towards the shores of the sea there are some more level tracts, on which sugar, cotton, and some coffee are grown. In the interior there are many tracts where maize and ground provisions are cultivated, so that the importation of grain is comparatively small. The soil is very stony, but appears to be better than that of Tortola and St. Thomas. There are several good anchorages about the island, but the best is Coral Bay, which lies towards the south-eastern side, and is six miles long and above three wide: it is safe, being surrounded by high hills which shelter vessels against all winds. In 1828 there were on this island 150 whites, 140 free coloured-people, and 2200 slaves, and the plantations produced 12,000 cwt. of sugar, 38,000 gallons of rum, 11,000 gallons of molasses, 3500 lbs. of cotton, and a small quantity of fine coffee. At the western extremity is the small town of St. John, which has a pretty good harbour.

St. Thomas, west of St. John, is about 12 miles long from east to west, with an average width of 2½ miles, which gives a surface of about 30 square miles. It resembles Tortola in the unevenness of its surface, which renders a considerable portion of it unfit for agriculture. The mountains however rise higher, but their elevation has not been ascertained. The most elevated are west of the harbour of St. Thomas. The soil consists mostly of a very dry loam, and is of indifferent fertility. It is stated that its productive powers have been diminished by repeated crops. Most of the white inhabitants of this island and of St. John are of Dutch origin, and Dutch is the common language. The population amounted, in 1823, according to an estimate, to 7000 individuals, namely, 5000 slaves, 1500 free coloured-people, and 500 whites. The plantations yielded in the same year 20,000 cwt. of sugar, 54,000 gallons of rum, 18,000 gallons of molasses, and some cotton. But as large tracts are unfit for the production of colonial articles, maize, ground provisions, and fruits are cultivated to a considerable extent.

The town of St. Thomas is built on the north shore of a fine bay, which is about 3 miles long and 2 wide, and has good anchorage for 200 vessels. It derives its importance from being a free port, open to all nations, and consequently a great entrepôt for articles of plantation consumption, such as timber, corn, and flour, which are brought to it in large quantities from the United States. The town is built on three conical hills of nearly equal elevation, on which stand some well-constructed fortresses, commanding the harbour and shipping. The houses are built of stone or brick, several stories in height, and tiled in the Dutch manner. The population is stated to exceed 3000 individuals, of whom 400 are whites.

Santa Cruz, or St. Croix, is the most important of the Danish possessions in the Columbian Archipelago. However it does not belong to the group of the Virgin Islands, being separated from the island of St. John by an open sea nearly 30 miles wide. It lies between 17° 49' and 17° 50' N. lat., and between 64° 30' and 65° W. long. Santa Cruz is 24 miles long, and nearly 8 miles broad in the widest part. Its surface is about 110 square miles, so that it is larger than all the British Virgin Islands. No part of the surface is mountainous, but along the northern shores there is a chain of hills, the eastern extremity of which spreads over the whole width of the island. The larger portion of the surface is slightly undulating, and covered with a mould of considerable depth, which imparts to the island a great degree of fertility, which however is frequently diminished by want of rain. The whole island is divided into 346 plantations, each containing 150 acres, of which number 150 are planted with the cane, and the others produce cotton and provisions. The whole is well cultivated, and resembles a garden. Three good roads run through the whole length of the island from east to west, one in the middle and the two others along the shores. The average produce of the sugar-plantations is 20,000 casks of sugar and 10,000 casks of rum. In 1823 were exported 278,000 cwt. of sugar, 750,000 gallons of rum, 250,000 gallons of molasses, and 800 cwt. of cotton. The population was, in 1823, estimated at 32,000 individuals; namely, 2300 whites, 2500 free coloured-people, and 27,000 slaves. The greater number of the whites are of English origin, and English is the most common language.

Christianstadt, also called the Basin, is the capital of the island of Santa Cruz: it stands on the northern shore, on a small bay which constitutes its harbour: the entrance is shut up by a formidable reef of rocks, through which there are only two narrow channels, which cannot be passed without the assistance of a pilot. The town is one of the best built in the West Indies. It is on the gentle declivity of a hill, so that the streets, which are parallel to the sea, rise like terraces one above the other. The streets are wide and straight, and intersect each other at right angles. The houses are chiefly of stone, and many of them in the principal streets exhibit a considerable degree of elegance. They have piazzas in front. Christianstadt is the seat of the governor of all the Danish possessions in the West Indies, and the government-house looks like a palace. Several other public buildings have a respectable appearance. The population amounts to 5000 individuals. There are four churches, Danish, Dutch, English, and Roman Catholic; and there are also two elementary schools for poor boys and girls. At

the western extremity of the island is Frederickstadt, which has a population of 1500 individuals, and a good roadstead for shipping within a small circular bay: it carries on some commerce with the United States of North America.

The Spanish Virgin Islands are at a short distance from the eastern coast of Puerto Rico, and consist of two islands of moderate extent, and of several islets. The northern island is called Culbren (Snake Island), or Passage Island. It is about 8 miles long, and on an average little more than a mile wide. The surface is about 10 square miles. It is rocky, and rises to a moderate elevation. Some sugar and coffee are cultivated by a scanty population of about 300 individuals. The southern island is Bieque, or Crab Island. It extends from east to west about 16 miles, and is between 3 and 4 miles wide. The most eastern part, comprehending about two-thirds of the surface, is low, level, and overgrown with trees and bushes. On the northern side is a great lagoon, which however dries up at the end of the dry season. The western part of the island is rocky and hilly, and in general from 600 to 800 feet above the sea-level. There is no harbour, but there are several roadsteads which have good anchorage. The island was till lately uninhabited, and for a long time the British, Spaniards, and Danes had the right of cutting wood and fishing on the island. Before the French revolution, when the sugar-plantations yielded immense profits, the English and the Danes had some idea of acquiring the exclusive property of this island, and of forming settlements; but the subsequent changes in the political situation of most countries of America prevented the execution of these designs, and they were soon given up. Spain however, which, since the loss of its continental possessions, has begun to appreciate the value of its insular possessions in America, especially that of Puerto Rico, perceiving the injurious consequences to the commerce and safety of this island, if Bieque should be in the hands of another maritime power, has lately tried to induce England and Denmark to renounce their right, and to permit the island to be settled by a Spanish colony. We are not acquainted with the issue of these negotiations, nor do we know if the island has been settled or not.

Climate.—These islands have two rainy and two dry seasons. The short rainy season begins in May, and lasts from 15 to 20 days. The heat in this season is equal to that of the summer in Southern Europe. The months of June and July are dry, and the heat increases considerably during this time; the thermometer at noon generally ranges between 86° and 90°, but in August it is still greater, and at noon the thermometer usually marks 92°. At the same time the sky becomes covered with menacing clouds, which announce the approach of the autumnal rains, which commence in September like a deluge. The rain comes down like an immense quantity of water poured through a sieve, and in half an hour the whole surface of the islands becomes a sheet of water. This rainy season and the month preceding it are the period of the year when the hurricanes occur, between July and October. During the rains the weather becomes cooler, and when they terminate in October the thermometer stands about 10° lower than in August. In November the north-east and north winds set in, which in the beginning are accompanied by showers of rain and gales, but after some time they abate, and the weather clears up, and the summer or dry season sets in, which usually takes place in December. In this and the following months, up to April, showers are very rare, and the heat moderate, the thermometer ranging between 72° and 80°. This is the most healthy and most agreeable season of the year.

The Virgin Islands are subject to earthquakes, but the shocks are slight, and not attended with such dreadful consequences as in the Antilles, which are farther to the south-east. The northern shores of these islands are subject to a very heavy swell of the sea, called 'the ground-swell,' which rises, rages, and subsides while the air is calm, while there has been no indication whatever of a previous gale, and even while light breezes have for a considerable period preceding come from the south of east. The waves approach in gentle undulations, but suddenly swell against the shore, and break with great impetuosity. The period when the ground-swell sets in is generally October, and it continues, though with some interruptions, till April and May; but it rises also occasionally during June, July, and

August. By this swell the lower parts of the islands along their northern coast have been worn away, so that they terminate with high rocks or cliffs, except at those places where a reef lies before them, which breaks the force of the ground-sea.

Productions.—Besides the staple articles mentioned before, several plants are cultivated which yield occasionally articles of exportation, as ginger, turmeric, tobacco, pimento, and indigo. The grains of Europe are not grown, but maize and guinea-corn (*Holcus eschscholarii*) are cultivated. The roots grown under the name of ground-provisions are sweet potatoes, yams, cassava or maniocca, and ground-nuts. In the kitchen-gardens are cultivated tomatoes, capiscum, asparagus, pumpkins, water-melons, cucumbers, and several kinds of peas and beans. Two kinds of arum, sagittifolium and hastatum, are extensively grown, and used as salad. Guinea-grass is grown as fodder.

There are large plantations of plantains and bananas. The cocoa-nut tree and the mountain-cabbage tree also grow. There are cultivated the orange-tree, the bergamot-orange (*Citrus bergamia*), the lime, the shaddock (or forbidden fruit), the sweet lemon, and the citron; the sour sop (*A. muricata*), the sweet sop (*A. squamosa*), and the custard-apple (*A. reticulata*). Two kinds of *Ficus* are cultivated, namely, the granddilla (*P. quadrangularis*) and the water-lemon (*P. laurifolia*). Other fruit-trees are the pine-apple, the sapote (*Sapota mammosa*), aguacates (*Laurus persea*), the cashew-tree, the prickly pear, the guava, and the papaya or papaw-tree. The castor-oil plant and the tamarind grow wild, but are also cultivated. Other wild-growing and useful plants are the aloe perfoliata and the agave Americana. In the forests are many useful trees, among which are mahogany and fustic trees.

A few domestic animals are kept, but most of them are imported from the Spanish Main. There are no wild quadrupeds, and birds are rare; but there are some kinds of lizards, among which is the iguana. There are two or three kinds of turtles. Fish is pretty plentiful, and many poor families live on it. Scorpions and scolopendras are frequent, but no mention is made of snakes.

Salt is obtained from several lagoons, which dry up in summer. In Virgin Gorda copper-ore is found.

History.—Santa Cruz and the Virgin Islands were discovered by Columbus on his second voyage, 1494. They were then inhabited, and Santa Cruz was the most northern island in which the Caribbees had established themselves. But towards the end of the sixteenth century no inhabitants were found on them. In the seventeenth century these islands became the resort of buccaneers; some Dutch buccaneers began to settle Tortola in 1648, but were expelled from the island by the English in 1666, and since that time the island has always been in their possession. St. Thomas was settled by the Danes in 1672, and some years afterwards St. John was also taken possession of by them. The first settlers of Santa Cruz were the Dutch, who arrived there in 1643, but were expelled by the English in 1646. Some years afterwards the English were driven out by the Spaniards, who again were expelled by the French, who began to cultivate the island, but with so little success that they abandoned it in 1695, preserving however their rights to it. In 1733 they sold it to the Danes for 75,000*l.* The good order established there by the Danish government and the fertility of the island attracted English planters and English capital, and in a few years the island was flourishing, and remained so notwithstanding the hurricanes, of which that of 1772 was very destructive, and a drought of four years' continuance, ending in 1791. The Danish islands were taken by the British in 1801, but restored in the following year. They surrendered again to the English in 1807, and remained in their possession until 1815, when they were again restored to the Danes. The British islands are under the authority of the governor of St. Kitt's, but they have a separate legislative assembly, which meets at Road Town. The Danish islands are governed by the Danish governor residing at Christiansund, and the Spanish islands are appendages of Puerto Rico.

(*West. Beyträge zur Beschreibung von St. Croix; West India Sketch-Book; and Waller, Voyage to the West Indies.*)

VIRGINAL, a musical instrument now entirely disused. It is described by Dr. Burney as 'a keyed instrument of

one string, jack, and quill to each note, like a spinet, but in shape resembling the present small piano-forte. It, he adds, 'has been imagined to have been invented in England during the reign of Elizabeth, and to have been thus denominated in honour of that virgin princess; but a drawing and description of it appeared in Lucianus's "Musurgia" before she was born.' (*Hist. of Music*, iii. 5.) The compass of the virginal was from the second added line below the base to the second added line above the treble—or four octaves.

VIRGINIA, a Roman maiden, daughter of L. Virginus, whose name is famous in the early history of Rome. Her story is one of the most beautiful in Roman history. She possessed extraordinary beauty, and had been virtuously brought up by her parents. She was betrothed to L. Icilius, a tribune of the people. Appius Claudius, one of the decemvirs, attempted to seduce her; but finding that her virtue was stronger than his temptations, he had recourse to fraud and violence. Her father Virginus was absent at Mount Algidus, where he commanded a division of the army against the *Æqui*. The decemvir thought this a favourable opportunity, and instigated M. Claudius, one of his clients, to claim the girl as his slave. Accordingly one day when, accompanied by her nurse, she was going to the forum, where schools were then kept in the tabernæ, the client of Appius Claudius seized her, asserting that she was the daughter of one of his slaves, and consequently was his property. The nurse raised loud cries, and called on the people for help. A crowd came together, and the girl was rescued; but the claimant declared that he would establish his right before a court of justice. The case was accordingly brought before the tribunal of Appius Claudius himself, where the client stated that Virginia was the daughter of one of his slaves, and had been carried off into the house of Virginus, as he would prove by the evidence of Virginus himself; and he added, that until the return of Virginus she should be kept in the house of her lawful master. Great opposition was made by the friends of the girl to this claim, but Appius Claudius affected to think the demand of his client just. Icilius now stepped forward and claimed the girl as his betrothed wife; and when threats were unavailing, he implored Claudius to think of the consequences. Icilius was immediately surrounded by the licitors of the decemvir, and declared a disturber of the peace; but in order to have at least the appearance of justice on his side, Appius Claudius adjourned the case till the next day, adding that he would then enforce the law whether Virginus returned or not. Two messengers were speedily sent to Virginus to inform him of the danger of his daughter. Appius Claudius also sent a secret message to request his colleagues in the camp to refuse Virginus leave of absence; but this message came too late, for Virginus had already left the camp. On the morning of the following day, when all the city was in anxious expectation, Virginus, accompanied by some matrons and numerous friends, led his daughter to the forum, entreating the protection of his fellow-citizens. Appius ascended the tribunal, and, without listening to Virginus or Icilius, declared the girl to be the slave of his client, M. Claudius. When Claudius pressed through the crowd to seize Virginia, he was at first prevented by the multitude; but the threats of the decemvir overawed them, and his licitors made way for the client. Virginus, seeing the impossibility of saving his child, asked permission to have some conversation with her before their separation. This being granted, he took Virginia aside to a butcher's stall, and snatching up a knife, plunged it into her breast, saying, 'This is the only way in which I can deliver thee,' adding a curse on the head of Appius Claudius. The decemvir immediately ordered Virginus to be seized, but sword in hand he fought his way to the gate of the city. The friends of the unfortunate girl in the city roused the people to shake off the yoke of their haughty oppressors. Virginus in the camp appealed to the soldiers, and the power of the decemvirs was abolished.

(*Livy*, iii. 44–48; Dionysius Hal., xi. p. 708, 714, 719, ed. Sylburg; compare Decemviri; Appius Claudius.)

VIRGINIA, one of the North American states, is situated between 36° 30' and 40° 40' N. lat., and 75° 15' and 83° 30' W. long. Its greatest extent from north to south is along 80° 30' W. long., where it is nearly 230 miles; from east to west the greatest dimension is along 36° 35' N. lat., where it measures about 400 miles. The area, according

to the latest estimate, is 65,624 square miles, or larger than that of England, Wales included, by about 7000 square miles. It is the largest of the states of the Union.

Boundary.—The southern part of the peninsula which separates Chesapeake Bay from the Atlantic belongs to Virginia, and it is surrounded by the sea, except on the north, where it borders on Maryland. The main body of the State borders, on the north, on Maryland, from which it is separated by the Potomac to its source, a distance of more than 350 miles measured along the bends of the river. From the source of the river the boundary between Maryland and Virginia runs due north for 36 miles, when it strikes the southern boundary-line of Pennsylvania. From the point where the three states meet, the boundary-line between Pennsylvania and Virginia runs due west along 39° 43' N. lat. for 57 miles, when it turns due north and runs along 80° 30' E. long., until it strikes the Ohio, a line of 64 miles in length. On the west of Virginia are Ohio and Kentucky. It is divided from Ohio by the course of the Ohio river for 355 miles, following the bends of the river. Virginia is separated from Kentucky partly by the Big Sandy River, which constitutes the boundary-line for about 80 miles measured along the course of the river, and partly by the summit of the Cumberland Mountains, along which the boundary runs about 100 miles. Tennessee and North Carolina lie along the southern boundary of Virginia. The boundary between Virginia and Tennessee runs along 36° 35' and is 90 miles long; that which separates Virginia from North Carolina is a straight line, which begins on the west in 36° 32' 30", and terminates on the shores of the Atlantic in 36° 30'. The Atlantic Ocean and the Chesapeake Bay wash the eastern side of Virginia for about 110 miles.

Sea-coast.—A series of low sandy islands skirts the shores of North Carolina. From Cape Hatteras it extends northward, separating Pamlico, Albemarle, and Currituck Sounds from the ocean. The north extremity of the Currituck Sound is included within the boundary of Virginia. The narrow strip of land which divides it from the sea is sandy and low, and the coast north of it as far as Cape Henry is of the same description. It constitutes an unbroken line, which affords no shelter for vessels, and can only be approached in small boats. It extends about 30 miles. Cape Henry rises to about 15 feet, and is a small sand-hill. It is about 12 miles from Cape Charles, and between these two capes is the entrance of Chesapeake Bay. [CHESAPEAKE BAY, vol. vii., p. 41.] From Cape Henry to Windmill Point, a distance of about 45 miles, the coast of Virginia presents a succession of projecting headlands, enclosing many bays, some of which extend far inland, and preserve a considerable width and depth to a distance of 20 to 50 miles from the sea. These larger bays are the estuaries of rivers, and admit large vessels, so as to constitute good harbours. The smaller bays are formed by indentations of the shores, and most of them have safe anchorage for coasting vessels. The headlands between the bays have low and frequently swampy shores, but of some distance from them the country rises from 15 to 20 feet. Between Windmill Point, which lies on the north of the estuary of the Rappahannock river and Smith Point, south of the estuary of the Potomac, which two points are nearly 20 miles distant from one another, a low and narrow beach is backed by a higher ground of moderate elevation, and in this part there are only a few short inlets, which afford shelter to boats and small coasting vessels.

That part of Virginia which lies east of the Chesapeake Bay, and is called the 'eastern shore of Virginia,' is skirted on the side of the Atlantic by a number of low sandy islands, which towards the north form one row, but towards Cape Charles two or three parallel rows. They are inhabited by a few fishermen, and the straits which separate these islands from one another afford some passages for small coasting vessels. The shores opposite these islands have only a few short inlets, but two or three of them afford shelter and good anchorage for vessels which draw five or six feet of water. The coast on the side of Chesapeake Bay has many indentations, most of which are from two to three miles long, and constitute good harbours for small vessels.

Surface, Soil, Climate, Agricultural Productions.—Nearly one-half of the surface of Virginia is mountainous. The Appalachian Mountains run through it obliquely from south-west to north-east, spreading along the southern

boundary over the western, and towards the north over the central districts of the state. The south-eastern boundary-line of this mountain-region is marked by the Blue Ridge. This chain enters Virginia on the south at 80° 30' W. long., and terminates on the banks of the Potomac east of Harper's Ferry, near 77° 40' W. long. The north-western limit of the mountain-region is formed towards the south by the Cumberland Mountains and the boundary-line between Virginia and Kentucky; but east of the Big Sandy River it may be marked by a straight line drawn from the point where the river begins to separate Virginia from Kentucky, to the confluence of the two principal branches of the Monongahela in Pennsylvania. All the countries included between this line and the Blue Ridge constitute the mountain-region of Virginia. From the eastern base of this region a plain extends to the shores of the Atlantic and of Chesapeake Bay. This Atlantic slope presents itself under two different aspects. Along the shores of the sea it is a low undulating plain, and at the back of it a higher hilly country, which reaches to the Blue Ridge. These two plains constitute the maritime and the higher slope of the Atlantic. That portion of Virginia which is to the north-west of the mountain-region, between it and the rivers Ohio and Big Sandy, is much more hilly than the eastern plain, and may be called the hilly region of the Ohio and of the Kanawha. The following table exhibits a rough estimate of the respective areas of these four regions:—

	Square Miles.
1. Maritime or Lower Slope of the Atlantic	8,500
2. Hilly or Upper Slope of the Atlantic	18,200
3. Mountain-region of the Appalachians	28,400
4. Hilly Region of the Ohio and Kanawha	10,500
	65,600

1 *The Maritime Slope of the Atlantic* comprehends also the eastern shore of Virginia, or that part which lies east of Chesapeake Bay. This country consists of a tongue of land, about 10 miles in width, the islands included, but without them only 7 miles across. From north to south it extends 70 miles. Along the shores it is mostly covered with low sand-hills or swamps; but this sterile tract is hardly half a mile wide, and the interior is a level flat country, with a pretty good soil; for though the soil is thin, light, and always mixed with sand, it generally rests on a stiff clay, and the land is too level for the good soil to be carried off by rains. The principal crops are Indian-corn and oats, but there are also grown wheat, cotton, peas, beans, potatoes, and other vegetables. There are good orchards, in which the fig-trees and pomegranate-trees attain a large size, and yield abundant fruit. The palmetto, from which the castor-oil is obtained, is cultivated to a considerable extent. The area of this tract is about 500 square miles.

The Maritime Region west of Chesapeake Bay has its western limit marked by the first waterfalls of the rivers traversing it from west to east, which occur where the general level of the country has a considerable rise. In the Potomac river the first falls occur at Georgetown above Washington, on the Occoquan river, at Occoquan, 7 miles from its mouth, and on the Rappahannock above Fredericksburg. The western limit of the Maritime Region, between Georgetown and Fredericksburg, runs parallel to the great western bend of the Potomac, and about 7 miles from it. Further to the south the first falls occur on the Pamunkey, the principal branch of York River, between Woodville and Hanover; in James River, at Richmond; in the Appomattox, an affluent of James River, 6 miles above Petersburg; and in the Roanoke, at Weldon, in North Carolina. Straight lines drawn between these points mark tolerably well the western limit of the Maritime Region.

The south-eastern portion of this region, c. that which lies south of Hampton Roads, the lower and wider portion of the estuary of James River, is a flat country which rises imperceptibly towards the south. The soil is a mixture of sand and clay, but less fertile than the eastern shore, and its productions are also the same. On some low tracts near the Dismal Swamp rice is cultivated, and this is the most northern point where that grain is cultivated on the Atlantic shore of the United States. The Dismal Swamp extends from north to south nearly 30 miles, and averages from east to west nearly 10; it is partly in

Virginia and partly in North Carolina. The soil of the swamp is a complete quagmire, trembling under the feet, and filling immediately the impression of every step with water. Towards the south is a large tract overgrown with reeds, without any trees, but intermixed with some evergreens. But the other parts are covered with cypress and cedar trees, and on the western border with pines. From these forests a large quantity of lumber is obtained. Near the centre of the swamp, in Virginia, is Lake Drammond, which extends about seven miles in every direction, and varies in depth from 10 to 20 feet. The surface covers about six square miles. In times of great drought this lake is the only feeder of the Dismal Swamp Canal, and when full its surface is 2½ feet above tide-water, and six feet above the summit-level of the canal, which is 22 miles long. The low country just noticed occupies an area of about 1550 square miles.

The remainder of the Maritime Region has not a level surface. Along the estuaries level tracts of a moderate width are common, and they are generally swampy. But at a short distance from the rivers the country rises, and presents an undulating surface, which towards the western limits of the region is diversified with hills. The soil is alluvial, and the greater part of the substrata is composed of sand and pebbles; large masses of rock in their original position are rare, except at great depth. The substrata are covered with a mould, generally two or three inches deep, consisting of sand and vegetable matter. It constitutes by itself a poor soil, and as the surface is not level, the better part of the soil is subject to be washed away by the heavy rains. Some of the higher tracts are nearly destitute of vegetation and barren, and others are covered with forests of stunted pines, from which tar, pitch, and resin are extracted. The bottoms of the rivers contain a much larger quantity of vegetable matter, and the soil is deeper. Their fertility is consequently much greater, and the crops are good. Cultivation does not extend far beyond these bottoms, except in some tracts between York River and James River. Wheat is not much cultivated, the soil being too light for it; but Indian-corn, oats, potatoes, and sweet potatoes are extensively grown; tobacco is also cultivated. The orchards yield apples, pears, cherries, quinces, nectarines, apricots, almonds, plums, pomegranates, figs, peaches, and mulberries. But there are very few tracts fit for the growth of grasses.

The climate of this low region, if compared with that of low countries on the east of the Atlantic, is distinguished by great and sudden changes. There is no season in which these changes do not occur, except October and November, which in the regularity of the weather approach the climate of Europe. The winters are much colder than in any part of Europe south of the Alps, and also more severe than in the low countries north of the Alps. Frosts are frequent, and sometimes very severe; the rivers and estuaries are covered with ice, which is sometimes strong enough to be crossed by men and horses. But the frosts are generally of short duration, and followed by very mild weather. Snow falls very often, but the ground is seldom covered with snow for more than one or two days. In general the winter is distinguished by that fickleness which in Europe characterises the month of April. Until the middle of May the weather presents one incessant succession of rain and drought, frost and heat; sometimes it is excessively damp, cloudy, and hazy. About the latter part of May the air becomes dry and warm, the showers of rain are less abundant, and the weather is very pleasant during the month of June. In the two following months however the heat is very great, the thermometer rising almost every year to 90°, and sometimes to 90° and 98°. September has very heavy rains, but they are not frequent in October and November, when the weather is very mild. The approach of winter is gradual and uniform; there are indeed frequent light snows in November, but the more severe weather does not set in before the latter part of December. The following table, exhibiting the results of meteorological observations made at Richmond, during four years (1824-1827), will give a pretty complete idea of the temperature of this region, as that place, though near the Upper Slope of the Atlantic, is situated near the middle of the Lower Slope. For the sake of comparison we have added the temperature of London.

Mean Temperature of each Month of the Year, resulting from the Meteoric Observations made at Richmond.

	1824.	1825.	1826.	1827.	Mean.	London.
January . . .	42°	34° 6'	33° 2'	25°	33° 7'	36° 34°
February . . .	55	39	41	43	39° 8'	38° 60
March . . .	43	50	49	46	47° 1'	42° 01
April . . .	53	55	57	59	54° 7'	47° 61
May . . .	61·4	64·4	68	64·5	65·4	55·40
June . . .	75	73·0	73·3	73·0	73·8	50 36
July . . .	79	80	74·8	76·8	77·0	02 97
August . . .	74·3	76·4	72·9	75	74·8	62 90
September . .	66·8	65·7	68·9	67·2	67·1	57 70
October . . .	57·3	60	50·8	56	57·5	50 10
November . .	47·2	41·8	44	43·8	44·2	42 40
December . .	40·8	33	34·2	44·6	38·1	38 71
Mean of the Year . . .	56·5	56	55·7	56·5	56·2	50·5

Place.	Winter. Dec. to Feb.	Spring. March to May.	Summer. June to Aug.	Autumn. Sept. to Nov.
Richmond	37° 2'	55° 7'	75° 4'	56° 3'
London	38° 22'	48° 34'	61° 74'	50° 29'

The winter in London is more temperate by one degree, while the summer is less hot by 13½ degrees. The difference in latitude between the two places amounts to 13° 58'.

Though the number of rainy days is less in this region than in England, the mean annual quantity of rain is much greater. According to Jefferson the annual quantity of rain at Williamsburg amounts to 47·04 inches, whilst at London it does not exceed 24·10 inches. Williamsburg is nearer the sea than Richmond. The mean annual temperature at Williamsburg is 57° 21'.

The prevailing wind all the year round is the south-west; but in autumn and winter the wind blows frequently from the north-west, north, and north-east. Southern winds are rare, and those from the south-east are not frequent. The southern winds are attended by warmth, moisture, and hazy weather; those from the north and north-west bring cold and clear weather. The change of the wind produces sudden changes in the temperature. Jefferson states that the thermometer, on one occasion, descended 45 degrees in thirteen hours, from 92° to 47°, in consequence of a change of the wind.

2. The *Upper Slope of the Atlantic* extends from the western limit of the Maritime Slope to the Blue Ridge, which traverses Virginia for 260 miles, in a direction from south-west to north-east, and, except where it is crossed by the James River and Roanoke, is a continuous range. From the base of the ridge the country descends to the falls of the rivers in an inclined plain. Where the falls occur, a ledge of rocks extends across the state, rising from 100 to 200 feet above their base, which in most places is about 100 feet above the sea-level. From this ridge the rise of the country towards the mountains is continual, but irregular. Its general level, where it joins the mountains, is from 500 to 600 feet above the sea: Lynchburg on the James River is 500 feet above it. The surface of this region presents only a comparatively small number of hills; it generally extends in undulating plains, which in many places have a gentle acclivity, but in others are broken and uneven, and between these plains are the deeper depressions, in which the rivers run. The hills rise from 300 to 500 feet above their bases. Their slopes are generally too steep, but the soil is sometimes rocky, and not fit for cultivation. They are generally overgrown with trees, such as ash, beech, elm, hickory, chestnut, oak, and hickory. The soil of the higher grounds between the bottoms of the rivers has in general a moderate degree of fertility, as gravel or sand is predominant, and only a few tracts of moderate extent have a large proportion of clay or loam mixed with the gravel. The cultivated tracts yield moderate crops of wheat, Indian corn, tobacco, and oats, and also rye and buckwheat. The orchards are extensive, and all the trees mentioned in the foregoing region succeed, except pomegranates and almonds. The forests, which still cover a considerable part of the surface, are comprised of oak, hickory, gum, maple, larchwood, and especially yellow pine. The bottoms along the water-courses differ greatly in width, and are extensive along the large rivers: that of the James River is in general from two to three miles wide, and extends from Richmond

to Lynchburg 125 miles. These bottoms are from 100 to 200 feet below the general level of the adjacent high grounds, and the slopes which enclose them are rather steep and bold. The soil of the bottoms is generally excellent, and produces good crops of wheat, Indian corn, and oats, and the best sort of tobacco, which is extensively cultivated. Cotton is not cultivated to any great extent, except in the bottoms of the Roanoke. Nearly all the cotton exported from Virginia is from this district.

The hills which are dispersed over this region are isolated, and do not range themselves in a certain direction, except towards the south, where they are more frequent, and where they commonly lie in the direction of the watercourses from west to east. But there extends over the whole width of the state a series of hills and short ranges, nearly in a parallel line with the Blue Ridge, and at a distance of from 15 to 30 miles east of it. This hilly tract commences in North Carolina, enters Virginia some miles east of 80° W. long., is traversed by the Roanoke below Monroe, and runs from this point to Lynchburg on the James River. Lynchburg is built in the mountain-gap by which the river passes the ridge. Thus far this ridge consists only of isolated hills and short ranges, and bears no general name. But north of James River, which for more than 30 miles flows along its eastern base, it is called the South-West Mountain. It continues from the James River in the same direction to the sources of the Pamunkey and North Anna, is traversed by the upper branches of the Rappahannock above their confluence, and terminates on the banks of the Potomac, about 12 miles below Harper's Ferry. Towards the northern extremity it is called the Bull Run and Kittotian Mountains. This chain rises from 300 to 600 or 700 feet above its base, which is about 500 feet above the sea-level. The hills are covered with forests, consisting of oak, hickory, green maple, white and yellow poplar, black and white walnut, ash, sassafras, dogwood, chestnut, and chestnut-oak. The long valley which extends between these hills and the Blue Ridge is in general hilly; for several offsets of the Blue Ridge advance into it from 5 to 10 miles from the range, and it also contains many isolated hills. The soil is much more fertile than to the east of this ridge. There are comparatively very few places covered with a barren sand or gravel. It generally consists of a good mould lying on a substratum of red clay, which also constitutes the principal ingredient of the upper soil. In the northern district it is lighter, and contains a good proportion of sand or gravel. The principal objects of agriculture are Indian corn, wheat, rye, oats, and potatoes. In the southern districts much tobacco is grown, and hemp in several places. The orchards yield apples, peaches, cherries, plums, quinces, and grapes. The general level of this valley is from 500 to 700 feet above the sea, except towards the north, where it is lower.

We have no exact meteorological observations made in this region. It is stated that the mean annual temperature is from three to six degrees lower than in the maritime region, otherwise there does not appear to be a great difference between these two regions. It is only observed, that the climate, though equally hot in summer, is more healthy, and that this region suffers less from droughts than the countries along the coast.

3. *The Mountain-ridge of the Appalachians lies west of the upper region of the Atlantic Slope.* Its eastern limit is well marked on our maps by the Blue Ridge, but that is not the case with the western boundary, probably because on that side several offsets of the mountains extend north-west into the hilly region of the Ohio and Kanawha. It may however be defined as running from the southern boundary of the state along the Cumberland Mountains and the boundary-line to the Big Sandy River. From the banks of this river it extends in a direction east-north-east across Great Cherry-Pond Mountain to Sewell Mount and the Greenbrier Ridge. From the termination of Greenbrier Mountains it extends north by east along Laurel Range, which skirts Tygart's Valley on the west until it is broken by Tygart's Valley River near Leesville. Hence it continues in the same direction to Cheat River, which breaks through it near 30° 20' N. lat. East of Cheat River the ridge continues in the same direction until it enters Pennsylvania, where it goes by the name of the Laurel Hills. The extensive region enclosed by this line and the

Blue Ridge is widest in the southern part; for between the southern boundary of the state and 37° 25' N. lat. it extends 150 miles east and west, but north of that parallel it hardly ever exceeds or falls much short of 90 miles.

The Appalachian Mountains, at least that portion of them which lies south of the Potomac River, are a mountain-system belonging to the limestone formation, and may, as to structure, be compared with the Jura Mountains in Switzerland and Germany. The Appalachians are like a huge embankment raised by nature to opposite two inclined planes, which slope from its base in opposite directions; that on the east towards the south-east and the Atlantic, and that on the west towards the north-west and the Ohio. The upper level of this embankment, which is nearly 100 miles wide, does not appear to be less than 1000 feet above the sea-level, except at the northern extremity towards the Potomac, and at a few places where the rivers which collect the waters that originate in this region have excavated deep beds that originate in they escape from the mountain-system. A great portion of the upper level however rises to a much higher elevation. Many ridges, from 1000 to 2000 feet above the general level, traverse it longitudinally. In some parts eight or ten of such ridges are laid down on the maps; and, if we may judge from the course of the rivers, their number must be still greater. These ridges in general run parallel to one another, at least for a great distance, until they unite. But as these junctions do not take place between all the ridges in the same parallel of latitude, but frequently at considerable distances from one another, the transverse ridges which are formed by these junctions do not run in straight lines across the mountain-system, but in irregular lines. The elevation of these ridges above their common level varies. If we except the most northern tract, near the course of the Potomac, where the whole system is considerably depressed, we find that the smallest elevation which is known occurs at Rockfish Gap, a depression of the Blue Ridge, west of the university of Virginia (north of 38° N. lat.), which is traversed by a road leading from Charlottesville to Staunton. The highest level of this road is only 1200 feet above the sea-level, probably not more than 600 feet above the country lying east of it, and hardly more than 100 feet above the plain of Staunton, which extends west of it: Staunton itself is 1152 feet above the sea. The most elevated points are the peaks of Otter, which occur in the Blue Ridge near 37° 35' N. lat., and whose highest summit is 4280 feet above the sea, and the White Top Mountains, situated near the place where the three states of Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee are contiguous, and whose highest summit is supposed to rise above the peaks of Otter. These however are single summits, which are not frequent in this mountain-system, as the upper edges of the ridges extend in nearly straight lines, which at certain distances, usually from eight to ten miles, are broken by narrow depressions, through which gaps the roads run, by which the valleys below the mountains are connected. The general elevation of the ridges seems to vary between 2500 and 3000 feet, except towards the banks of the Potomac, where it sinks to between 1400 and 1000 feet above the sea. All these ridges however are narrow, their bases in general not occupying more than two or three miles in width, except where two ridges join and form a small mountain-knot. They must also be very narrow, if it be true, as it is stated, that these ridges fill up only one-third of the surface of the region, and that two-thirds are occupied by the intervening valleys.

In reviewing this extensive region we begin from the south: that portion of it which lies south of 37° N. lat. is drained by the upper branches of the Tennessee River. There are here four large parallel ridges, besides several smaller ones: they are called, from west to east, the Cumberland Mountains, Clinch Mountains, Iron Mountains, and the Blue Ridge. About five miles north of 37° the two first-named chains are connected by a transverse ridge, running west and east, called the Great As Mountains. By this ridge the sources of the Big Sandy River are separated from those of the Clinch, an upper branch of the Tennessee. The continuation of the transverse ridge runs from north to south near 81° 15' W. long., between Clinch Mountains and Iron Mountains, and between the last-mentioned chain and Blue Ridge from north-east to south-west. The last-named transverse ridge separates the waters which flow into the Kanawha from those which form

the Hulton River, an affluent of the Tennessee. This section of the mountain-region appears to be more favoured by nature than any other. The valleys are rather wide, and the soil is black and of the best quality. Cultivation is successfully carried on nearly to the northern extremities of the valleys. This circumstance, united to the fact that the course of the rivers is so gentle, and uninterrupted by rapids and falls, as to offer an easy navigation by boats during the freshets, suggests the idea that the mean elevation of the valleys must be below 1000 feet above the sea-level. The mountains enclosing them are steep, but almost entirely covered with large forest-trees, such as chestnut, beech, walnut, elm, black and white oak, maple, ash, poplar, and buck-eye. The principal articles of cultivation are maize, wheat, rye, oats, hemp, flax, and potatoes. The orchards are generally planted with apple and peach trees and vines, this being one of the best grape countries in Virginia. On the mountains are good pastures, and many horses, cattle, and hogs are reared.

North-east of this section lies that which is drained by the Kanawha. It is also traversed by four larger ridges, of which the two most southern preserve the names of the Blue Ridge and Iron Mountains; but the continuation of the Clinch Mountains is called Walker's Mountains west of the Kanawha, and east of the river Peter's Mountains. The most northern ridge is called Great Flat Top, and is connected with the Great Ass Mountains. A transverse ridge running nearly due north and south, near 80° 15' W. long, connects Peter's Mountains with the Iron Mountains, and these with the Blue Ridge. It separates the upper branches of the Kanawha from those of the Roanoke and James River. This section is probably the most elevated part of the mountain-system south of the Potomac, for at the place where the Kanawha is joined by the Greenbrier River its surface is 1333 feet above the sea. As the river reaches it after a course of above 120 miles, those parts of the region which lie near the sources of its numerous affluents must rise to at least 2000 feet above the sea-level. This supposition is fully confirmed by the great rapidity of the river, which cannot be navigated even for a short distance, and there are few places where it can be passed by a ferry. The river runs sometimes for many miles between high rocks rising almost perpendicularly from the water's edge. In other places level tracts of some extent are found near the banks, but they do not constitute what is called a river bottom, being many feet elevated above its level in the time of the freshets. They are hardly ever half a mile wide. These are the only tracts which are fit for cultivation, and on which considerable quantities of maize, potatoes, hemp, and flax are raised. The mountains are generally covered with tall trees.

All the waters collected in the two sections already described run off to the Ohio by the Tennessee and Great Kanawha rivers, but farther north the greater part of the drainage flows into the rivers which fall into the Atlantic. The watershed between these rivers and those which run to the Ohio is formed by a continuous ridge, which on the banks of the Kanawha is called Peter's Mountain, but farther north is known as the Alleghany Mountains. It runs north-east until, approaching the boundary-line of Maryland and the source of the Potomac, it turns to the west of north, and enters Maryland. This northern extremity of the ridge in Virginia is called the Backbone Mountains. The Alleghany Mountains do not constitute the western edge of the mountain-system, which lies between 15 and 25 miles farther west, and is formed by a ridge which, from south to north, bears three names, Greenbrier Mountains, Laurel Range, and Laurel Hills. The waters collected between this ridge and the Alleghany Mountains join the Ohio by the channels of the two Kanawhas and the Monongahela. The wide space east of the Alleghany Mountains and west of the Blue Ridge is traversed in all its length by a chain, which towards its southern extremity is interrupted by the James River, but farther north continues without interruption until it terminates on the banks of the Potomac east of the mouth of the south branch of that river, of a place which is nearly equally distant from the termination of the Blue Ridge on the east, and the Alleghany Mountains at the source of the Potomac on the west. The ridge just mentioned bears different names, but is best known by that of North Mountain; others call it the Great Kittatiny Chain.

A transverse ridge unites the Alleghany Mountains to the

Kittatiny Chain between 38° 30' and 38° 20' N. lat., running from north-west to south-east, and another transverse ridge joins the last-mentioned chain to the Blue Ridge, running nearly north and south, between 38° 20' and 38° N. lat. These two ridges separate the waters of the James River from those of the Potomac. The Roanoke drains only a small portion of the southern part, and the valley which it drains is, at its lowest level, probably more than 900 feet above the sea, the town of Salem being at an elevation of 1006 feet. The larger part of this section is drained by the upper branches of the James River. Where this river issues from the mountains the valley is probably 700 feet above the sea, Pattonsburg being 805, and the mouth of Craig's Creek 925 feet above it. But farther west the country rises more rapidly, as the source of Craig's Creek is 2498 feet and the warm springs on Low Pasture River 1782 feet above the sea. The western districts of this section are traversed by numerous ridges rising from 300 to 500 feet above their base, but between them along the large rivers are valleys from one to two miles wide, where maize, wheat, rye, oats, barley, buckwheat, potatoes, flax, and hemp are grown. But they are better adapted for pasture; and live stock, with butter and wool, constitute the principal articles for the market. Those parts of this section which are contiguous to the Blue Ridge have wider valleys and an equally good soil, which produces abundant crops of maize, wheat, and tobacco. There are also extensive orchards, which produce apples and peaches of good quality.

The northern section of the mountain-region, or that which lies within the basin of the Potomac in Virginia, is divided by the Kittatiny Chain into two natural divisions, which gradually lower as they proceed from south to north. That division of it which is enclosed by the Blue Ridge on the east and the Kittatiny Chain on the west, may be called the basin of the Shenandoah, as nearly the whole of it is drained by that river and its affluents. Harper's Ferry, which occupies the lowest point of this basin, is only 182 feet above highwater mark, and the Shenandoah Falls, about five miles farther up the river, are 225 feet. This shows how much the surface of this basin sinks on the banks of the Potomac. From the banks of this river it gradually rises to the head-rivers of the Shenandoah, where it is probably 1200 feet above the sea, as the town of Staunton is 1152 feet above it. The most southern and most elevated portion of this basin is the most level tract within the mountain-range, and may be called the plain of Staunton. It extends about 30 miles in length at the base of the Blue Ridge, between 38° and 38° 30' N. lat., and may be about 10 miles or more across. The surface is far from being level, as it presents a succession of rising ground and declivities, and is in some places hilly, but it is not, like all other sections of the mountain-region, traversed by continuous and steep mountain-ridges. The soil is in most parts stony, but, consisting almost entirely of limestone, it is generally fit for cultivation, and on the river bottoms it exhibits a considerable degree of fertility. The crops of wheat, rye, maize, and oats are tolerably abundant. But as the colder climate of this region favours the growth of grasses, the inhabitants have lately paid more attention to the dairies and rearing of domestic animals, so that live stock, with bacon, beef, and butter, are sent to the eastern regions. North of the plain of Staunton the true character of the Appalachians re-appears. Between 38° 30' and 38° 10' N. lat. the whole space between the two principal ranges is filled up by several elevated ridges, with their intervening valleys. These ridges rise as high as the Blue Ridge and run parallel to it. The valleys contain the best description of limestone-land, and are from two to three miles wide. They produce the same articles which are grown in the plain of Staunton, and cultivation extends at some places over the lower declivities of the Blue Ridge, but the ridges west of it are unfit for cultivation. The low tracts along the rivers are very fertile, but mostly used as grass-lands, for here too the rearing of cattle is more profitable than the cultivation of grain. The mountains are mostly covered with oak, pine, hickory, and chestnut. The mountain-ridges which traverse the central basin of the Shenandoah extend northward to the banks of the Potomac, where they spread over the western districts, which contain only narrow valleys between high ridges, so that this tract is better adapted for pasture than cultivation. But as the space between these

ridges and the Blue Ridge widens considerably north of 33° 10', a plain occurs here, which extends to the banks of the Potomac. Its surface is uneven and in some parts hilly, but the slopes of the hills are not too steep for cultivation, and the soil is rather fertile, being what is called limestone-land of the best description. Wheat, rye, maize, and tobacco are extensively grown. The cultivation of grasses is also carried on to some extent, and the orchards are numerous. This tract is considered the most fertile country in Virginia, and is very populous; the county of Jefferson contains 64 persons to a square mile.

The basin of the Upper Potomac, or the country between the Kittittinny Chain on the west end the Alleghany Mountains on the east, may be considered as a terrace considerably elevated above the basin of the Shenandoah. The surface of the Potomac river opposite Cumberland is 537 feet above the sea-level. This number indicates the elevation of the lowest part of the basin. We have no data to show the rise of the country as it proceeds southward, but we think that Moorefield, which is built at the confluence of the two great forks of the south branch of the Potomac, can hardly be less than 1000 feet above the sea-level, and the countries in which these two rivers originate may attain an elevation of 2000 feet. The whole basin is traversed longitudinally by several ridges, which occupy its surface to such an extent as to leave only narrow valleys between them. The soil of the valleys is either poor or of indifferent quality, much inferior to that of the valleys in the basin of the Shenandoah, except a fine tract of bottom ground on the south branch of the Potomac, which is said to have yielded for thirty successive years good crops of maize. As the climate is cold the crops do not always succeed, and therefore the inhabitants have turned their attention more to the rearing and fattening of cattle and keeping of other domestic animals, especially sheep. But in the country which approaches the north branch of the Potomac, cultivation is more attended to. Maize does not succeed well. The other grains however, with flax and hemp, are cultivated. Fruit-trees are scarce, with the exception of apples and cherries. The vegetables extensively grown in this basin and that of the Shenandoah river are peas, French and horse beans, parsnips, carrots, onions, sweet and common potatoes, lettuce, and cabbages. A great part of the low lands and the slopes of the mountains are still in their natural state, being covered with forests. On the top of the mountains and more elevated portions of the slopes are cedars, and pitch, spruce, and white pines; in some places these trees have attained their full growth, but in others they are stunted. The less elevated grounds are overgrown with oak, beech, elm, black walnut, and hickory; and on the low grounds along the banks of the rivers, which are subject to be inundated during the freshets, the woods consist mostly of sycamore-trees, plane-trees, and red or water maple.

That portion of the mountain-region which lies west of the Alleghany Mountains contains the basin of the Greenbrier River, an affluent of the Great Kanawha, and the upper basin of the Monongahela River. The valley of the Greenbrier is nearly 80 miles long, extending between 38° 35' and 37° 35' N. lat. Its lowest point, at the confluence of the Greenbrier River with the Kanawha, is 1331 feet above the sea-level; and from this point the country rises continually to the source of the river, where the country must be more than 2000 feet above the sea. Its most elevated portion is barren, even along the banks of the river, and affords only indifferent pasture-ground for cattle and sheep; but lower down the valley increases in width and the soil is more fruitful, and in this part cultivation is carried on to some extent. The principal articles which are cultivated are maize, oats, and buckwheat; cattle are rather numerous. The upper basin of the Monongahela, lying between the Alleghany Mountains on the east and the Laurel Ridge on the west, is evidently much elevated above the sea-level; but we have no data to determine this point more precisely. The eastern portion is drained by five or six small rivers, which by their union form Cheat River, an upper branch of the Monongahela; it is an elevated table-land, whose surface is distinguished by extensive prairies, as considerable portions of it are quite free from timber and covered with grass. Numerous herds of cattle find pasture on these natural meadows. The western district, or that which lies contiguous to the Laurel Ridge, is a valley, called Tygart's Valley. It is about 30 miles long

and two wide, possesses a fertile soil, and is well settled. It produces maize, wheat, rye, oats, and several vegetables in abundance: clover and timothy are extensively grown, and cattle are numerous. The mountains surrounding the valley are well stocked with fine timber—oak, poplar, cherry, pine, fir, red cedar, &c.

It is obvious that the climate must greatly vary in the mountain-region, which in some parts rises to 2500 feet above the sea, and in others hardly attains an elevation of 300 feet. We are however unable to form a more distinct idea of it for want of observations. We are only informed that the winters are more severe than in the countries east of the Blue Ridge, and that they generally last three months without interruption. The vegetation on the east side of the Blue Ridge is usually two weeks earlier than on the west side; but the air is never so hot on the west side as to dry up the grass during the summer months, which is the case in the countries east of the Blue Ridge. The mountain-region is however more subject to droughts than the Upper Slope of the Atlantic, though less so than the Maritime Region.

4. *The Hilly Region of the Ohio and Kanawha* comprehends the north-western portion of the state, or that which is enclosed by the north-west limit of the Mountain-Region, the Sandy River and the Ohio, and the boundary of Pennsylvania. This region is considerably elevated above the sea, as we may infer from the level of the Ohio, which runs along the lowest portion of it. The mouth of the Big Beaver River in Pennsylvania, only a few miles from the boundary-line of Virginia, is 694 feet, and that of the Great Kanawha 481 feet, above the sea. We have no data to determine its elevation at the base of the Mountain-Region, except the fact that the Kanawha, where it issues from it, is about 1300 feet above the sea; but the level of the rivers, if they were known, would give a very vague idea of the general level of the country, as that is several hundred feet higher than the river-beds.

The most southern portion of this region is the most elevated, and the surface is mountainous. It may be supposed to be divided from the hilly section, which is north of it, by a line commencing on the banks of the Big Sandy River, where that stream is cut by 38° N. lat., and running thence to a point on the Great Kanawha River a little above the salt-works, whence it continues in the same direction to the salt-works on the Little Kanawha, where it turns eastward, and joins the Laurel Ridge west of Beverly, in Tygart's Valley. The whole country south of this line consists of high masses of rocks, which generally rise to the elevation of mountain-ridges. These ridges are united to the western edge of the Mountain-Region at right angles, as they generally extend from south-east to north-west. They fill up all the spaces between the rivers, so that there are no bottoms along their courses, except a few small tracts hardly a quarter of a mile wide. The rocks, which are generally contiguous to the banks, rise to 500 feet and more, and in many places with a nearly perpendicular acclivity. Where the acclivity is not too steep the mountains are covered with soil, and along the watercourses overgrown with bushes; but in many parts the rocks are bare. At some distance from the water the high grounds present a hilly surface, usually covered with low bushes or stunted trees. There are only a few tracts of moderate extent, on which maize, oats, and potatoes are grown; and the pastures which the higher grounds afford are too poor for cattle. The inhabitants obtain their livelihood partly by taking lumber to the lower country.

The remainder of this region is only hilly, with the exception of the north-eastern country, where some short ranges of mountains occur. The hills rise from 200 to 500 feet above the river bottoms, generally with a gentle acclivity, though in many places they are steep. The bottoms differ greatly in width. Along the smaller rivers they are only a quarter of a mile wide; whilst along the Kanawha and the Ohio they vary between one and two miles in width. In most parts they have a considerable degree of fertility, but the higher grounds differ greatly in this point. The least fertile part is that tract which lies between the Big Sandy River and the Great Kanawha, where the hills which form the higher grounds between the rivers consist of sandstone, rise with a steep acclivity, and have flat tops covered with low bushes. They are not cultivated, and not even available as pasture-ground for sheep. In the depressions between the hills the soil is also poor. The

bottom of the Great Kanawha has many very fertile tracts, and in general it yields good crops of maize, wheat, rye, oats, and potatoes. The hills which enclose the bottoms of this river and those of its affluents contain large trees, especially lime, beokory, sugar-maple, laurel, hemlock, and sassafras: the sassafras attains here the height of a stately tree. North of the Great Kanawha the country grows better. It is still hilly, but the slopes of the hills are not so steep, and the soil rests on limestone, which gives it a greater degree of fertility; but as this part of the country has only been settled within the last fifty years, cultivation is almost entirely limited to the fine tracts on the river-bottoms. The higher grounds are overgrown with trees or bushes. The best portion of this region is the basin of the Monongahela. Though the river-bottoms are not so wide as those of the Ohio or Great Kanawha, they are very fertile, and produce abundant crops of wheat, maize, rye, oats, potatoes, and vegetables. In some places the higher grounds rise into mountains. The most extensive of these mountains is that called Chestnut Ridge, which runs nearly parallel to the Laurel Chain of the Mountain-Region, about 10 miles from it. This ridge and a few other mountains are steep, and unfit for cultivation; but in general the hills on the higher ground, though broken, have a good soil, which produces maize, rye, and oats. The higher grounds between the Laurel Chain and Chestnut Ridge are destitute of trees, but in summer they are covered with grass. They are better suited for grass than grain, though small quantities of wheat and maize are grown, and the crops of oats, rye, and buckwheat are good. The most northern part of Virginia, or that narrow tract which lies between the western boundary-line of Pennsylvania and the Ohio, resembles the countries on the banks of the Monongahela, being much broken, but equally fertile.

We have no information respecting the climate of this region. But as that portion of it which extends along the banks of the Ohio cannot materially differ in climate from that part of the state of Ohio which is similarly situated, we add here the result of the meteorological observations made at Marietta in Ohio, in 1840. Marietta is about 550 feet above the sea-level.

Meteorological Observations made in Marietta in 1840.

Months.	Thermometer.				Fair Days.	Cloudy Days.	Rain and Moist Snow.		Prevailing Winds.
	Mean Temp.	Maximum.	Minimum.	Range.			Inches.	inches.	
January .	25.00	43	-1.47	11	20	2.33			W. N.W.
February .	41.00	74	-0.74	15	14	3.08			W. S.W.
March .	48.66	78	16.62	12	19	3.21			W. N. SE.
April .	56.57	88	26.62	17	13	4.25			S.W. N.
May .	61.80	91	33.68	21	10	5.21			S. S.E.
June .	68.66	89	43.46	19	11	4.25			S. S.W.
July .	71.25	92	51.41	23	8	2.17			S. S.W.
August .	72.43	90	51.39	22	9	5.25			S. S.W.
September	57.27	82	34.48	20	10	2.00			S. S.E. N.
October .	52.83	82	19.63	19	12	3.92			S.W. S.
November	40.00	69	22.46	14	16	1.93			W. S.W.
December	32.14	58	6.52	11	20	1.50			W. N.W.
Mean .	52.35			204	162	39.09			

In comparing the mean temperature with that of London [Vol. xiv., p. 110], it appears that on the banks of the Ohio, in 39° 25' N. lat., the two first and the two last months of the year are colder than at London; but that the other months are warmer, and three months (June, July, and August) are nearly ten degrees warmer. The mean temperature of the whole year however is only a little more than two degrees above that of London. The annual quantity of rain is much greater, namely, 39 inches, that of London amounting only to 24.10. The monthly

range of the thermometer is very great, especially about the equinoxes, where it amounts to more than 60 degrees.

Rivers.—Virginia has numerous navigable rivers. They all originate within the Mountain-Region or on the ranges which form the edges of that region. The greater number run east and south-east, and flow into the Atlantic. The others flow north or north-west into the Ohio.

The Potomac, from its source to its mouth, forms the boundary between Maryland and Virginia. The upper branches of this river drain the northern portion of the Mountain-Region. Its north branch, which is generally called simply the Potomac, rises in that part of the Alleghany Mountains which is locally named the Backbone Mountain, and it runs with many bends in a north-east and east direction to its union with the South Branch. At their confluence the last-mentioned river has the greater volume of water. It rises with two branches, called the North Fork of South Branch and the South Fork of South Branch, near 38° 30' N. lat., and runs nearly 100 miles before it unites with the north branch. The united river passes through several ridges of the Mountain-Region with numerous bends, and shortly before it issues from the mountains it is joined from the south by the Shenandoah. This large river rises near 38° N. lat., and drains nearly the whole of the Mountain-Region north of that parallel and between the Kittatinny Chain and the Blue Ridge. It flows 130 miles before it joins the Potomac. Immediately after the junction of the two rivers, the Potomac traverses the Blue Ridge by a narrow gap bounded by rocks, and enters the Atlantic Slope, through which it flows in a south-east direction until it meets the tide-water at Georgetown. Below tide-water the Potomac loses the features of a river in that of a bay, which gradually widens as it approaches the Chesapeake Bay, and where it mingles its waters with the Chesapeake it is seven miles and a half wide. The Potomac may be navigated by the largest vessels as far as Alexandria, about 80 miles from its mouth, and by vessels drawing not more than 20 feet water to the Falls, which are 13 miles above Alexandria. These falls are 15 miles in length, and have a considerable descent; above the falls the navigation for boats is much interrupted, but yet the river is navigated as far as Cumberland, above the junction of the North and South Branch. It does not appear that the South Branch is navigated, but the Shenandoah is navigated for six months of the year by small craft as far as Port Republic, a distance of about 100 miles.

The Rappahannock rises on the eastern declivity of the Blue Ridge, with two branches called the Hedgeman and Rapid Ann, which unite after a course of about 50 miles. After the union of these streams the river becomes navigable, but 10 miles farther down it has some falls, and a short distance below them it meets the tide-water at Fredericksburg. In approaching the sea it widens to a narrow bay, which at its lower extremity is about two miles across. It may be navigated by vessels of considerable burden, as it has two fathoms water up to Fredericksburg. Its course is about 160 miles.

York River originates in the South-east Mountains, with two branches, the Pamunkey and Mattapony. The Pamunkey runs about 120 miles before it meets the Mattapony, which runs about 100 miles above the place of confluence. By their union the York River is formed, which is an estuary from one to three miles across. After a course of 39 miles it falls into Chesapeake Bay. Thus river is very important for navigation. It admits the largest ships to Yorktown, 12 miles from the sea, where it forms an excellent harbour. Up to the union of its two branches it has a depth of three fathoms, and admits constant vessels. Though the Pamunkey has some small falls above Hanover, it may be navigated by boats to its junction with the North Ann River, 70 miles from its mouth; and the Mattapony is also navigable for boats nearly to the same extent.

The James River rises in that part of the Mountain Region which lies between the Alleghany Mountains and the Kittatinny Chain, with two branches, which commence near 38° 30' N. lat., and run for nearly 30 miles southward and parallel to one another. They are called Jackson's River and Cow-Pasture River. Jackson's River, having traversed a narrow gap between two ridges, turns eastward and is joined by the Cow-Pasture River about 10 miles far

ther down. The James River thus formed runs with great rapidity southward between high mountains, and turns again to the east above Pattonsburg, at which place it is 806 feet above the sea-level, and begins to be navigated. It passes through the Blue Ridge at the Balcony Falls, which impede the navigation, but are now avoided by a canal about six miles long which runs parallel to the river. At Lynchburg the level of the river is 500 feet above the sea. Below Lynchburg it turns to the north-east and runs with great rapidity, but is navigable. Above Scotsville it passes the South-east Mountains, and at that place its level is only 255 feet above highwater mark, and at Columbia, at the mouth of the Rivanna, only 178 feet. Lower down the current of the river is gentle until it approaches the falls above Richmond, where it descends 90 feet within six miles, and immediately below the falls it meets the tide-water. A canal connects the tide-water below and the navigable water above the falls. Below the falls the river gradually widens and assumes the features of a bay, and after a course of 90 miles further it merges in Chesapeake Bay. The wide expanse of its mouth affords a harbour for vessels of any size, but it is not safe in winter; this wide expanse is called Hampton Roads. Large vessels may sail up to James Town, more than 20 miles above Hampton Roads; but farther up there are only 15 feet of water. Vessels of 250 tons sail up to Warwick, and of 125 tons to Rockets, a mile below Richmond. From the Rockets to Richmond there are only seven feet water. The whole length of this river, the Jackson River included, is 308 miles; but along the bends it is probably 500 miles. The largest of the affluents of the James River is the Appomattox, which rises at the base of the South-east Mountains, and runs about 150 miles. About 20 miles from its confluence with the James it has some falls, up to which the tide-water comes. Near these falls is Petersburg, to which town vessels drawing seven feet water may sail; and the navigation is continued above the falls by the Upper Appomattox Canal. Two others of the affluents of James River are navigable. The Rivanna, which joins it from the north, was always navigable for 22 miles from its mouth, or the place where it passes through the South-east Mountains; but the navigation has lately been extended to Piramus, within one mile and a quarter of Charlottesville. The other navigable affluent is Willis River, which joins the James River from the south a few miles below the embouchure of the Rivanna. The Willis is a small river, and resembles rather a canal than a river; still it is said to be navigable for 25 miles from its mouth.

Nansemond River, which flows only 15 miles and falls into Hampton Roads, is navigable for vessels of a hundred tons as far as Suffolk, 40 miles from its mouth.

The Nottoway and Meherrin rivers drain a large part of the country south of the James River, each of them running about 100 miles, and uniting, after having entered North Carolina, to form the Chowan River. Vessels of considerable burden may navigate the Chowan, and sail up the Meherrin to Murfreesboro, in North Carolina. The two branches of the Chowan are navigable for boats in the greater part of their course, but not in summer.

The upper course of the Roanoke lies within Virginia. This river rises in the Mountain-Region, about 2000 feet above the sea-level; but at Salem, about 15 miles from its source, it is only 1006 feet above it, which shows that the first part of its course must be very rapid. After having passed through the Blue Ridge and the South-east Mountains, it becomes navigable below Monroe, and runs east-south-east with numerous bends until it enters North Carolina, where the navigation is entirely interrupted by a high cataract at Weldon. Its largest affluent, the Dan, rises on the eastern declivity of the Blue Ridge, and drains the most southern portion of the Atlantic Slope. It is navigable for boats as far as Danville, near which town some falls occur.

The Ohio divides Virginia from the state of Ohio, having between these two states a course of 355 miles. It is navigable all this distance for vessels of thirty or forty tons burden, though there is a rapid above the mouth of the Great Kanawha River, called Letart's Rapids, over which the river runs for about half a mile with great velocity; but it is only dangerous for persons who are not acquainted with the navigation of the river. The vessels which generally navigate the river cannot go up to Pittsburg in Pennsylvania in summer, when the water is low, but only to

Wheeling in Virginia; and this circumstance has lately much increased the population of Wheeling.

The Monongahela, one of the principal branches of the Ohio, is formed by three rivers, Cheat River, Tygart's Valley River, and West Fork. The two first-mentioned rivers originate within the Mountain Region in the Greenhiker Ridge and the Alleghany Mountains; and the West Fork in the hilly region west of the Laurel Mountains. The West Fork and the Tygart's Valley River unite in Virginia, but the Cheat River joins them in Pennsylvania. Cheat River, a considerable stream, which winds down a great volume of water, is very rapid and has several falls; it is only navigable as high as Jackson's Iron-works, a distance of eight or ten miles from the point where it joins the Monongahela. The Monongahela, or the river formed by the union of Tygart's Valley River and West Fork, affords an easy navigation as far as Morgantown, about 10 miles from the boundary of Pennsylvania, for steam-boats and flat boats; but above Morgantown the navigation can only be effected in times of freshets. The West Fork is also navigable for flat boats in times of freshets as far as Clarksburg; and the Tygart's Valley River, for about 10 miles from its confluence with the West Fork. By means of these rivers the produce of the country which is drained by them finds its way to Pittsburg in Pennsylvania, and eventually to the countries on the Mississippi.

The Little Kanawha, which joins the Ohio at Parkersburg, runs more than 100 miles, and does not appear to be navigable for any great distance; but its principal affluent, Hughes River, which joins it about 15 miles above its confluence with the Ohio, is large enough to float vessels of considerable burden. Great quantities of lumber are carried down this river.

The Great Kanawha has its most remote sources south of the boundary-line of Virginia, in the valley enclosed by the Blue Ridge and the Iron Mountains; it traverses the Mountain-Region by a course of 120 miles, running first north-east and afterwards north-west. In these parts it is called the New River, and its course is very rapid. Where it is joined by the great branch, the Greenbrier River, it is still 1333 feet above the sea-level. Soon afterwards it leaves the Mountain-Region, but its rapidity increases. As far down as the mouth of Gauley River the stream flows between high rocks with such force as to render its crossing very hazardous. From the place where the river is joined by Gauley River it bears the name of Kanawha. Two miles below that place are the Great Falls, a fine cataract of 22 feet over a natural dam of rocks which spreads irregularly across its bed. Below this place it becomes unnavigable, and at Charleston, or Kanawha, as the place is also called, it is 300 yards wide, 20 feet deep at low-water, and navigable for large steam-boats. No obstruction to navigation occurs to its confluence with the Ohio, a distance of 70 miles. Gauley River is only navigable for eight miles from its mouth; but Elk River, which joins the Kanawha at Charleston, is navigable to Union Mills, 10 miles above Suttonville in Nicholas county, a distance of more than 40 miles from its mouth. The Coal River, which joins the Kanawha 12 miles below Charleston, is navigable in the times of freshets to a great distance, but in ordinary seasons only to the Lower Falls, which are five miles from its mouth.

The Guyandotte, which runs about 100 miles, and the Big Sandy River, which flows about 120 miles, and for 70 miles forms the boundary-line between Virginia and Kentucky, are probably navigable for a great distance from their mouths, but we find nothing mentioned respecting this matter.

The most southern portion of the Mountain-Region is drained by several rivers, which by their junction, which takes place in the state of Tennessee, form the Tennessee River. These rivers are called, from east to west, Holston, Clinch, and Powell's. They are the only rivers that drain the Mountain-Region which are navigable in their natural state. That is at least the case with the three branches of Holston River and with Clinch River.

Productions.—The agricultural productions and most common forest-trees have been already noticed. Though the forests still occupy the largest part of Virginia, very little timber is exported. The timber is of excellent quality in the Mountain-Region, but it cannot be brought to any place where it can be shipped without raising the price beyond the market-price of timber. The Hilly Region of the Ohio has excellent timber-trees; and plants,

boards, slaves, &c. are exported from that region by way of the Ohio and the navigable rivers which drain it. In this region ginseng is gathered. There are several kinds of shrubs yielding berries, as gooseberries, and wild vines.

Wild animals are now rare on the east side of the mountains, but they are still common in the western districts. The most common are bears, wolves, deer, the racoon, squirrel, and opossum. The largest of the wild birds is the wild turkey, which is still in the western districts and in the Blue Ridge. There are also several kinds of water-fowl, among which are the canvas-back duck of the Potomac, and the snipe, or American ortolan. Other remarkable birds are the turkey-buzzard, the mocking-bird, the red-bird, and the humming-bird. Partridges and quails, as they are called, are common. All the rivers abound in fish in the lower part of their course, and most of those that frequent the rivers of the Atlantic Slope are of the same kind which are found in Europe; but in the rivers which fall into the Ohio are several kinds of fish which are not found in Europe, as the black perch, the gizzard, the blue cat, the buffalo, and the salmon-pike. There is also the soft-shell turtle, which surges in flavour the fine green-fat turtle. Oysters, lobsters, and other shell-fish are abundant on the coast. Bees are reared to a considerable extent.

Virginia is very rich in minerals. In the Upper Atlantic Slope, gold, iron, black-lead, copper, and limestone are found. Gold is found to a tract which commences near the Rappahannock, south of Fredericksburg, and extends parallel to the Blue Ridge, crossing the James River at its junction with the Rappahannock, and passing thence into North Carolina and Georgia. The quantity of gold collected in Virginia, and deposited at the Mint of the United States and its branches, between 1823 and 1840, amounted in value to 578,595 dollars. Coal is found in the neighbourhood of Richmond, especially between the James and Appomattox Rivers, and is worked at several places. Iron-ore is abundant along the base of the Blue Ridge. In the Mountain-Region iron-ore of very good quality occurs, but it is not worked to any considerable extent. Lead-mines are worked in the Iron Mountains, near Austinville, not far from the southern boundary of the state. This region abounds also in limestone, sandstone, slate, gypsum, and other useful minerals. The country west of the Alleghany Mountains is richer in minerals than the other parts of the state. Bituminous coal and iron-ore are abundant, and several coal-mines are worked to a considerable extent. Beds of limestone are extensively distributed, and the caverns, which are of frequent occurrence in the limestone rocks, furnish large quantities of nitre. The region west of the Blue Ridge contains several hot-springs and other medicinal springs, which are resorted to by invalids, and the inhabitants of the lower countries on the Atlantic, during the summer heats. Salt-springs are frequent, and almost every year new ones are discovered. Salt is made at several places. The salt-works on the banks of the Great Kanawha yield every year 1,300,000 bushels, and furnish with this article most of the countries west of the Appalachian Mountains.

Western Virginia is a very picturesque country, though the great quantity of forest often intercepts the view. The various caves, especially Weir's Cave, near Port Republic on the Shenandoah, are much visited. The Natural Bridge in Rockbridge county, near Fincastle, is a bridge of solid limestone rock, which arches over a deep ravine, at the bottom of which a small stream flows; from the surface of the water to the roadway over the bridge, the height is above 200 feet. The passage of the Potomac through the Blue Ridge at Harper's Ferry is one of the most striking phenomena of a mountain-range, which has apparently been interrupted by some violent convulsion.

(Jefferson's *Notes on the State of Virginia*; Imlay's *Topographical Description of the Western Territory of North America*; Parkinson's *Tour in America*; Cornelius, *Tour in Virginia, Tennessee, &c.*; Birkbeck's *Notes on America*; Wood's *Two Years' Residence in the Illinois Country*; James's *Account of Long's Expedition to the Rocky Mountains*; Martin's *Gazetteer of Virginia and the District of Columbia*; Darby's *View of the United States*; and the *Boston American Almanac* for 1842.)

Legislature and Government.—The constitution of Virginia, originally formed and adopted in 1776, was amended in 1830. The legislature consists of a Senate and a House

of Delegates, which are together called the General Assembly of Virginia. The number of senators is 32, who are elected for four years, one-fourth being renewed every year; they must be freeholders, and not less than 30 years of age. The House of Delegates consists of 134 members, who are chosen annually by the people; they must be at least 25 years of age. All elections are by open voting, and not by ballot. Persons holding lucrative state offices and ministers of the gospel are ineligible both for the Senate and the House of Delegates. All laws must originate in the House of Delegates.

The governor is elected by the General Assembly for three years. His salary is 3333½ dollars. He is assisted by three counsellors, of whom the lieutenant-governor is one. The counsellors have a salary of 1000 dollars each.

Virginia returned to the last Congress (the 27th, which expired March 3, 1843) 21 representatives. To the present Congress (the 28th), according to an Act of Congress passed in 1842, it returns 15 representatives. Virginia, like all the other states, returns two senators to the Congress.

Courts of Law, &c.—The chief courts of Virginia are—a Court of Appeals, a General Court, Circuit Courts, and County Courts.

The Court of Appeals consists of a president, with a salary of 2750 dollars, and 4 judges, with a salary of 2500 dollars each. This court holds two sessions annually, one at Lewisburg and one at Richmond.

The General Court is held at Richmond. It has appellate jurisdiction in the last resort in criminal cases, and also original jurisdiction of probates and administrations. It is the duty of 15 of the judges who hold the Circuit Courts to attend the General Court, 11 being required to form a quorum.

For the Circuit Courts the state is divided into 10 judicial districts, and each district into two circuits, except the 4th, which comprises three. There are 21 judges, one for each circuit, each of whom has a salary of 1500 dollars, and four dollars for every 20 miles of necessary travelling. The chancery and common law jurisdictions are blended in the same judge in all the circuits except the 3rd of the 4th district, where there is a judge on the law side with a salary of 1800 dollars, and one on the chancery side with a salary of 2000 dollars; but on the death of either of the present two judges, his duties are to devolve on the other without any increase of salary.

A Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery is held twice every year in each county and corporation.

A County Court is held by four or more justices of the peace every month in each county. These justices are country gentlemen and plain farmers, whose services are gratuitous. Their jurisdiction is very wide. At the monthly and quarterly sessions of four or more justices deeds and wills may be proved, and both chancery and common law cases determined, with right of appeal to a superior court. They try exclusively slaves for all offences. Free negroes and Indians are on the same footing as slaves. They have also extensive authority in matters of county police. One justice can hold a court, with jurisdiction in all cases in which the value does not exceed twenty dollars.

Revenue, Debt, &c.—The revenue obtained by taxes in the year ending Sept. 30, 1841, was 615,904 dollars. The total amount of the resources of the state was estimated at 12,763,007 dollars, held by the commonwealth proper, the Board of Public Works, the N.W. Turnpike-Road Company, the Literary Fund, and the Sinking Fund. The total expenditure of the state in 1841 was 991,813 dollars. The aggregate debt is 6,994,307 dollars, the annual interest paid on which is 409,069 dollars, 1,265,300 being at 5 per cent. and 5,284,707 at 6 per cent.

In 1839 there were in Virginia 25 banks, of which 20 suspended specie payments entirely, and one in part, in October and November, 1839, there being only four which did not suspend.

The aggregate militia force of Virginia is 107,547 men. **Education, &c.**—In 1809 the General Assembly passed an act by which all fines, escheats, and forfeitures of every description were appropriated to a permanent fund for the encouragement of learning generally, leaving the application of it to future legislatures. In 1816 the sum due to Virginia from the general government for military expenditure during the recent war with Great Britain was transferred to this fund, which, thus augmented, was found, in

1817, to amount to more than 900,000 dollars, yielding an annual income of upwards of 30,000 dollars, exclusive of occasional accessions from fines and forfeitures. A permanent appropriation of 45,000 dollars a year was made for the education of the poor, and 15,000 dollars a year for the erection and support of a university. The permanent capital of the Literary Fund now amounts to 1,437,065 dollars. The revenue of 1841 was 84,313 dollars, which left a surplus of 22,040 dollars to be applied, with the original appropriation of 45,000 dollars, to 1842. In 1822 the number of poor children instructed was 3298; in 1826 the number was 9665; in 1830 the number was 14,163. In 1841 the number was 37,329, the total number of poor children being 48,193. The total expenditure for tuition and other expenses was 72,225 dollars. The number of schools was 3253.

The University of Virginia was founded in 1819, in the neighbourhood of Charlottesville. The venerable president Jefferson, then nearly eighty years of age, planned the buildings and superintended their erection. In 1824 they were so far advanced that an agent was sent to England to engage professors, preparatory to opening the university. Five professors were brought from England, to whom were added two American professors, and the university was opened in April, 1825. In 1842 the University of Virginia had 9 professors, 200 alumni, and 170 students. The annual expense of instruction is 75 dollars, room-rent and other college expenses 23 dollars, the total college charges amounting to 98 dollars; board for 44 weeks (washing included), 110 dollars; wood and lights, 20 dollars; total expense to each student, 228 dollars. The library contains 16,000 volumes, among which are many valuable works.

In 1842, William and Mary College, at Williamsburg, founded in 1033, had 4 instructors, 98 students, and a library of 5000 volumes; it is under the Episcopalians. The total expense to each student is 265 dollars. Hampden-Sidney College, in Prince Edward County, founded in 1783, had 5 instructors, 65 students, and a library of 8000 volumes. Washington College, near Lexington, founded in 1812, had 6 instructors, 126 alumni, 136 students, and a library of 2700 volumes. The total expense to each student is only 144 dollars. Randolph-Macon, at Boynton, founded in 1822, had 6 instructors and 98 students; it is under the Methodists. Emory and Henry College, at Glade Spring, founded in 1830, had 4 instructors, 143 students, and a library of 1000 volumes; it is also under the Methodists. Rector College, in Harrison County, founded in 1830, had 50 students; it is under the Baptists.

In 1842 the Medical School attached to the University of Virginia had 3 professors and 45 students. The Medical Department of Hampden-Sidney College, at Richmond, founded in 1838, had 6 professors, 50 students, and 14 graduates. The Episcopal Theological School, at Fairfax County, founded in 1822, had 4 professors, 43 students, and a library of 120. They have a library of 4000 volumes. The Union Theological Seminary, in Prince Edward County, founded in 1824, had 3 professors, 20 students, and educated 175; it is under the Presbyterians. The library contains 4000 volumes. The Virginia Baptist Seminary at Richmond, founded in 1832, had 3 professors, 67 students, and a library of 1000 volumes.

There are about 60 academies in Virginia, with from 30 to 40 students each, in which the Latin and Greek languages and the elements of mathematics are taught. There are probably about 200 grammar-schools, instituted and conducted solely by their respective teachers. But the largest part of the youth of both sexes receive their elementary instruction in domestic schools, which are very frequently formed in this way:—a country gentleman engages a teacher at a moderate salary, and receives the children of his relations and neighbours as scholars. Many of these schools are attended by children of both sexes, but a great number of them are solely for females, who are instructed in polite literature, geography, &c., and frequently in French, music, and drawing.

In 1841 there were published in Virginia 4 daily newspapers, 35 weekly, 12 twice and thrice a week, and 5 periodicals.

Canals and Rail-roads.—In 1840 the canals of Virginia were—Alexandria Canal, from Georgetown to Alexandria, 7½ miles; James River and Kanawha Canal, from Richmond to Buchanan, 17½ miles; Dismal Swamp Canal, from Deep Creek to Joyce's Creek, 23 miles; and 11 miles of branch canals: total 216½ miles.

In 1840 the railroads were—the Richmond, Fredericksburg, and Potomac, from Richmond to Aquia Creek, 75 miles; the Louisa Branch, 24 miles from Richmond to Gordonsville, 49 miles; the Richmond and Petersburg, from Richmond to Petersburg, 23 miles; the Petersburg and Roanoke, from Petersburg to Weldon, 59 miles; the Greensville, from near Hicksford to Gaston, in N. Carolina, 18 miles; the City Point, from Petersburg to City Point, 12 miles; the Chesterfield, from the coal-mines to Richmond, 134 miles; the Portsmouth and Roanoke, from Portsmouth to Weldon, in N. Carolina, 80 miles; the Winchester and Potomac, from Harper's Ferry to Winchester, 32 miles. Total, 361½ miles.

Population.—In 1642 the population of Virginia was 20,000; in 1680, 30,000; in 1703, 60,606; in 1740, 85,000; in 1763, 170,000; in 1790, 747,610; in 1800, 840,300; in 1810, 974,622; in 1820, 1,065,366; in 1830, 1,211,375; in 1840, 1,239,797, consisting of 740,968 whites, 448,987 slaves, and 49,842 free coloured. The number of inhabitants to a square mile is 19, being the 14th in relative density to the other states. In 1671 there were 2000 slaves; in 1790, 233,427; in 1830, 460,797. In the ten years from 1830 to 1840 the number of slaves has been reduced by 20,770, the free coloured have been increased by 2494, and the whites have been increased by 46,608. In 1841 the tax on slaves produced 93,293 dollars, from which it appears that the annual tax on each slave is four-tenths of a dollar.

Of insane and idiots, in 1840, there were 1048 whites and 348 coloured; of blind, there were 426 whites and 466 coloured; of deaf and dumb, there were 453 whites and 150 coloured.

Of the religious classes in Virginia the Baptists are the most numerous; they have about 400 churches, 250 ministers, and 50,000 communicants. The Methodists have about 100 ministers and 40,000 communicants. The Presbyterians have 120 churches, 130 ministers, and about 10,000 communicants. The Episcopalians, who include the most wealthy part of the community, have 88 clergymen and 3722 communicants. Besides these, there are Roman Catholics, Quakers, Jews, &c., each with several congregations.

Imports and Exports.—The imports into Virginia from foreign countries, in the year ending September 30, 1841, were of the value of 377,237 dollars, the amount of 351,117 dollars being in American vessels and 25,320 in foreign vessels. The exports were of the value of 5,630,286 dollars, of which 5,628,910 dollars were domestic produce and 1376 foreign produce.

Statistics.—The following details of mineral, agricultural, and manufactured produce are abstracted from a series of tables given in the 'American Almanac' for 1843, which are founded on official data collected in taking the census of 1840.

Mineral Produce.—In the year ending June 1, 1840, Virginia produced 18,840 tons of cast-iron from 42 forges, and 5688 tons of bar-iron; 876,638 lbs. of lead; gold of the value of 51,758 dollars; 5000 bushels of anthracite coal; 10,622,345 bushels of bituminous coal, employing 985 men; 1,745,618 bushels of salt, employing 624 men; granite, marble, &c. of the value of 84,880 dollars.

Agricultural Produce.—In the year ending April 1, 1840, Virginia produced 10,109,716 bushels of wheat, 87,430 bushels of barley, 13,451,062 bushels of oats, 1,482,799 bushels of rye, 243,822 bushels of buckwheat, 34,577,591 bushels of Indian corn, 10,597 lbs. of hops, 65,030 lbs. of wax, 2,944,660 bushels of potatoes, 364,708 tons of hay, 25,594 tons of hemp and flax, 75,347,106 lbs. of tobacco, 2566 lbs. of rice, 3,494,483 lbs. of cotton, 3191 lbs. of silk cocoons, 1,541,833 lbs. of sugar, 483,590 cords of wood; dairy products of the value of 1,480,488 dollars; products of the orchard of the value of 705,765 dollars; market-garden produce of the value of 92,359 dollars; 13,911 gallons of wine; lumber of the value of 538,092 dollars; tar, &c. 5809 barrels; skins and furs of the value of 23,214 dollars. The number of horses and mules was 326,438; of cattle, 1,024,148; of sheep, 1,293,772, which yielded 2,538,374 lbs. of wool; of swine, 1,992,155; poultry of all kinds of the value of 754,068 dollars.

Manufactures.—In the year ending June 1, 1840, Virginia manufactured machinery of the value of 429,858 dollars, employing 445 men; hardware, cutlery, &c. of the value of 50,504 dollars, employing 150 men; 9330 small arms, employing 262 men; precious metals of the value of

41,000 dollars, employing 52 men. There were 47 fulling-mills, 41 woollen manufactories employing 222 persons, the goods manufactured being valued at 147,792 dollars. There were 22 cotton manufactories employing 1816 persons, the goods manufactured being valued at 446,063 dollars. The flax manufactories were valued at 4673 dollars, silk manufactories at 515 dollars, and mixed manufactories at 227,861 dollars. The manufactured tobacco was valued at 2,406,671 dollars, employing 3342 persons; hats and caps manufactured were valued at 155,778 dollars, and straw bonnets at 14,700 dollars. There were 600 tanneries, employing 1422 persons. Of manufactories of leather for saddles, &c. there were 962, and the manufactures were valued at 826,507 dollars; 126 persons made 1,200,308 lbs. of soap, 463,525 lbs. of tallow candles, and 837 lbs. of spermaceti and wax candles. Of distilleries there were 1454, which produced 885,725 gallons of spirits; of breweries there were 5, which produced 32,960 gallons; 1631 persons were employed in both. There were 10 powder-mills, but only 11 men were employed, who made 2650 lbs. of powder. There were 4 glass-houses and 2 for glass-cutting, employing together 164 men, and 33 potteries, employing 64 men; 12 paper manufactories, employing 181 men; 50 printing-offices and 13 bookbinding-shops, employing together 310 men; 9 rope-walks, employing 60 men; 1592 men were employed in making carriages of various kinds. There were 764 flour-mills, 2714 grist-mills, 1967 saw-mills, 61 oil-mills, employing altogether 3864 men, and 675 men were employed in manufacturing furniture. Of retail dry goods, grocery, &c. there were 2736 stores, with an invested capital of 16,684,413 dollars. There were 31 commercial houses in foreign trade and 64 commission houses, having together an invested capital of 4,289,540 dollars. The shipping built was valued at 136,947 dollars.

Virginia is divided into 112 counties.

Town, &c.—*Richmond* is the seat of government. It is beautifully situated on the ascending slope of the north bank of James River, in 37° 32' N. lat. and 77° 29' W. long, 130 miles from the entrance of Chesapeake Bay, 116 miles from Norfolk, 74 miles from the former site of James Town, and 30 from City Point, which is the head of the navigation for large vessels, but vessels drawing 15 feet ascend to Warwick, 5 miles below Richmond, and vessels drawing 10 feet to Rockets, a little below Richmond. Opposite the city are the James River Falls or more properly Rapids, which extend nearly six miles up the river, which within this distance descends more than 80 feet; but a canal passes round the Falls, and the river is navigable nearly 300 miles above them. On the opposite bank of the river is a small town called *Manchester*, which is connected with Richmond by a bridge, over which runs the railroad from Richmond to Petersburg. The ground on which the city is built, though generally sloping upward from the river, is broken into several hills of different heights. The plan of the city is regular, the principal streets running parallel to the river, which are called A Street, B Street, &c., and crossed at right angles by others, which are called First Street, Second Street, &c. The streets are nearly all wide, but badly paved, imperfectly drained, and never lighted. The chief public building is the State House, or Capitol, which is finely situated in the middle of a lawn, on the brow of a hill which overlooks the city. It is a copy of the *Maison Carrée* of Nîmes, the plan of which was sent over by Mr. Jefferson when he was ambassador in France. It contains a statue of General Washington by Houdon. The state penitentiary is on a rising ground in the west of the city: the prisoners work in company, but are not allowed to speak to each other. There is a poorhouse and a female orphan asylum. There are sixteen churches, three Methodist, three Episcopalian, three Baptist, two Presbyterian, and one each Roman Catholic, Unitarian, Quaker, Campbellite, and Jewish. The government of the city is conducted by a mayor, a recorder, eleven aldermen, and a council of fifteen. There are large beds of coal within a few miles of the city, and the Falls of the river afford water-power to any extent. There are several flour-mills and one or two cotton-mills. The commerce consists chiefly in the exportation of tobacco and flour. The population in 1830 was 16,000, of whom 7735 were whites, 6349 slaves, and 1915 free coloured. The population is probably now about 20,000. There are two daily papers, and one three times a week.

Abingdon, 300 miles south-west from Richmond, has a

court-house and three churches. The inhabitants are about 2000, of whom only about 200 are blacks. A weekly newspaper is published. In the neighbourhood are some extensive salt-works.

Buchanan and Pottouburg, two increasing villages on opposite sides of the James River, and 181 miles west from Richmond, have together about 600 inhabitants.

Charlottesville is a small town, 81 miles west-north-west from Richmond: it contains about 1000 inhabitants, 400 of whom are slaves and 100 free coloured. There is a court-house, four places of worship, Episcopalian, Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian; a female academy; and a preparatory school for boys destined for the university of Virginia, which is about a mile and a half distant from this town. The buildings of the University occupy an oblong quadrangle about 500 feet long by 150 wide. The principal building, called the Rotunda, is at one end of the quadrangle, of brick, circular, with a flat-topped dome, and a Corinthian portico. It is a copy of the Pantheon at Rome, and about one half of the diameter of the original building. In the neighbourhood of Charlottesville is Monticello, formerly Jefferson's residence, on the summit of a hill about 500 feet above the Rivanna. It commands a magnificent view of the Blue Ridge and the surrounding country. [CHARLOTTESVILLE.]

Fincastle, 174 miles west from Richmond, is a small town with about 800 inhabitants, of whom 300 are negroes: it has a court-house and four churches, and publishes a weekly newspaper.

Fredericksburg, on the south bank of the Rappahannock, 110 miles from the mouth, and 66 miles north of Richmond, is a flourishing commercial town in a healthy and pleasant situation. It is near the head of the navigation of the Rappahannock, up to which town vessels of 130 or 140 tons burthen can ascend. There is a town-house, a mansion-house, a market-house, two banks, a Lancasterian school, and four churches, Episcopalian, Baptist, Presbyterian, and Methodist. It exports annually a large quantity of corn, flour, tobacco, &c. The port of entry is at Tappahannock, about 70 miles below Fredericksburg. The population is about 4000.

Of *James Town*, where the first colony was settled, and which was once a large place, not a single house remains. It was the chief seat of the colonial government from 1607 till 1698, when Williamsburg was made the capital, and continued to be so till 1779, when Richmond became the seat of the first American state government.

Lexington is seated near the North River, a tributary of the James River, 156 miles west by north from Richmond. It was built originally of wood, but having been destroyed by fire in 1794, the houses are now mostly of brick. Its public buildings are, Washington College, a state arsenal, and three churches. The inhabitants are about 1000.

Lynchburg, a flourishing commercial town, is on the south bank of James River, 30 miles below the great Falls where the river passes through the Blue Ridge, and 120 miles west-south-west from Richmond. It has considerable trade, not only with western Virginia, but with North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Ohio. The produce brought to market, consisting of tobacco, wheat, flour, hemp, &c., is conveyed in boats to Richmond, whence it is shipped to foreign markets. It has a court-house and three churches. The population is between 5000 and 6000.

Mount Vernon, the mansion of Washington, where he died, and near which he was buried, stands on a bold promontory overhanging the Potomac, which is here a mile and a half wide. The tomb is above ground, and his remains are deposited in a white marble sarcophagus, with a flat cover, on which is sculptured an eagle in relief, the American stars and stripes, and the name 'Washington.' A similar sarcophagus near it contains the remains of his wife, with the inscription 'Martha, consort of Washington.'

Norfolk is situated on the north bank of Elizabeth River, about eight miles from its junction with the James River, and 114 miles south-east from Richmond. The harbour is excellent, sheltered from all winds, has depth of water for the largest vessels, shallow anchorages for smaller ones, and good holding-ground for all. The town is built on a plain, the streets are broad and well-paved, and the houses chiefly of brick. There is a court-house, a custom-house, an almshouse, a theatre, and eight churches, but none of these buildings are distin-

guished for architectural beauty. Norfolk, notwithstanding the excellence of its harbour, has little commerce. On the opposite bank of Elizabeth River, distant about a mile, is *Portsmouth*, almost adjoining which is *Gosport*, at which is the Navy-yard. The population of Norfolk is about 12,000, and Portsmouth and Gosport together about 3000; consisting of about 8000 whites, 6000 slaves, and 1000 free coloured.

Petersburg is situated on the south bank of the Appomattox, about 12 miles from its junction with James River at City Point. The Appomattox is navigable for small vessels as far as Petersburg, which is 23 miles south by east from Richmond. The town, originally built of wood, was burnt down in 1815, and has been since rebuilt with brick. The plan of the town is regular and the houses substantial, but the streets are badly paved, dirty, and entirely without lamps. There are several public buildings—a City Hall, a Masonic Hall, a Female Orphan Asylum, and seven churches belonging to Episcopalians, Baptists, Methodists, and Presbyterians. There is a newspaper published three times a week. Manufactures and commerce are tolerably brisk. The Falls above the town, as at Richmond, are used for water-power, and a canal connects the river below the Falls with the River above, so as to continue the navigation. There are eight tobacco-manufactories, seven flour-mills, and two oil-mills. The exports are about 50,000 bales of cotton, 5000 hogheads of tobacco, and 100,000 bushels of wheat. The population is about 10,000, of whom about 4000 are whites, 3000 slaves, and 3000 free coloured.

Springe.—The medicinal springs of Western Virginia are in great repute, and have become watering-places which are resorted to from all parts of the state. The *Red Sulphur Springs*, 240 miles W. from Richmond, are slightly sulphurous, of the temperature of 54° Fahrenheit, and perfectly transparent, the name having been given to them from a reddish deposit which is observed on the rock at the bottom of the wells. There is a handsome establishment for visitors, the number of whom is generally about 200. The *Grey Sulphur Springs* are about nine miles E. from the Red Sulphur Springs. The visitors are about 50, generally from South Carolina. The *Salt Sulphur Springs* are about 18 miles E. from the Red Sulphur Springs. The *White Sulphur Springs* deposit a white sediment; they are 36 miles N.E. from the Red Sulphur Springs. There is a large establishment for visitors here, the number of whom is from 600 to 800. The *Sweet Springs* are 204 miles W. from Richmond. The water contains a small admixture of magnesia, soda, and iron; the temperature is about 74° Fahr. There are swimming and plunging baths. The situation of all the springs is beautiful, but this is most so. About 45 miles north-north-east from the Sweet Springs are a warm spring (98° Fahr.), and a hot spring (106° Fahr.), both enclosed.

Stanton, 120 miles north-west by west from Richmond, has two court-houses—one for common law and one for equity cases, a market-house, four churches, and, near the entrance of the town, the Lunatic Asylum for Western Virginia, a handsome edifice. The population is about 2000.

Wheeling, 357 miles north-west from Richmond, is situated on a high bank of the Ohio, and on a strip of land so narrow as only to allow of three principal streets between the river, with which they are parallel, and the steep hills at the back of the town, so that all further extension must be made at the ends; these three streets are of good breadth, with side-walks well-paved, other streets crossing at right angles. There are several large manufactories of cotton and woollens. A large new court-house is probably now finished. There is a bank in form resembling the United States Bank of Philadelphia. There are five churches, Episcopal, Methodist, Catholic, Presbyterian, and Associate Reformed. The inhabitants are about 10,000, of whom about 3000 are negroes, chiefly slaves. Two weekly newspapers are published.

The great National Road passes through Wheeling, which is projected to run from Cumberland, at which the Philadelphia and Baltimore Roads meet, across Maryland, Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, to Saint Louis in Missouri; it is completed as far as Columbus in Ohio. Eight stages daily arrive at and depart from Wheeling, carrying nine to twenty passengers each, and as many steamboats with from 50 to 100 passengers. Between Wheeling and the Ohio side of the river is a large level island, with a good navigable channel on each side;

the Ohio channel is crossed by a bridge, and the Virginia channel by a curious floating ferry.

Williamsburg, which lies inland between James River and York River, was formerly the legislative capital of the province, but is now a declining town, with about 1000 inhabitants. The only building of importance is the college of William and Mary. There are still remains of the old government residence and the legislative hall. It is 60 miles east-south-east from Richmond.

History.—The early history of Virginia is the history of the establishment of British colonies in North America. The first discovery of the American coast by the English had been made by Sebastian Cabot as early as 1497, and further discoveries were afterwards made by him, as well as by Columbus and Vesputi. Frobenius was sent out in 1576 by Queen Elizabeth to seek a north-west passage, and on his return was knighted. In 1583 Sir Humphrey Gilbert reached Newfoundland, but died on his passage home. The next expeditions were sent out chiefly through the influence and partly at the expense of Sir Walter Raleigh. In 1584 he obtained a patent, and sent out two small vessels, which reached the coast of Florida, and sailed north as far as the island of Roanoke, in which neighbourhood they remained some time in friendly intercourse with the natives. On their return the country was named Virginia by Queen Elizabeth. In 1585 Sir Richard Grenville sailed with seven vessels, and settled 108 persons on the island of Roanoke, in the present state of North Carolina. They suffered extreme hardships, and must have perished if Sir Francis Drake had not fortunately arrived, and taken them back to England in 1586. Meantime Sir Walter Raleigh had sent out a ship plentifully supplied with necessaries, which were brought back to England when the settlers could not be found. Sir Richard Grenville, who had returned to England, also sailed, soon after the former ship, with three vessels, and, not finding the colony, left 60 more settlers. Relief and fresh emigrants were sent out in 1587 under Governor White, who, reaching Roanoke, found only the bones of one man. He settled 115 more colonists, and returned to England, and in 1590 reached Roanoke again with supplies and recruits, but not one of the 115 settlers whom he had left was found, either then or afterwards.

In 1606 James I. granted patents to two companies. To the one, called the London Company, he granted South Virginia; to the other, called the Plymouth Company, he granted New England. On the 19th of December, 1606, a small expedition of 103 men in three ships, the largest not more than 100 tons burthen, having entered a river which was then called Powhatan, now the James River, they planted the first colony in the present state of Virginia, May 13th, 1607, on a peninsula connected with the north bank, and named the place James Town in honour of King James. Before autumn, fifty men, half the colony, had died, and such was the disunion among the rest, that the whole would probably have perished if the management had not fallen into the hands of Captain John Smith, whose courage and prudence preserved the little colony from destruction.

John Smith was born in 1579, at Willoughby, in Lincolnshire. The adventures of this extraordinary man, previously to his joining this expedition, in France, in Flanders, in Italy, in the Levant, in Austria, in Romania, in Germany, Spain, and Morocco, are more like a romance than a biography. Afterwards, when compelled to leave Virginia, and return to England, he commanded, in 1614 and 1615, two expeditions of trade and discovery to New England. In 1624 he published 'The General Historie of Virginia, New England, and the Summer Isles,' folio, London; and in 1630 'The True Travels, Adventures, and Observations of Captain John Smith, in Europe, Asia, Africa, and America, beginning about the years 1593 and continued to this present 1623,' with a 'Continuation' of the History of Virginia, London, folio, both of which works were reprinted at Richmond, in Virginia, in 1819, in 2 vols. 8vo. He published also some works on Navigation, and some smaller works on America and other matters. He died in London, in 1631, in his 52nd year.

Smith, on an expedition up the James River and into the interior, in 1607, was taken prisoner by the Indians, and two men who accompanied him were slain. He himself, after being several days in custody, was saved from the tomahawk by the entreaties and interference of Pocahontas.

ties, the daughter of Powhatan, the principal chief, and he was ultimately allowed to return to James Town, now reduced to forty settlers. In 1608, 70 more emigrants arrived. Smith began to establish friendly relations with the natives, the country was gradually cleared, and under his active superintendence James Town began to assume the appearance of a fortified village.

In 1609 a new charter transferred to the London Company the powers which in the former the king had reserved to himself. Lord Delaware was appointed governor for life, and Sir Thomas Gates, Sir George Somers, and Newport, admiral of the fleet of nine vessels with 500 emigrants, were made commissioners to administer the affairs of the colony till Lord Delaware's arrival. A storm separated the fleet, and only seven ships reached Virginia. The new emigrants were for the most part a dissolute set of impoverished gentlemen and broken tradesmen. Smith however, with much difficulty, maintained his authority over them, till the accidental explosion of a bag of gunpowder inflicted injuries on his person which obliged him to return to England in 1609.

After Smith's departure the colony was soon abandoned to improvidence and idleness; the store of provisions was rapidly consumed; attacks were made by the Indians, stragglers were murdered, and plans laid to destroy the whole colony. Smith had left nearly 500 persons; in six months the number was reduced to 60.

The three commissioners had embarked in the same ship, and this ship was wrecked on the Bermudas. Out of the wreck of their ship and the cedars which they felled they built two vessels, in which they embarked for Virginia, where they arrived only to find a scene of extreme scarcity and distress. The whole body of colonists now resolved to embark for Newfoundland, and disperse themselves among the fishing-vessels, and before sailing down the river would have set fire to James Town if they had not been prevented by the firm resistance of Sir Thomas Gates. Before they reached the mouth of the river they met the long-boat of Lord Delaware, who had arrived in Chesapeake Bay with supplies and emigrants.

The 10th of June, 1610, was the memorable day of the restoration of the colony to its former seat. Sickened soon obliged Lord Delaware to return; but in the mean time Sir Thomas Dale had been sent out with liberal supplies; and at the end of August, 1611, Sir Thomas Gates landed 500 emigrants from six ships. The colony now amounted to 700 men. Gates was appointed governor, and founded, much farther up the river, a new 'plantation,' which he called Henrico, in honour of Prince Henry.

From this time the colony advanced in security and prosperity, which were especially promoted by the curious circumstance of a marriage solemnized according to the rites of the Church of England, between a respectable young Englishman, John Rolfe, and Pocahontas, who had more than once saved the life of Smith. The consequence was a confirmed peace with her father Powhatan, which he extended to other Indian tribes under his influence. Pocahontas sailed with her husband to England, and became an object of admiration both at court and in London, which her conduct as a wife and mother afterwards confirmed and continued. There are families still in Virginia who are proud of their descent from that union.

Sir Thomas Gates returned to England in March, 1614, leaving the government in the hands of Sir Thomas Dale. The use of tobacco, which had been introduced into England by Sir Walter Raleigh several years before the settlement of James Town, extended rapidly, perhaps more rapidly from the attempts of King James to prejudice his subjects against it; and it was soon found that it might be profitably cultivated in Virginia.

Few females had yet ventured to cross the Atlantic, but in 1619 nearly agreeable persons, young and incorrupt, were induced to embark, at the expense of the London Company, on a marriage speculation. In August, 1620, a Dutch ship of war entered James River, and landed twenty negroes for sale, which was the first introduction of negro slaves into the English colonies. In 1621 sixty more females were sent out, 'maids of virtuous education, young and hand-some.' The first lot of females was bought by the colonists for 120 lbs. of tobacco each, but the second brought 150 lbs. each. These sixty females however only formed a portion of 1260 persons whom the energy of Sir Edward Sandys, the treasurer of the London Company, sent out in one year. Sandys was suc-

ceeded as treasurer of the Company by the earl of Southampton, the friend of Shakespeare, and in July, 1621, a written constitution was bestowed on the colony, which was founded on the principles of the English constitution; a governor and permanent council were to be appointed by the Company; a general assembly was to be convened yearly, which might exercise full legislative power, subject to a negative by the governor and ratification by the London Company; and the courts of justice were to conform to the laws and manner of trial used in England.

Powhatan had died in 1618, and was succeeded by his younger brother, who was hostile to the English. In 1622 the Indians prepared to make a secret and simultaneous attack on the whole colony, preserving to the last moment the language of friendship. On the 22nd of March, 1622, at midday and in the same hour, 347 persons, children and women, as well as men, scattered in distant villages extending 140 miles on both sides of the river, were murdered with every aggravation of cruelty; but the massacre was limited to the distant villages. The night before the attack an Indian had revealed the plot to an Englishman whom he wished to save, and James Town and the nearest settlements were on their guard. The Indians fled from every place where they met with prepared resistance. A war of extermination ensued; and new supplies and assistance were promptly sent from England.

Soon after this a quarrel ensued between King James and the London Company, the result of which was, that in 1624 the patents were cancelled and the company dissolved. The management of the colony was entrusted to a governor and counsellors, who were limited to sixteen. Charles I. attempted to obtain a monopoly of the profits of the tobacco trade, but he was resisted by the colonists; and the new governor, Sir John Harvey, who was very unpopular, was 'thrust out of his government,' and sent to England, in 1633, to be tried for attempting to betray the interests of the colonists. The commissioners sent over with Harvey were not even allowed to state the charges against him, and he was sent back to occupy his former station, which he retained till 1639.

On the 18th of April, 1644, another attempt to annihilate the colony by a general massacre was made by the Indians. They killed about 300 on the frontier settlements, but were soon repulsed, and fled to a distance. The prosperity and population of the colony, though checked for a time, afterwards advanced rapidly. In 1648 there were trading in Virginia ten ships from London, two from Bristol, twelve Dutch, and seven from New England, and the number of colonists was about 20,000.

Virginia was disposed to resist the republican government of England, but in 1652 was compelled to submit. In 1673 Charles II. granted the whole province of Virginia to the lords Calpepper and Arden for thirty-one years; and, besides this ground of offence, parts of the Navigation Laws were deemed highly injurious to the interests of the Virginians; revolts took place in 1663, 1671, and 1675, but they were suppressed; at length, in 1676, the colony broke out into open rebellion under a leader called Bacon, and the insurgents pillaged the houses of the royalists and set fire to James Town, which was reduced to ashes. An armament was sent out from England under Sir John Berry, but before it arrived Bacon had fallen sick and died, and the insurgents became dispirited, and were dispersed. From this time till 1688 the Virginians were in a state of continual collision with the king of England and the governor of the colony. In 1689, on the accession of William and Mary, a more liberal and conciliatory policy was adopted towards the colony, under which it continued to flourish till 1774, when the Stamp Act was proposed, and the American war, which broke out a few years afterwards, led to a separation of all the North American colonies from the parent state. The first state constitution of Virginia was adopted June 29, 1776.

(Smith's *General History of Virginia, &c.*; Bancroft's *History of the United States*; Buckingham's *Slave States of America*, vol. ii.; Dickson's *American Notes*; Martin's *Gazetteer of Virginia*; Tucker's *Life of Jefferson* (Introductory chapter); *Journal of Education*, vol. iv., 'Education in America'; *Encyclopædia Americana*; *American Almanac*, 1837, 1841, 1843.)

VIRGINIAN SNAKE ROOT. [POLYGALE SENEGAL, VIRGINIANUS. [VIRGINIA.]

VIRGINIUS RUFUS, a Roman rhetorician of the time of Nero, who sent him into exile, as Tacitus says, merely because he was a man of reputation. (Tacit., *Annal.*, xv. 71; Dion Cass., lxxii. 27.) He appears to be the same as the Virginius Flaccus who is mentioned in the *Life of Persius*, and of whom this poet was a pupil. From Quintilian (iii. 1, § 21; compare iii. 6, § 44; iv. 1, § 23; vii. 4, § 24; xi. 3, § 129), who speaks of him as his contemporary, we learn that he wrote a work on rhetoric, which was more accurate than those of his predecessors; but no fragments of this work are extant. Some modern critics have supposed Virginius Rufus to be the author of the *Rhetorica ad Herennium*, which is usually printed among the works of Cicero; but nothing certain can be said about the matter. (Schütz's *Prooemium* to his edition of Cicero's *Opera Rhetorica*.)

VIRGO (Constellation), the sixth constellation in the zodiac, surrounded by Libra, Bootes, Leo, and Corvus. It is best known by two remarkable stars: the first, *Spica* (α Virginis), a star of the first magnitude, is in the hand, which holds ears of corn, typical of the harvest, which approached in the time of the Greeks as the sun neared this star; the other, *Procyon* (α Virginis), took its name from the vintage. The star *Spica* forms a remarkable triangle with *Arcturus* and *β Leonis* (or *Denebola*); and of the bright stars in this triangle, *Vindematrix* is the one nearest to the line joining *Arcturus* and *β Leonis*.

The principal stars are as follows:—

Character Star in Right Cl.	No. in Catalogue of Ptolemy (1)	Right Ascension (2)	Magnitude (3)	Character Star in Right Cl.	No. in Catalogue of Ptolemy (1)	Right Ascension (2)	Magnitude (3)	Character Star in Right Cl.	No. in Catalogue of Ptolemy (1)	Right Ascension (2)	Magnitude (3)
α	1	1363.6	0	51	1511.4	λ	99	1619.4			
β	2	1369.5	1	53	1514.4	μ	100	1624.4			
γ	3	1371.5	5	55	1517.0	ν	102	1626.5			
δ	4	1372.6	6	57	1519.6	ξ	103	1629.5			
ε	5	1376.3	3	58	1521.6	η	104	1639.6			
ζ	6	1380.6	4	59	1520.6	θ	105	1640.4			
η	7	1385.5	4	60	1522.5	ι	106	1641.6			
θ	8	1386.5	5	61	1523.4	κ	107	1665.4			
ι	9	1392.5	6	62	1528.6	λ	109	1674.4			
κ	10	1397.6	6	63	1530.6	μ	116	1706.4			
λ	11	1399.6	6	64	1529.6	ν	112	1614.6			
μ	12	1405.6	6	65	1531.6	ξ	116	1516.6			
ν	13	1412.6	6	66	1532.6	η	121	1518.7			
ξ	14	1413.6	6	67	1533.1	θ	122	1617.6			
η	15	1415.3	6	68	1535.6	ι	121	1432.6			
θ	16	1417.4	6	69	1538.5	κ	125	1540.7			
ι	17	1422.6	6	70	1538.6	λ	125	1434.7			
κ	20	1445.6	7	71	1541.6	μ	124	1438.6			
λ	21	1446.6	7	73	1543.6	ν	111	1443.6			
μ	25	1454.6	7	74	1545.6	ξ	120	1364.7			
ν	26	1460.5	7	75	1546.6	η	142	1458.7			
ξ	27	1464.6	7	76	1547.6	θ	143	1459.6			
η	28	1467.6	7	77	1548.7	ι	144	1367.6			
θ	29	1468.3	7	78	1549.6	κ	158	1466.4			
ι	30	1468.5	7	79	1550.4	λ	167	1377.6			
κ	31	1469.6	7	80	1551.6	μ	174	1559.7			
λ	33	1472.6	7	82	1556.6	ν	179	1561.7			
μ	34	1475.6	7	83	1560.6	ξ	183	1476.6			
ν	35	1477.6	7	84	1562.6	η	196	1480.6			
ξ	37	1481.6	7	85	1564.6	θ	203	1383.7			
η	38	1484.6	7	86	1565.6	ι	213	1388.7			
θ	40	1488.5	7	87	1567.6	κ	222	1390.7			
ι	41	1487.6	7	88	1571.6	λ	230	1363.7			
κ	42	1490.6	7	89	1574.6	μ	238	1585.7			
λ	43	1491.3	7	90	1584.6	ν	262	1502.6			
μ	44	1495.6	7	93	1598.5	ξ	269	1593.7			
ν	46	1496.6	7	94	1604.6	η	270	1594.7			
ξ	47	1499.3	7	95	1606.6	θ	286	1600.6			
η	48	1500.6	7	96	1608.6	ι	287	1601.7			
θ	49	1506.5	7	97	1613.7	κ	317	1616.6			
ι	50	1510.6	7	98	1615.4	λ					

* Called *β* by Flamsteed, but evidently (according to Italy) the first of the stars marked *α* by Bayer.

† This star has been marked *α* by mistake.

‡ 16, 19, and 45 Virgins are the consequences of errors in copying, and do not exist in the heavens.

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Hesiod and Aratus unite in representing Virgo to be Justice, who retired to Heaven when the golden age came to an end: the former makes her the daughter of Jupiter and Themis; the latter, of Astræus and Aurora: others make her to be Fortune, others Ceres, &c.

VIRIATHUS or **VIRIATUS** (Ὀβριάτης), the leader of the Lusitanians, in Hispania, in their war with the Romans, about the middle of the second century a.c. He is first mentioned on the occasion when the Roman prætor Servius Galba treacherously massacred a large body of the Lusitanians (a.c. 150). Viriathus was one of the few who escaped. In the year 149 a.c., a Lusitanian army having been defeated by Caius Vetilius, the fugitives, who were blockaded, were on the point of surrendering, when Viriathus, who happened to be present, reminded them of the treachery of Galba, and by a bold and skilful manœuvre released them, and was appointed their general. In a battle which took place shortly afterwards, he defeated and killed Vetilius. In the three following years he defeated successively the prætors C. Plautius, Claudius Unimanus, and C. Nupidius Figulus. The next year (a.c. 145) the Romans sent against him the consul Q. Fabius Maximus Aemilianus, who checked his successful course in this and the following year. In 143 a.c. Viriathus was again successful against the prætor Q. Pompeius, whose successor, Q. Fabius Maximus Servilianus, carried on the war during the next two years with various success. At length, in a.c. 140, the consul Q. Servilius Cæpio obtained the person of Viriathus by the treachery of some of that chief's intimate friends, and put him to death, after he had led the Lusitanians for eight years, or, as others say, fourteen, reckoning from the beginning of the Celtiberic war in a.c. 153.

The Roman writers say that Viriathus was first a shepherd and huntsman; then a leader of robbers, by which they mean what a modern Spaniard calls a *Guerrilla* chieftain; and at last a great commander, who, had fortune favoured him, would have founded an empire much greater than his native country, or, as Florus expresses it, would have been the Romulus of Spain.

(Appian, *De Reb. Hisp.*, 50-75; Liv., *Epit.*, lii. liv.; Diodorus Siculus, x., p. 72-80, 97; Valerius Maximus, vi. 4, § 2; ix. 6, § 4; Orosius, 61, 62; Orosius, iv. 21; Florus, ii. 17; Eutropius, iv. 16.)

VIROLA **SEBIFERA**, a large tree of Guyana, which belongs properly to the genus *Myristica*, and is in fact by some called nutmeg of Cayenne, and has the same properties as many of the other species of that genus. When incisions are made into the bark, a reddish glutinous juice exudes, which, when fresh, is used as a caustic, and which concentrates in time. The mace is of a red colour, and within it the kernel is of a whitish colour, which, when powdered and put into boiling water, yields a yellowish-coloured fatty substance which swims on the surface; it is caustic in taste, and has a slight odour of nutmeg. In the country candles are made of it, hence Europeans call the tree *Porte Suif*. The natives of Guyana call it *voiroche*; the Galibis, *ayapa* and *virola*, which was adopted as the generic name. M. Bonastre says it yields by distillation only a small quantity of essential oil, which is lighter than water. This vegetable fat or tallow is sometimes met with in commerce in square leaves. It is less fitted for affording light than ordinary tallow, because it melts at a lower temperature. It is unsuitable for plasters because it is caustic: semitransparent soap is however sometimes made with it.

VIRTUAL VELOCITIES. The name of the *principle of virtual velocities*, which is given to what is perhaps the most important generalization in mechanics, is very ill fitted to express the idea which is to be conveyed. It will take some space to prepare even the mathematical reader, unless he be already acquainted with the subject, for the reception of this principle as a real and physical consequence of the laws of matter. As long as it is only treated as a mathematical mode of expressing geometrical conditions, its import is hardly seen, and its value is lessened by a want of perfect conviction.

Our works on mechanics are now written in so very cold a style, and mathematical deduction has so completely taken the place of everything else, that little space is given even to interpretation of results, and none to illustration of first principles. The consequence is, a strong leaning to purely mathematical definitions, which, though they

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place the student in the smallest possible time at the beginning of his career of deduction, nevertheless make it difficult for him ever to connect his first principles (first equations we ought rather to call them) with the actual properties of the matter around him, and with the phraseology which sight and touch make him feel to be justifiable. We do not like the system of mechanics in which velocity is only $dx:dt$, moving pressure but a name for $m dx:dt$, and the principle of virtual velocities nothing but a nickname for $\sum p dx = 0$. For a proper description of real facts, we would rather that nature should afford a vacuum, that fluid should *try* to find its level, that the centre of gravity should *endeavour* to descend as low as possible, and so on. Of such language the mathematicians must allow the use, if the learner is to feel the truth of the results of mechanics; and in no case is such permission of more importance than in the illustration of the principle before us.

When we say that any system whatever is in equilibrium, under the action of forces, it is obvious that the word equilibrium is only used for a state of rest, as opposed to one of motion; which last is possible to be imagined, and might actually take place, if it were not that the impressed forces mutually counteract each other's effects. If a system could not move, if so many of its points were fixed that, consistently with those points remaining fixed, no geometrical possibility of motion was left, it would be useless to ask whether any given set of forces would keep that system in equilibrium or not. For the answer would be that the system must be in equilibrium, forces or no forces. But when it is left possible that a system may move, it then becomes a question whether a given set of forces will entirely prevent all motion, or will cause one of the possible motions to begin: and the alternative may be restricted by the use of as small a portion of time as we please. What will take place during the first millionth of a second after the forces are applied, rest or motion? And instead of the millionth of a second, any smaller fraction may be used; so that we may say the question of rest or motion, the settlement which of the two is to take place, may be considered as one which involves but an infinitely small portion of time. We shall throughout this article use the language of the infinitesimal calculus, leaving it to the reader to reduce it to the stricter form, if he think that there is such a thing.

Now all the different infinitely small motions of which it is possible that a system may take any one during the infinitely small time dt which elapses after forces are applied to it—are called *virtual motions*. This word is not used in the meaning which it commonly bears, as when we say that a man who does not prosecute a claim virtually (as good as) abandons it. When John Bernoulli used this adjective (and we can find none prior to him who did so) it was in a sense which it will not now bear: by a virtual velocity he meant any infinitely small velocity, or increase of velocity. But in modern times, virtual is used in the sense of potential, or possible: a virtual motion is one which a system might take, whether it take it or not: thus if forces keep a system at rest, it will not take any one whatsoever of the virtual (or possible) motions; but if they do not keep it at rest, it will, in the time dt which elapses after the forces are applied, take some one of the virtual motions, to the exclusion of the rest. Nevertheless, as long as it is geometrically possible that any one given motion might have taken place, we are at liberty to suppose that that motion has taken place (which is simply making an arbitrary displacement of the system), if by so doing, and noting the displacements which the different parts receive, we can draw any conclusions as to the conditions of equilibrium.

When we see a system in equilibrium, experience tells us that there are efforts at motion which are counteracted. Remove any one of the forces, or any part of one of them, and motion immediately begins. It is true that friction and other resistances prevent our having so good a perception of this truth as we otherwise might have; since, when equilibrating forces are removed in whole or in part, friction frequently supplies the place and maintains the equilibrium. A little reflexion will however make it apparent that when a system is once in equilibrium, no addition or subtraction of forces can be made without producing motion, unless the forces added or withdrawn be such as by themselves would maintain equilibrium.

A system, then, at rest, makes efforts to move, which

efforts are counteracted; and the mathematical conditions of equilibrium, whatever they may be, must express that every force endeavours to produce motion; must contain, directly or indirectly, a measure of the energy of that force; and must show that a complete counteraction of all the efforts at motion takes place. But here arises a question, and one which is of the utmost importance in the comprehension of our principle. The number of virtual motions is usually infinite.—Does any given system of forces make an effort to produce every one of them, or some only? We know that, if the forces do not produce equilibrium, one of the virtual motions ensues in the first dt following the application of the forces, to the exclusion of all the rest: it ought not therefore to surprise the student if he were told that, for every given set of forces (a given system being always understood), some one motion prevented is every motion prevented. But in point of fact the direct contrary is true, in rigid systems at least: generally speaking, there is but one class of virtual motions which a given set of forces has *not* a tendency to produce, and any one of the rest may be produced. Our meaning will appear in the following explanation:—We have seen (Rotation, p. 177) that every infinitely small motion of a rigid system may be produced by a screwlike motion,* namely, rotation round an axis, accompanied by a slipping up or down that axis. Take any line for an axis, and suppose a screw, fitted to its receiving screw (the latter immovably fixed in space), to be described with that axis: suppose also that the system to which the forces are applied is fixed to the screw. Here then is every virtual motion prevented, except one; so that if the system begin to move, it must take that one motion. Now apply the given set of forces, and resolve them all in directions parallel to the axis, and in planes perpendicular to it. There must be motion unless the former forces destroy each other, and the latter have a resultant or resultants passing through the axis. Consequently, with certain exceptions (which, though infinite in number, are few compared with the rest), a given set of forces, acting on a given system, will produce any virtual motion, if others be excluded: but when there are various virtual motions not excluded, the system, if the forces do not balance one another, will take one in preference to any of the rest. The preceding argument ought to be more developed, but we have not room for such an explanation as would be intelligible to every one: most of the difficulty indeed lies in the purely geometrical conception of motion, and is foreign to our article.

We are to expect, then, as the condition of equilibrium, a collection of conditions, an infinite number, implying that, of an infinite number of motions, possible *a priori*, the given system of forces makes each and every one impossible. To make it appear in what the condition may probably consist, look at the following cases:—If one point of the system be fixed, forces applied at that point are useless, for they only produce a pressure or strain on the fixed point, and neither promote nor retard any virtual motion. If one point be restrained to move upon a given surface or curve, forces perpendicular to that surface or curve are useless, for a similar reason. Thus suppose one point must be retained on a given horizontal plane: any weight added to that point has no effect on the equilibrium; it is merely equivalent to so much weight laid upon the plane.† Generally then, a force produces no effect in equilibrium unless the point to which it is applied can move in the direction of that force: thus weight produces no effect when applied to a point of which all the virtual motions are horizontal. But let the plane be ever so little inclined to the horizon, and a point restricted to move upon it has somewhat of vertical motion: weight applied at that point will have some effect in equilibrium. It would be natural to conclude (and let it be remembered that in these *a priori* views we are only stating strong probabilities) that the more freely a point may move in the direction of the force which acts upon it, the greater the effect of that force in producing or disturbing equilibrium. Now since it is sufficiently evident that, *ceteris paribus*, a force has more or less effect in proportion to its

* Simple translation is the extreme case in which the thread of the screw becomes parallel to the axis; and simple rotation the other extreme case in which the screw-axis coincides with the thread-axis.

† Here again the common idea derived from friction must be abandoned: a weight attached to such a point might help, by the friction on the plane, to equilibrate the system.

from arcs of circles with the centres B and A—it follows that AC may be considered as the diminution of the line if A only changed place, and came to M, while BD may be considered as the quantity by which it would be lengthened, if B only changed place, and came to N. Hence, since the bar remains of the same length, we have $AC = BD$, or at least the two only differ by an infinitely small part of either. But AC gives the virtual velocity of the tension at A, and BD that of the tension at B, and these lines being equal, and the tensions equal, their moments are equal; but these moments have different signs, one of the virtual velocities being in the direction of its force, and the other in the opposite direction. Hence the sum of these two moments is $= 0$; and the same follows for the two moments of any other of the tensions, exerted by any other of the connecting bars. Let T_1 be the sum of the moments of the tensions which act on the first point, T_2, T_3 , &c. of those which act on the second, third, &c. points; then, taking the principle as established above, for each point separately, we have $R_1 dr_1 + T_1 = 0, R_2 dr_2 + T_2 = 0$, &c.; by summing which we have $R_1 dr_1 + R_2 dr_2 + \&c. + T_1 + T_2 + \&c. = 0$. But $T_1 + T_2 + \&c. = 0$; for, as shown, every term in each of T_1, T_2 , &c. finds an equal and contrary term in one of the others. Hence $R_1 dr_1 + R_2 dr_2 + \&c. = 0$, or the principle is established for any system consisting of forces applied to points connected by rigid bars, and this whether there be connections enough to ensure complete stability of form or not.

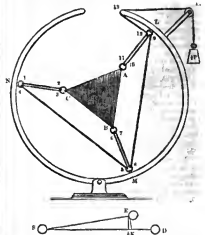
Various other cases may be examined in which the same conclusion as the last will be arrived at, namely, that the principle of virtual velocities is true of the external forces only, and that those which arise from the internal forces of the system may be neglected. If, for example, one of the points to which a force is applied slide upon a string, in the manner of a bead, the ends of the string being attached to other points of the system, the two tensions are the same on both sides of the bead, and any virtual motion of the bead alone shortens one part of the string as much as it lengthens the other. Those parts, by which one side is lengthened and the other shortened, are, when the motion is infinitely small, the spaces from which the virtual velocities of the tensions are obtained, and they are of contrary signs. The moments of the tensions are therefore equal and contrary; or the principle is true independently of those tensions. Again, suppose one of the points of the system is restrained to move upon a given surface or curve; being tied in such a manner as to slip freely upon the surface or curve, without being able to leave it. The force which retains the point thus attached is perpendicular to the surface or curve, but every virtual motion of that point is (when infinitely small) in the tangent plane of the surface or tangent of the curve: so that there is no component in the direction of the force, and the moment of the force vanishes.

When questions occur in which friction is an element, the principle of virtual velocities is not of very easy application. Even in the ordinary modes of solving such problems, the formulæ which must vanish when there is no friction, are not required to vanish, but must lie between certain positive and negative limits, depending on the friction. A similar change must be predicated of the sum of the moments of the impressed forces: but as even Lagrange does not appear to have thought the principle before us conveniently applicable to friction problems, we may well dispense with the consideration of them here. When elastic bodies are in question, the principle can be applied, but only on condition that the elasticities of the several parts of the system are considered as external, not internal forces: an hypothesis rendered necessary by our ignorance of the molecular constitution which gives rise to elasticity. It may also be said that in its application to hydrostatics there are mathematical conventions (expressive, no doubt, of truths, but foreign to the mere enunciation of the principle) which represent our ignorance of the molecular constitution of a fluid. On this point we should recommend the student who has enough of mathematics to have recourse to the *Mécanique Analytique* of Lagrange, the standard work on virtual velocities: the demonstrations, so called, given by all the elementary writers we know of (even Poisson, see his *Mécanique*, vol. ii., p. 512, 2nd edition) are mere illustrations conducted upon the most limited suppositions. These are more than excusable, considered with reference to the supposed mathematical

knowledge of the reader; but it is not right to make him believe that he is considering a subject generally, when nothing but a limited case is presented to him. The great fault of the mathematical writers of our day is the result of *omission of incompleteness*: and any one who looks in Poisson's table of contents for 'Démonstration du Principe des Vitesses Virtuelles dans l'Équilibre d'un Liquide,' and compares it with the article indicated, will see a notable instance.

When we look at the preceding demonstration of the principle, we see that it depends upon knowledge of the mode of compounding and decomposing forces; but there is an *a priori* proof of a most singular character, as extensive as can be given by the mode already used. This proof was prefixed by Lagrange to the 'Mécanique Analytique,' and judging from the slight degree of notice which it has obtained from succeeding writers on mechanics, we should suppose that it was disputed or thought unsound. We have ourselves strong objections to the form given by Lagrange; but we believe that a sound and sufficient method of proof does exist in the principle which he has used; and this we shall endeavour to develop.

Suppose, first, that all the forces which are applied are equal to one another; the case of unequal forces will follow very readily. As an instance, suppose three equal forces applied at the points A, B, C, in the directions AL, BM, CN; ABC being a solid triangle without weight. At A, B, C, attach rings* to the triangular system, and at L, M, N, attach rings to a solid frame unconnected with the system, except by the flexible string now to be mentioned. Let this string be made fast to the ring N at 1, from



whence let it be carried through the ring C, and again through the ring N at 4, from whence it is passed through M at 5; being nowhere attached to the frame except at 1. Its course is then denoted by the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, &c.; and, when it emerges at 14, let a weight be attached, equal to the half of the force which is required to act at each of the points A, B, C; this force being P, the weight is $\frac{1}{2}P$. The tension of the string being everywhere the same, it is everywhere equal to $\frac{1}{2}P$; and at the point A each of the parts of the string, (10, 9) and (11, 12), applies a force equal to $\frac{1}{2}P$, so that the force P is, from the two strings, applied at A. The same may be said of the points B and C. If, then, at the outset, the system ABC were so placed that forces P, P, P, applied at the three points in the given directions would produce equilibrium, it follows that there will be no motion when the weight $\frac{1}{2}P$ is made to act on the string; for equilibrating forces will at that instant be applied to the system: and the weight $\frac{1}{2}P$ cannot move unless the triangle move.

* Perhaps, in Lagrange; but the wheel in the pulley is only a friction-wheel, and, as we are at liberty to dispense with friction in our thoughts, we may also dispense the pulley of its wheel.

Now it is obvious *a priori* that if any forces keep a system in equilibrium, forces exactly opposite to those forces will also keep it in equilibrium: if P, Q, R , keep a system in equilibrium, so will $-P, -Q$, and $-R$, forces equal and opposite to the first three. For it is obvious that all the six, $P, -P, Q, -Q, R, -R$, keep it in equilibrium, being three sets of equilibrating forces. Take away the set P, Q, R , which, by hypothesis, equilibrate the system, and the remaining set, $-P, -Q, -R$, will then equilibrate it. But here it must be noticed that when the inversion of directions is made, the inversion of the tensions must also be possible: a force which before the inversion pulls by a string, must, after the inversion, be supposed to push that string: that is to say, the string must have the property of a rigid bar as to pushing or pulling being indifferent. The reader of theoretical mechanics must accustom himself to the idea of a string which, though laterally flexible, can transmit a push or thrust in the direction of its length. Imagine the direction* of gravity to be changed in the machine, so that $\frac{1}{2}P$ acts upwards, the string being capable of transmitting the thrust through the whole of its length. Nothing is then changed except the directions of the forces acting at A, B, C , in such manner that, if the original position be one of equilibrium, the weight $\frac{1}{2}P$ cannot ascend, any more than it could descend in the first supposition.

When there is equilibrium, then, the weight $\frac{1}{2}P$, whether it is supposed to pull downwards or thrust upwards, cannot either ascend or descend. But what is to hinder $\frac{1}{2}P$ from descending in the first case, or ascending in the second? The weight is only counterbalanced at 1, which is made fast to the ring at N , and if more string can be drawn out beyond (13) by the descent of $\frac{1}{2}P$, or pushed in by its ascent, there is no mechanical reason why such drawing out or pushing in should not take place. The reason why the ascent or descent cannot take place must be of a geometrical character, and Lagrange reasons as follows:—It will be sufficient that any infinitely small displacement of the triangle ABC should produce no displacement of the weight; and this will also be necessary: for if any possible infinitely small displacement of the system could let out string and give motion to the weight, the tendency of the weight to descend would produce that small displacement. But (implies Lagrange) it is enough that any infinitely small displacement of the system should only produce a displacement of the weight which is of an inferior order; or it is enough that the second displacement should be an infinitely small part of the first. Here we cannot follow the reasoning: why should the weight not be capable of descending because the first infinitely small motion of ABC is attended by one of an inferior order in the weight $\frac{1}{2}P$? We could name any number of cases in which continued motions begin in this manner. We can only understand Lagrange's argument to this extent: if there be a position of equilibrium at all, it must be that in which a given infinitely small displacement produces the smallest effect upon the weight; so that, if there be one position in which every displacement produces relatively an infinitely small displacement of the weight, that position, or none, must be the position of equilibrium. We shall however proceed with Lagrange's reasoning, and shall then endeavour to show that it may be saved from the preceding objection at least, if not rendered absolutely rigorous. Let S be the fixed ring to which D (moveable with the system) belongs; and let the latter, in a certain infinitely small displacement of the system, be removed to E . If SD be greater than SE , the string SD is shortened by the removal, and drawing the arc EK and the perpendicular EK , the virtual velocity of the force acting in the direction DS is AD (and is positive), while the quantity by which each string is shortened is KD ; but if SE be longer than SD , the virtual velocity is negative, and the string is lengthened. Hence, if α, β, γ be the virtual velocities of the forces in their own directions, the expression $2\alpha + 2\beta + 2\gamma$ is, if positive, the quantity of string let out by the displacement; if negative, the quantity taken in. Or rather we should say that $2\alpha + 2\beta + 2\gamma$ differs from the quantity let out or taken in by an infinitely small quantity of the second order; for AD and KD , even when E is infinitely near to D , are not equal, but differ by a small quantity of the second order. Lagrange, then, confounding an infinitely

small quantity of the second order with absolute nothing, compared with one of the first order, takes $2\alpha + 2\beta + 2\gamma = 0$, or, multiplying by $\frac{1}{2}$, $P\alpha + P\beta + P\gamma = 0$, as the condition that an infinitely small displacement of the system will allow no displacement whatever of the weight; from which, by the aid of the mathematical consideration already alluded to, he completes what he gives as the proof that $P\alpha + P\beta + P\gamma = 0$ is the condition of equilibrium: which is for this case the enunciation of the principle of virtual velocities.

Before proceeding to give our view of the manner in which this proof may be amended, we shall point out how to proceed when the forces are not equal. In such case they are either commensurable or incommensurable; let them be commensurable, and let them be $\frac{1}{2}P, mP, nP$, where l, m, n , are integers. Instead of passing the string twice only through each ring, pass it $2l$ times through C and N , $2m$ times through B and M , $2n$ times through A and L . Then, the instant the weight $\frac{1}{2}P$ is applied, there are $2l$ strings in the direction AL , each with the tension $\frac{1}{2}P$, or altogether there is the force lP , applied to A in the direction AL ; and similarly of the rest. If then, α, β, γ , be as before, we have $2l\alpha + 2m\beta + 2n\gamma$, differing only by an infinitely small quantity of the second order from the quantity of string let out or taken in by an infinitely small displacement of the system. The usual methods apply for the extension of this reasoning to the case in which the forces are incommensurable.

Let $AL = a, BM = b, CN = c$: then the whole length of the string as far as (13) is $2la + 2mb + 2nc + a$ constant made up of (4, 5, (8, 9), and (12, 13). Hence $2ld\alpha + 2md\beta + 2nd\gamma$ is the infinitely small quantity taken in or let out by an infinitely small displacement; taken in when positive, let out when negative; so that da, db, dc , answer to $-\alpha, -\beta, -\gamma$, in the preceding. Now

1. It is established that, equilibrium existing, equilibrium will remain when all the forces change their directions.

2. Neither a, b, c , nor their differential coefficients, can become infinite in any position of the system; so that the only way in which $2la + 2mb + 2nc$ can become a maximum or a minimum is by $2ld\alpha + 2md\beta + 2nd\gamma$ becoming, in the language of the differential calculus, nothing, that is, more strictly, an infinitely small quantity of the second order.

Now let the weight $\frac{1}{2}P$ act downwards, and let it draw out all the string possible, and then rest. There must then be equilibrium, for every displacement makes the weight rise; and the weight has no tendency to take advantage, so to speak, of this power of rising. Consequently there must be equilibrium when $2la + 2mb + 2nc$ is a minimum, the weight acting downwards; that is, when $2ld\alpha + 2md\beta + 2nd\gamma$ is always positive, and of the second order; or when $P_l\alpha + P_m\beta + P_n\gamma$ is always negative, and of the second order. And this equilibrium is stable; for any displacement makes the weight rise, and its tendency is to descend, and restore the former state. Now reverse the direction of the weight, and let the string communicate thrust, instead of pull, as before described. Then there is still equilibrium (which is demonstrable independently) because only the directions of the forces are changed; but since the forces change direction, the virtual velocities change sign, and $P_l\alpha + P_m\beta + P_n\gamma$ is always positive, and of the second order. Here then, though the weight (we call $\frac{1}{2}P$ weight always, whether it tend upwards or downwards) tends to rise, and (geometrically speaking) can rise, it does not rise: observe also that the rise would be an infinitely small quantity of the second order. The equilibrium in this case is unstable, for every displacement raises the weight, which does not tend to return. Now let the weight $\frac{1}{2}P$ act upwards, and let it push in all the string possible, and then rest. There must then be equilibrium, for every displacement makes the weight fall, and the weight has no tendency to take advantage of this power of falling. Consequently there must be equilibrium when $2la + 2mb + 2nc$ is a maximum, the weight acting upwards; that is, when $2ld\alpha + 2md\beta + 2nd\gamma$ is always negative, and of the second order; or when $P_l\alpha + P_m\beta + P_n\gamma$ is always positive, and of the second order: and this equilibrium is stable, for any displacement makes the weight fall, and its tendency is to rise and restore the former state. Now reverse the direction of the weight, and let the string pull, instead

* Lagrange avoids this second case by an appeal to mathematics, which not only destroys the elementary character of the proof, but is of a character incongruous with the other parts of it, and is moreover not always correct.

* When the action of the string is that of a thrust, it will be seen that da is not, &c., since the virtual velocities change sign.

of thrust. There is still equilibrium (because only the directions of the forces are changed): the virtual velocities change sign, and $PV.a + \&c.$ is always positive, and of the second order; and in this last case, though the weight tends to fall, and (geometrically speaking) can fall, it does not fall: observe also that the fall would be an infinitely small quantity of the second order; and the equilibrium in this case is unstable, for every displacement lowers the weight, which does not tend to return.

Collecting these cases, it appears then that whenever $PV.a + \&c.$ is, for every infinitely small displacement, an infinitely small quantity of one given sign, there is equilibrium; stable when that sign is negative, unstable when it is positive. But supposing $PV.a + \&c.$ to be of the second order, sometimes of one sign, and sometimes of the other, according to the displacement, the preceding reasoning does not apply. Nor do we see how it can be applied without the assumption that an equilibrium, which is produced when all the displacements of the weight favour the motion which it tends to take, is *a fortiori* produced when some only do the same. Taking the case in which the weight acts downwards, we have seen that there is equilibrium when the descent of the weight is of the second order, and *always* downwards: the circumstance of the descent being of the second order produces equilibrium, even though its direction is that which the weight can take. Still more must there be equilibrium when all the descents are of the second order at least, and some only downwards; and the more so because in this case, as the mathematician knows, the descents are really of the third order, that is, infinitely small compared with those of the second order.

Hence, in every case, $PV.a + \&c. = 0$ (in the common language of the differential calculus) gives a position of equilibrium; and we have now to prove the converse, namely, that every position of equilibrium gives $PV.a + \&c. = 0$ (Lagrange proves this converse first). This converse can be proved, we submit, without taking it for granted at once, with Lagrange, that if any motion of $\frac{1}{2}P$, of the first order were possible, the weight would, by its tendency to descend, take that motion.*

Supposing the system to be at rest, and the weight to act downwards, it is obviously physically possible that a given finite velocity should be communicated to the weight. Suppose a blow to be given to the weight in a downward direction, such as would communicate a finite velocity. What would be the effect upon the system at the instant when the weight receives the blow downwards? An impulsive strain upon the string, which would only communicate forces proportional to those already existing,† and could not disturb the equilibrium. The system then cannot move, neither therefore can the weight move. Now as it is unquestionably physically possible that the weight may take a finite velocity, the impossibility of moving the system must be geometrical; or a velocity communicated to the system must, be it what it may, at the first instant, communicate none to the weight; and the definition of velocity shows that this can only happen when, the displacements of the system in the time dt bearing a finite ratio to dt , that of the weight is infinitely small compared with dt ; that is, when the displacement of the weight is infinitely small compared with those of the system. From this it follows that $2Va + \&c.$ is infinitely small as compared with $a, \&c.$

We do not know how to make the preceding prove its converse, and we object to the mode pursued by Lagrange. Having proved that equilibrium gives $2Va + \&c.$, that is, having proved it on the distinct assumption that the weight cannot descend in the first instant through a quantity comparable to $a, \&c.$, he then proceeds as follows:—Reciprocally $2Va + \&c. = 0$ gives a case of equilibrium; for the weight remaining immovable under all displacements, the powers which act upon the system remain in the same state, and there is no more reason why they should produce one of the two displacements than the other, of any two in which $a, \&c.$ have contrary signs. It is the case of the balance which remains in equilibrium, because there is no

more reason why it should incline on one side than the other. Now, first, this reasoning might just as well be applied to prove equilibrium when $2Va + \&c. \neq 0$; secondly, it is not the case of the balanced lever of Archimedes, for there is not that same symmetry, either geometrical or mechanical, which makes it impossible to admit either motion in preference to the other [STATICS; SUFFICIENT REASON]; thirdly, there is a mechanical reason why the one of the motions should be taken rather than the other, namely, that one in which the displacement of the weight (even though supposed of the second order) is positive. This last will appear sufficiently in the sequel.

We shall now proceed to show that the moment the principle of virtual velocities is granted, a problem of statics becomes one of pure mathematics. This is all we can undertake to illustrate; and for this purpose any mathematical result may be taken for granted. First, let the force P be decomposed into three, X, Y, Z , in the direction of x, y, z ; and let the point of application move until the coordinates are $x + dx, y + dy, z + dz$. Then a force equal and opposite to P of which the moment is $-Pdp$, balances X, Y , and Z ; so that the principle gives $Xdx + Ydy + Zdz + (-Pdp) = 0$, or $Pdp = Xdx + Ydy + Zdz$. Do the same with each of the forces, and we have $\Sigma(Pdp) = \Sigma(Xdx) + \Sigma(Ydy) + \Sigma(Zdz)$. If the system be rigid, every virtual motion may be decomposed into two: a motion of translation of any one given point, and a motion of rotation round an axis passing through that point. Let x_0, y_0, z_0 be the coordinates of any point which moves with the system, and let this point move so that its coordinates shall become $x_0 + dx_0, y_0 + dy_0, z_0 + dz_0$ at the same time that the system revolves through an angle $d\phi$ about an axis passing through the point (x_0, y_0, z_0) , and making angles λ, μ, ν with the three axes. If the consequence of this motion be that the point whose coordinates are x, y, z , moves so that its coordinates become $x + dx, y + dy, z + dz$, we have

$$dx = dx_0 + \{ \cos \mu (z - z_0) - \cos \nu (y - y_0) \} d\phi$$

$$dy = dy_0 + \{ \cos \nu (x - x_0) - \cos \lambda (z - z_0) \} d\phi$$

$$dz = dz_0 + \{ \cos \lambda (y - y_0) - \cos \mu (x - x_0) \} d\phi$$

from which we find for

$$\Sigma(Pdp) \text{ or } \Sigma(Xdx) + \Sigma(Ydy) + \Sigma(Zdz),$$

the following expression:—

$$\Sigma X, dx_0 + (x_0 \Sigma Y - y_0 \Sigma Z) \cos \lambda d\phi + \Sigma (Zy - Yz) \cdot \cos \lambda d\phi + \Sigma Y, dy_0 + (y_0 \Sigma Z - z_0 \Sigma X) \cos \mu d\phi + \Sigma (Xz - Zx) \cdot \cos \mu d\phi + \Sigma Z, dz_0 + (z_0 \Sigma X - x_0 \Sigma Y) \cos \nu d\phi + \Sigma (Yx - Xy) \cdot \cos \nu d\phi$$

and in the case of equilibrium this is always $= 0$. Since $dx_0, dy_0, dz_0, \cos \lambda d\phi, \cos \mu d\phi, \cos \nu d\phi$, can each receive any value we please independently of the rest, the preceding can only vanish when the six following conditions are fulfilled:—

$$\Sigma X = 0 \quad \Sigma Y = 0 \quad \Sigma Z = 0$$

$$\Sigma (Zy - Yz) = 0 \quad \Sigma (Xz - Zx) = 0 \quad \Sigma (Yx - Xy) = 0$$

which are the six well-known equations of equilibrium of a rigid system.

We might give more examples, but our limits require us at once to enter upon a point which will require fuller explanation, because the student will not find it in any elementary work. When $\Sigma(Pdp) = 0$ for every virtual motion, there must be equilibrium; but the converse, namely, that 'when there is equilibrium the equation $\Sigma(Pdp) = 0$ must be true for every virtual motion,' has not the same universality as the direct proposition. If we look carefully at the proof, we shall see that, taking any particular instance of virtual motion, the only reason why we want $\Sigma(Pdp)$ to be $= 0$ for that particular motion, is, that the forces may not be able to make the system set off with that motion; or that the incapacity might exist even though that motion were the only one which the system could take. If then there be in the nature of the system itself any reason why a particular case of virtual motion should be unattainable by the action of those forces, we have no longer any reason to say that $\Sigma(Pdp)$ must be $= 0$ in that case.

As a general rule, if $P, Q, R, \&c.$ be the acting forces, and $Pdp + Qdq + Rdr + \&c.$ the sum of their moments; and if in one virtual motion $dp = \alpha, dq = \beta, dr = \gamma, \&c.$, that one virtual motion has its opposite, in which $dp = -\alpha, dq = -\beta, dr = -\gamma, \&c.$ And we shall presently see that if that one motion and its opposite be by proper restrictions made the only ones which

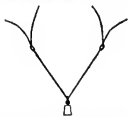
* It means to us just as sound to say that if there is any motion of the second order possible, the weight will take that motion, and in so infinitely small time require a velocity of the first order, which is exactly what takes place in a body falling freely from rest.

† It is here assumed that whatever forces keep a system at rest, impulses proportional to those forces, and applied in the same manner, will not disturb the equilibrium.

the system can take, the system will begin to take the first motion if $P\alpha + Q\beta + R\gamma + \&c.$ be positive, and the opposite if $P(-\alpha) + Q(-\beta) + R(-\gamma) + \&c.$ be positive. In fact, a system must set off from rest in such manner that the sum of the initial moments is positive: and it is clear enough that either $P\alpha + \&c.$, or $P(-\alpha) + \&c.$ must be positive unless both vanish. As a general rule then, $P\alpha + \&c.$ must vanish; for if not, either the virtual motion first named, or its opposite, has a positive sum of moments, and can be, and (if no other motion can take place) will be, an initial motion of the system. But if ever it should happen that there are cases in which a virtual motion is possible, but its opposite motion is impossible, then all that is requisite is that for the possible one of the pair, $\Sigma P\alpha p$ should be 0 or negative, *not positive*. There is another exception of a remarkable character, for which it will be better to wait until we come to see the meaning of the sum of the moments in a dynamical point of view. Excluding this for the present, let a virtual motion which has its opposite be called a double motion, and one which has not its opposite, a single motion: then the true statement of the principle of virtual velocities is as follows:—

If $\Sigma P\alpha p$ be nothing for every double virtual motion, and nothing or negative for every single one, there is equilibrium: and if there be equilibrium, then $\Sigma P\alpha p$ is nothing for every double virtual motion, and nothing or negative for every single one.

We might easily have incorporated the consideration of these exceptional cases of single virtual motions in the general proof. We shall now give a simple instance. Let a weight be fastened to the middle of a string, at the end of which are two rings; these rings slide upon curves which have cusps as in the diagram. The weight is in equilibrium, and the weight is the only external acting force:



but its moment is not nothing (that is, is not of the second order with reference to the displacement of the rings), but is negative. The virtual motions of the rings are single, and can only be upwards. The reader who compares the preceding omission in the statement of the principle of virtual velocities with VARIATIONS, CALCULUS OF, p. 141, will see a remarkable likeness between the cases: in fact, these errors and several others depend upon the same sort of omission, which may be stated as follows:—If there be a proposition (A) which is true on condition that the quantity B is never positive; and if, generally speaking, every negative value of B be accompanied by a corresponding positive one, then, generally speaking, (A) cannot be true if B be negative: that is, the truth of (A) requires $B = 0$. But if there be exceptional or singular cases in which negative values of B are not accompanied by corresponding positive ones, then $B = 0$ is no longer necessary; it is enough that B should be negative. Now the error which has run through the results of the differential calculus from book to book, from country to country, and from century to century, consists in taking the usual and general case for universal, and forgetting the exception.

The principle of virtual velocities is applied to dynamics by means of the celebrated principle which goes by the name of D'Alembert, propounded by him in his treatise on dynamics, published in 1743. We have touched upon this principle in FORCES, IMPRESSED AND EFFECTIVE, but we have referred the complete development of it to the present article.

It will do for our present purpose to suppose a system of points connected together, each point being considered as a certain mass of matter. Whatever may be the faults of the system of CAVALIERI for geometrical deduction, it is

sound enough, mechanically considered: a point may not be taken to be one of the constituent parts of a length, but there is no difficulty in considering it as endowed with weight and impenetrability, or as rigidly connected with other points. If we imagine a mass of matter to be divided into an infinite number of infinitely small elements, each of which is an extended mass, though we may not, for geometrical purposes, suppose each of these elements to have its bulk collected in any one of its points, there is no difficulty in supposing its mass to be so collected. If then we begin with the consideration of a finite number of points, having various masses, we may, by increasing the number of our points and diminishing their masses, approach as near as we please to the case of a continuous geometrical solid, all the parts of which have weight, and of which the density varies according to any law. Again, when a system moves, and when the law of its motion is known, we can determine, at any one instant [VELOCITY, p. 186], the velocity of any one point in any one direction, and the acceleration (or retardation, *negative acceleration*) at that one instant: that is to say, the rate per second at which the motion is receiving acceleration at the moment named. From this acceleration, as in the place last cited, we can determine the pressure which the mass of the point in question is actually experiencing at the moment; for on one mass there is but one pressure which can produce acceleration at one given rate. In this way then we can determine the pressures which the various points (or molecules*) of the system are undergoing; and this determination is made in terms of the motion, that is, in terms of the velocities and accelerations of the molecules, the pressures being derived from the accelerations by reference to the known masses of the molecules. The pressures so obtained are called *effective forces*, a sufficient and expressive name. But it by no means follows that the forces applied at the different molecules are those which are effective on those molecules. Two molecules are inseparably joined by a rigid bar without weight, and thrown into vacuous space. If these molecules were thrown separately, each would describe a parabola; but as the case stands, the centre of gravity of the molecules describes a parabola, and the bar revolves round its centre of gravity [TRANSLATION AND ROTATION]: the effective forces are very different from the impressed forces. Now D'Alembert's principle is the expression of this simple law, that *force is never lost nor gained*† if a force applied to any molecule of the system be not wholly effective on that molecule, the part which is not effective on the molecule of application is effective elsewhere; and if the motion gained by, or rate of acceleration shown by, any given molecule, be greater than due to the force impressed on that molecule, some other molecule of the system must have less than is due to its impressed force. Thus the motion of a system of connected molecules involves a collection of debtor and creditor accounts, the balances of which cannot show, when put together, the smallest amount of momentum in any direction, except what the system either had at the beginning or has received from the impressed forces during the motion. The consideration of the third law of motion [MOTION, LAWS OF, p. 453] would make such a result appear extremely probable, if not necessary; but a specific demonstration of the truth of the principle can be given.

Let the molecules have the masses $m_1, m_2, \&c.$, and let the impressed forces be such as, in their directions, would give the rates of acceleration $P_1, P_2, \&c.$, if these molecules were free and unconnected. Then [FORCE; MASS; VARIATION, p. 137; VELOCITY, p. 185] $m_1P_1, m_2P_2, \&c.$ represent the pressures imposed, on the condition that the unit of pressure is that which produces a unit of acceleration in the unit of mass. Let the effective pressures, derived from the velocities in the directions of the coordinates of x, y , and z , and compounded into one force for each molecule, be such as would produce the rates of acceleration $Q_1, Q_2, \&c.$; so that the effective pressures are $m_1Q_1, m_2Q_2, \&c.$ When two forces act on a point, either is equivalent to the other with a certain third force; let m_1P_1 be equivalent to m_1Q_1 and m_1R_1 ; let m_2P_2 be equivalent to m_2Q_2 and m_2R_2 .

* A molecule, in geometrical mechanics, means a point endowed with the properties of a mass of matter, finite or infinitely small, as the case may be.
† We here attribute direction and magnitude, but only on account of our ignorance of the action of these forces. The forces lost (that is, lost with respect to the system) are here compensated, in other relations, to the mass in contact or to the air.

and so on. Then the system (P) of impressed forces is equivalent to the system (Q) of effective forces, together with the system (R); for (P) substitute (Q) and (R), and the effect upon the system, in the infinitely small time following the moment of which we speak, is what it would have been if (P) had continued. But that effect is precisely what is produced by (Q); for (Q) was nothing but the pressures necessary to produce the actual effect of which we are speaking. Therefore (R) has no effect, and would of itself equilibrate the system: to suppose that (R) would not equilibrate, or would produce some motion, while (Q) is actually calculated to produce all that is to take place, is to suppose that the system will, in the infinitely small time next ensuing, have another motion besides that which (Q) would produce, which is absurd. Consequently (R) is a system of equilibrating forces, which is expressed by saying that the forces lost and gained balance one another: for if m_1P_1 , the force impressed on m_1 , be equivalent to m_1Q_1 and m_1R_1 , of which m_1Q_1 is enough to produce what takes place, it is obvious that m_1R_1 , so far as the molecule m_1 is concerned, is lost. It would be better to say that m_1R_1 is transferred, and that all the forces transferred balance one another. Again, since (R) is wholly without effect, it follows that (P) is equivalent to (Q); or, at every instant of the motion, the impressed forces are a set of equivalent statical powers with the effective forces: so that if either set were applied to the system at rest, and also the opposites of all the forces in the other set, there would be equilibrium. Or the impressed forces balance the effective forces with their signs changed. Now the effective forces on m_1 , in the

directions of x, y , and z , are $m_1 \frac{d^2x_1}{dt^2}$, $m_1 \frac{d^2y_1}{dt^2}$, $m_1 \frac{d^2z_1}{dt^2}$, and similarly for the rest; while, if we decompose the rate of acceleration P into X_1, Y_1, Z_1 in the directions of x, y , and z , the impressed pressures in these directions are m_1X_1, m_1Y_1 , and m_1Z_1 . And [VARIATIONS, CALCULUS OF, p. 140] to distinguish the virtual motion which the problem of equilibrium requires, from the actually coming motion in terms of which the effective forces are expressed, we may use δx , instead of dx , in the former, and so on. Hence, changing the signs of the impressed forces and combining them, so changed, with the effective forces, we have, for the fundamental equation of every dynamical problem—

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum \left(\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} - X \right) m dx + \sum \left(\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} - Y \right) m dy + \\ & \sum \left(\frac{d^2z}{dt^2} - Z \right) m dz = 0. \end{aligned}$$

From which are obtained, as in a preceding process, the following six equations of motion, abbreviating $dx:dt$ into x' , and so on—

$$\begin{aligned} \sum (mx''') &= \sum (mX) & \sum (m(x''y - y''x)) &= \sum (m(Zy - Yx)) \\ \sum (my''') &= \sum (mY) & \sum (m(x''z - z''x)) &= \sum (m(Xz - Zx)) \\ \sum (mz''') &= \sum (mZ) & \sum (m(y''z - z''y)) &= \sum (m(Yz - Zy)) \end{aligned}$$

These equations express the property already mentioned [TRANSLATION], namely, that the centre of gravity moves as it would do if all the masses were collected there, and all the pressures applied there. We shall merely enumerate the steps of the proof of this proposition. The co-ordinates of the centre of gravity being x_g, y_g, z_g , we have $x_g m = \sum (mx')$, &c., whence $x_g'' m = \sum (mx'')$ = $\sum (mX)$, &c., which are precisely the equations for the motion of a molecule of the mass $\sum m$, and to which the force $\sum (mX)$ is applied. With regard to the initial velocity which ought to be given to the centre of gravity, when the molecules are there collected, observe that $x_g' = \sum (mx') / \sum m = \{A + \sum \int mX dt\} / \sum m$, where A is the initial value of $\sum (mx')$. Consequently, at the commencement of the motion x_g' should have the same value as $\sum (mx') / \sum m$, or we should have $x_g' \sum m = \sum (mx')$ at the onset; that is, the momentum of the collected mass, in the direction of x , should be the same as the sum of the momenta of the molecules in the system, and the same of the other coordinates. Again, let ξ, η, ζ , be the coordinates, referred to the centre of gravity, of the point whose original coordinates are x, y, z . We have then $x = x_g + \xi, y = y_g + \eta, z = z_g + \zeta$; also $\sum m\xi = 0, \sum m\eta = 0, \sum m\zeta = 0$. Substitution gives

$$\begin{aligned} \sum (m(x''y - y''x)) &= \sum y_g m Z - \sum x_g m Y + \sum (m(\xi''\eta - \eta''\xi)) \\ &= \sum (mZ(y_g + \eta) - mY(x_g + \xi)) \\ \text{whence } \sum (m(\xi''\eta - \eta''\xi)) &= \sum (m(\xi\eta - \eta\xi)) \end{aligned}$$

which, with the two other equations similarly deduced, are precisely those which would determine the motion if the centre of gravity were fixed and the forces then applied. We must refer to works on the subject for further development of these conditions, and shall proceed to cases more illustrative of the principle under consideration.

Among the virtual motions, one of course is the motion the system is actually about to take. In this case δx is dx , &c., and the fundamental equation becomes

$$\sum (m(x'dx + y'dy + z'dz)) = \sum (m(Xdx + Ydy + Zdz))$$

Now the first side of this equation is nothing but the differential with respect to the time of $\frac{1}{2} \sum (m(x'^2 + y'^2 + z'^2))$, or $\frac{1}{2} \sum mv^2$, v_1, v_2 , &c. being the actual velocities of the molecules at the end of the time t . Hence we have

$$\sum mv^2 = A + \sum \int (m(Xdx + Ydy + Zdz))$$

where A is the value of $\sum mv^2$ at the commencement of the motion, and the integral also begins at that commencement. Suppose the system to be at rest at the commencement of the motion, then $A=0$, since each of the incipient velocities is nothing; consequently at the end of the first infinitely small element dt , $\sum mv^2$ has changed from 0 to $\sum (m(Xdx + Ydy + Zdz))$. But this is precisely the sum of the moments of the impressed forces in the principle of virtual velocities; and $\sum mv^2$ being $m_1 v_1^2 + m_2 v_2^2 + \&c.$, must be a positive quantity. Hence the sum of the moments must be positive, for the virtual motion which the system actually tends to take; and this is the principle of which we have forestalled the use in completing the correct enunciation of the principle of virtual velocities. This might be suspected beforehand from the following consideration:—The forces which have positive moments are those which tend, so far as they go, to produce the virtual motion in question; and those which have negative moments to hinder it. Whatever motion the system takes, it must be one in which the forces tending to produce that motion predominate over those which tend to hinder it; or the forces with positive moments must have those moments together larger than the forces with negative moments.

The choice which the system* makes among all the virtual motions, in which to begin its motion, is that in which the sum of all the moments of the forces is a maximum, in the sense which will presently be explained. Since every motion of a system can be reduced to a translation of the centre of gravity and rotation round an axis passing through that centre, let us reduce the virtual motion to terms of the motion of and round the centre of gravity. If $\sum mX, \&c.$ be P, Q, R , and if $\sum (m(Zy - Yx))$ &c. be L, M, N , it follows from what has been shown respecting the motion of this centre that its first direction of translation (the system starting from rest) is such that dx_g, dy_g, dz_g are in the proportion of P, Q, R , and that the axis round which the system begins to turn makes angles with the axes of x, y , and z , whose cosines are in the proportion of L, M , and N . Now suppose any motion of and round the centre of gravity, and returning to the expressions in which the sum of the moments is given in terms of those motions, observe that we must write mX for X , &c., because the pressures are now represented by mX , &c. Moreover $x_g \sum mY - y_g \sum mZ$, and the other terms corresponding, all vanish, because $x_g \sum mZ = \sum m$, &c. We have then for the sum of the moments

$Pdx_g + Qdy_g + Rdz_g + (L \cos \lambda + M \cos \mu + N \cos \nu) dp$. Let the displacement of the centre of gravity be du , we have then $du = \sqrt{dx_g^2 + dy_g^2 + dz_g^2}$. Now the theorem is, that for given values of dx_g and dp , for a given amount of translation and rotation, the direction of translation and the position of the axis of rotation, in the virtual motion which the initial effect of the forces actually causes, are such as to make the preceding expression a maximum.

First, it must be shown by the common methods that for a constant value of $p^2 + q^2 + r^2$, the expression $Ap + Bq + Cr$, if then positive, is a maximum when p, q, r are in the proportion of A, B, C . Now in the actual motion of the system, $Pdx_g + Qdy_g + Rdz_g$ and $(L \cos \lambda + \&c.) dp$, are positive quantities: for the first is the initially obtained value of $\frac{1}{2} \sum mv^2$ when the system is all collected in the centre of gravity and all the forces are then applied:

* We confine ourselves here to a rigid system, though the proposition is true universally. But the universal proof would be too long.

and the second is the same when the centre of gravity is fixed and the system begins to move about it. And since the variables of the first and second are entirely independent of each other, the sum of the two is a maximum when each separately is a maximum. In the first, $dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2$ is a constant, being da^2 , and therefore the first is a maximum when dx, dy, dz are in the proportion of P, Q, R . But in the second, $\cos^2 \lambda + \cos^2 \mu + \cos^2 \nu = 1$, whence the second is a maximum when $\cos \lambda, \cos \mu, \cos \nu$ are in the proportion of L, M, N . But these two sets of conditions put together precisely represent the motion which at the outset the system does take from the impressed forces. Whence the theorem is true, as asserted.

We may now treat the exception of which we have spoken in a preceding part of this article. Suppose that the moments in all the directions in which the system can move are equal, or else that there is among them a set which are equal, and each of them greater than any of the rest. Which of all the virtual motions having these moments is the system to take? It cannot prefer either, and will remain in equilibrium. As an instance, let the end of a string be attached to a curve on which it can slide freely,



while the string supports a weight. Let the curve have a cusp pointing upwards, with its tangent vertical, and let the end of the string be placed at the cusp, as in the diagram. There will be equilibrium, but the principle of virtual velocities will not be true, even in the extended form which we have used. The moments belonging to the two possible motions are positive, but they are equal. On which side is the descent to take place?

The mathematician has a warning in such cases, which may be easily and briefly expressed. The expression $\sum P dp$, before it is used, requires that the quantities p, dp , &c. should be reduced to the smallest number of independent variables. Let q_1, q_2, \dots be these variables, and let the sum of the moments, when reduced to terms of these variables, be $Q_1 dq_1 + Q_2 dq_2 + \dots$. The principle is then intelligible when, for all the virtual motions, dp_1, dp_2, \dots have finite ratios to one another. But if there be any position in which for a certain virtual motion one or more of the set dp_1, dp_2, \dots become infinite with respect to those of the set dp_1, dp_2, \dots , &c., the equation becomes incapable of being used. For if we take the actual virtual velocities, and attempt to reduce

$$\sum Q \frac{dq}{dt} \text{ to its equivalent } \sum P \frac{dp}{dt},$$

the first side, which may be made finite, is equated to an expression in which infinite terms occur, which is always a warning to expect the possibility of cases of exception. Circumstances of this sort have never received investigation, and in all probability there are numerous varieties of the cases of equilibrium which arise out of them, and which cannot be treated by the ordinary principle. So much we may certainly say, that if there be different virtual motions with the sums of the moments positive and maxima, either there must be equilibrium, or the test for determining which of the motions will ensue is wholly unknown.

On the history* of virtual velocities, there is not much to say. Guido Ubaldo saw it in some cases, Galileo in some others; Wallis adopted it as a principle, and after him John Bernoulli, who gave it in the most general form. Lagrange made it the foundation of his 'Mécanique Analytique,' and since his time it has formed part of every well constituted treatise on mechanics. It was in the 'Mécanique Analytique' that the principle given by D'Alembert was first joined to that of virtual velocities in such a manner as to give the science of dynamics its present uniformity of system.

VIS VIVA, or living force, a name given in mechanics to the following index of the state of a system in motion:—the sum of all the masses, each multiplied by the square of its velocity. If the system be considered as composed of a finite number of molecules, the vis viva may be expressed by the symbol $\sum mv^2$; but if it be a continuous mass, or a collection of continuous masses, by $\int v^2 dm$, or

$\int v^2 dm$. It is enough that the mass of every particle be found in the expression, multiplied by the square of its velocity.

In the article VIRTUAL VELOCITIES we see the equation—

$$\sum mv^2 = \sum m \int (Xdx + Ydy + Zdz),$$

the integral being taken for each molecule over the whole path which it has described since the beginning of the motion.

Presuming a knowledge of the article cited, we may describe the vis viva thus: Dividing the whole motion of the system, from the beginning to the time under consideration, into an infinite number of infinitely small changes of place, each of those changes is one of the virtual motions which comes under consideration in the principle of virtual velocities. And each motion has, generally speaking, its contrary; and one of these two the system would tend to take, and to refuse the other, if its motion were for an instant restricted, so that it could only choose between those two. The one which it would tend to take is that for which $\sum m (Xdx + Ydy + Zdz)$ is positive. Now it appears in the preceding equation that whenever the infinitely small motion which is taking place for the time being is that which (when restricted as above) the system would take, the vis viva is receiving increase; when that which it could not take, decrease. And the vis viva is the balance, so to speak, of all the sums of moments, each with its proper sign, added, also with its proper sign, to the vis viva at the beginning of the motion.

The preceding equation is sometimes said to express the principle of the conservation of vis viva, which is to be understood thus: the system never acquires nor loses any quantity of vis viva from the action of its parts upon each other, but only from the action of external forces. If after a certain time all external forces cease, from that moment $\sum m (Xdx + Ydy + Zdz)$ is $= 0$, or $d(\sum mv^2) = 0$, or $\sum mv^2$ remains constant.

Another remarkable property of the vis viva is that, in all the cases which occur in nature, the amount of vis viva acquired in passing from one position to another depends only on the coordinates which settle the initial and final positions. If X &c. be functions of coordinates only, it generally happens that $Xdx + Ydy + Zdz$ is an integrable function, and depends on coordinates only. But the force of this result is not easily seen by the beginner.

At the end of the seventeenth century a remarkable discussion took place on the question of the mechanical interpretation of the vis viva. Leibnitz first gave this name: he considered force when it produces motion as *vis viva*, or living force; but when it is equilibrated, he called it *vis mortua*, or dead force; and he measured the effect of living force by the mass multiplied into the square of the velocity. To take the simple case which was mostly appealed to:—If two equal weights be thrown up in vacuo, the one with a velocity double of that of the other, it is well known that the one will rise, not twice, but four times as high as the other; accordingly Leibnitz considered that the force which produces the double velocity is four times as effective as the other force. Various other instances were produced in which the duplication of the velocity is the quadruplication of the effect produced. It was accordingly argued that, for a given mass, the square of the velocity is the proper measure of the force necessary to destroy or to create the velocity. But, on the other hand, it was very well known that, whatever might be adopted as the measure of force, it was certain that pressures were, *ceteris paribus*, proportional to the simple velocities produced by them in a given time. John Bernoulli adopted the opinion of Leibnitz, which was opposed by various other contemporaries; and the controversy (the history of which may be seen in Montuola) continued until the publication of D'Alembert's work on dynamics, in which the question was treated as being purely one of words.

It was objected to the opinion of Leibnitz, that though the double velocity would give four times the ascent, it ought not to be forgotten that it required twice the time: so that in a given time double the velocity would produce only double the ascent, one part of the ascent with another. This argument was never satisfactorily answered; and while we cannot help thinking that it ought to have

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* On this point, and many others connected with the history of mechanics, the reader will find specific accounts and valuable references in Walton's 'Collection of Problems on Theoretical Mechanics,' Cambridge, 1842.

been decisive of the question, we draw from it a conclusion different from that of D'Alembert; we cannot think the dispute a mere question of words. It must be granted that, for all purposes in which time is not an element, the measure of the effect of a force may be the square of the velocity; as exemplified in the instance cited. But when is it that a mechanical effect can be properly estimated without reference to the time in which it is produced? The definition of the words measure and effect may thus without doubt be accommodated either to the idea of Leibnitz or of his opponents; and those who disputed on the question without requiring exact definitions might degenerate into a mere question of words. But it ought to have been a question as to what was the proper meaning of the word effect, in the fundamental phrase 'effect of a force,' the proper explanation of which must precede all good reasoning in mechanics. If pressure be defined as that which produces a certain effect (PRESSURE) on our senses, undoubtedly it is a known fact that uncounteracted pressure produces motion; but it is only when allowed to act for a finite time; consequently the element of time is as essential to the conception of the phenomenon as that of pressure or motion. Height in a rectangle gives area, but it would not therefore be allowable to measure that area by the height; for there must be a base, or there is no rectangle at all. But if pressure be merely considered as the cause of motion, and called force in that sense, it is very difficult to see why the cause, which is only known by the effect, is to be measured by anything but the simple effect. Probably this discussion gave rise to the chapter of the 'Mécanique Céleste' in which Laplace speculates upon what the laws of motion would have been if force had been as a function of the velocity, instead of as the simple velocity. We have never met with any one who could give us an intelligible account of the meaning of this investigation.

VISCHER, PETER, a celebrated old German sculptor and founder, born about the middle of the fifteenth century. He lived several years in Italy, where he studied his art. He first distinguished himself in Germany by his monument to the Archbishop Ernest of Magdeburg, erected in the cathedral of that place in 1497. But his master-piece is the tomb of St. Sebald, in the church of that saint at Nürnberg, where Vischer ultimately settled. Vischer, with his five sons, Peter, Hermann, Hans, Paul, and Jacob, who with their wives and children lived in the same house with him, was occupied over this monument from 1506 until 1519, yet he was paid only 2402 florins, which is at the rate of 20 florins per ewt.; the whole monument weighed 120 ewt. 14 lbs. It is beautifully designed and richly ornamented; among other figures there are twelve small statues, eighteen inches high, of the apostles, which are remarkably well drawn, and all conspicuous for their fine expression. In one part he has introduced his own portrait in his working dress. It is a monument, upon the whole, worthy of any time and any nation. Vischer executed some other clever works at Nürnberg: he died, according to Doppelmayr, in 1530.

Hermann Vischer studied likewise in Italy, and was scarcely inferior to his father; he was killed in 1540 by a sledge, as he was going home one night with a friend. Sandart says that no prince or gentleman that visited Nürnberg left it without having seen and conversed with Vischer. He received many orders during those visits, and he sent many works into Bohemia, Poland, and other neighbouring countries.

(Sandart, *Deutsche Academie*, &c.; Doppelmayr, *Nürnbergische Künstler*, &c.)

VISCHER, CORNELIUS, a celebrated Dutch engraver, born, probably at Haarlem, in 1610. He was the pupil of P. Soumman, but he soon surpassed his master. Vischer's works are among the finest specimens of art executed by the graver; Basan says that no master can be studied by young engravers with more advantage. He engraved prints of many descriptions, and some of his best are after his own designs. Watelet says that no man ever painted with the graver and the etching-needle together with such effect as Vischer. Strutt, speaking of his style of working with the graver, says, 'His mode of performance with that instrument was as singular as the effect he produced was picturesque and beautiful. His strokes are clear and delicate, laid over the draperies and the background apparently just as the plate happened to lie

before him, without any care or study which way they should turn, the one upon the other; and he crossed and recrossed them, till such time as they produced sufficient colour.'

The few following are of the rarest and most valuable of his prints; good impressions of some of them have been sold for from fifteen to twenty pounds:—

Andreas Deonayzen Winis, commonly called the Man with the Pistols; Gellius de Boura, minister of Zutphen; a Cat sleeping upon a napkin; the Hat-catcher; the Pan-eake-woman; and the Gipsy. Mariette possessed a collection of 172 of Vischer's prints, which was sold for 3006 francs 12 sous. His portraits are the best of the pieces which he engraved after other masters. The year of his death is not known, but it was probably about 1660.

Cornelius's brother Johan Vischer was likewise a good engraver and etcher, but, except in landscapes, inferior to his brother. He executed some good plates after Berghem and Ostade. He was born at Amsterdam in 1636; for in 1692, in his fifty-sixth year, says Houbraken, he turned animal-painter. He worked likewise with the needle and the graver, but more with the needle.

Lambert Vischer was also a brother of Cornelius, but of inferior merit. He lived some time in Rome.

There was also a Nicolaus or Claus Johao Vischer, engraver and printseller, born at Amsterdam in 1580, who was probably of the same family. He excelled in small landscapes with figures; but he engraved also portraits; he engraved one of Charles I. of England; and published portraits of Archbishop Laud, Calvio, Erasmus, James II. of England, and the duke of Monmouth.

(Houbraken, *Groote Schouburch*, &c.; Basan, *Dictionnaire des Gravurs*; Strutt, *Dictionary of Engravers*; Huber and Rott, *Handbuch für Kunstliebhaber*, &c.)

VISCONTI, the name of a family in Lombardy which rose to the rank of sovereign princes during the middle ages. The Visconti begin to figure in history about the middle of the thirteenth century. They belonged to the feudal nobility, and were possessed of considerable estates in the northern part of Lombardy, near the banks of the lake of Como and of the Lago Maggiore. In 1282 the archdeacon Ottone Visconti was nominated archbishop of Milan by Pope Urban IV. The see of Milan had been vacant ever since the death of Leone da Perego, in 1275, because the chapter was divided into two parties, one of which favoured a candidate from among the nobility, and the other gave its votes to a relative of Martino della Torre, the popular leader, who had been appointed 'anziano,' or 'elder,' of the people of Milan. The appointment of Ottone Visconti by the pope was considered an encroachment on the rights of the electors; and Martino della Torre sequestered the property of the see, and forbade the archbishop-elect from appearing in Milan. Upon this the pope excommunicated the city of Milan. But Martino della Torre and his successors Filippo and Napoleone della Torre continued to enjoy the popular favour, and Ottone Visconti remained an emigrant for fifteen years, during which he carried on, at the head of his feudal dependants, joined by malecontents from Milan and other towns, a desultory and predatory warfare against the Milanese. At last the popular feeling turned against Napoleone della Torre, who was suspected of aspiring to the sovereign power, especially after he had asked and obtained from Rudolf of Habsburg, the newly elected king of Germany, the dignity of imperial viceroy. Ottone Visconti seized this opportunity for striking a decisive blow. He put himself at the head of a large body of emigrant nobles, and advanced towards Milan. Napoleone della Torre and his adherents went out to meet him, and a combat ensued, in January, 1277, near the village of Desio, in which the Torriani, as the partisans of Della Torre were called, were defeated with great slaughter, and Napoleone was taken prisoner. Ottone Visconti entered Milan amidst the acclamations of the people, who saluted him as archbishop and perpetual lord of Milan. (LOMBARDY AND LOMBARD CITIES.)

The Archbishop Ottone, after carrying on for years an almost uninterrupted warfare against the partisans of the Della Torre, gave up the temporal government to his nephew Matteo Visconti, whom he caused to be elected 'captain of the people' for five years, in 1288. Matteo was a prudent and temperate ruler, and he enjoyed general favour among the people. He defeated the Torriani and

their ally the Marquis of Monferrato, in an irruption which they made into the Milanese territory in 1290. After the expiration of the five years of his office, he was confirmed in it by the voice of the citizens, and in 1294 was appointed, by Adolf of Nassau, imperial vicar in Lombardy, which dignity was confirmed to him by Albert of Austria, who assumed the crown of Germany after the death of Adolf in 1298. In the year 1300 Matteo married his eldest son Galeazzo to Beatrice d'Este, sister of Azzo, lord of Modena and marquis of Ferrara. Matteo entrusted Galeazzo with the command of the militia of Milan, against the Della Torre and their partisans, who still kept the field, and were supported by the people of Pavia, Cremona, Lodi, and other towns, which were jealous of Milan. Galeazzo was very different from his father; he was young, inexperienced, and rash; he was repeatedly defeated, and at last the Torriani re-entered Milan, in 1302, and Matteo Visconti withdrew to Nogara near Verona, where he had a small property. His son Galeazzo took refuge at Ferrara.

Guido della Torre was put in the place of Matteo Visconti, as 'perpetual captain of the people,' and he continued in his office till 1311, when Henry of Luxemburg having gone to Italy to be crowned emperor, Guido opposed him, and was in consequence driven away from Milan by the imperial troops, assisted by the Visconti and their friends. From that time the Torriani remained exiles from their country. Matteo Visconti resumed his authority over Milan, being appointed imperial vicar by Henry, to whom he paid 40,000 golden florins. His son Galeazzo was likewise appointed imperial vicar of Piacenza. Some time after, Matteo, by a stratagem, obtained possession of Pavia, where he placed Lucchino, another of his sons, as governor. Alessandria, Tortona, Cremona, Bergamo, Lodi, and other towns acknowledged in succession the rule of Visconti.

Casone della Torre, who had been elected archbishop of Milan in 1308, having become an exile with the rest of his family, obtained of the pope his removal to the see of Aquileia. The see of Milan having thus become vacant, Matteo Visconti caused one of his sons, Giovanni, to be elected by the chapter, according to the old canonical form. The pope, John XXII., refused to acknowledge the new archbishop, and he appointed Aicardo, a Franciscan friar. Matteo forbade Aicardo from going to Milan. The pope then ordered proceedings to be instituted against Matteo Visconti, on the charges of heresy, sacrilege, and other crimes, and summoned him to Avignon to defend himself. Robert of Anjou, king of Naples, was appointed by the pope imperial vicar in Lombardy, for the pope assumed the right of appointing vicars during the vacancy of the imperial crown, which was then contested between Louis of Bavaria and Frederic of Austria. An army of Frenchmen, or Provençals, under the count of Maine, crossed the Alps and marched against Milan. Matteo sent his son Galeazzo with a strong force to meet the enemy on the river Sesia, and he found means, by negotiations and bribes, to induce the Count of Maine to retrace his steps into France without coming to blows. The pope however excommunicated Matteo and his sons, in 1321, because he would not resign his authority and acknowledge King Robert as imperial vicar in Lombardy, and the inquisitors appointed by the pope summoned him to appear before them at a church near Alessandria. Matteo sent in his place one of his sons, Marco, escorted by a body of troops with flying colours, at the sight of which the inquisitors withdrew to the town of Valenza in Monferrato, whence they issued their sentence of condemnation against Matteo Visconti on twenty-five charges, several of which consisted in his having laid taxes upon the clergy and exercised temporal jurisdiction over them; in having interferred for the abbot Mainfrede who had been burnt for heresy at Milan, in the year 1300; in entertaining himself heretical opinions, and being leagued with demons. He was in consequence condemned as a confirmed heretic, degraded from all honours and offices, and stigmatised as perpetually infamous; all his property was declared to be confiscated, and his children and grandchildren were excluded from every honour, dignity, and office. This extraordinary sentence was given on the 14th March, 1322, in the church of Santa Maria of Valenza, and signed by Aicardo, archbishop of Milan, and four Dominican Inquisitors, in presence of the cardinal legate, Bertrand du Poet, who afterwards proclaimed from the neighbouring town of Asti a

plenary indulgence to all those who took up arms against Matteo Visconti and his adherents. Raynaldus, in his continuation of the Annals of Baronius, acknowledges that these violent proceedings against Visconti were instigated by party spirit, and Pope Benedict XII., in his bull of the 7th May, 1341, denounced them as unjust and null.

At the time, however, Matteo's situation was very critical. His enemies took the part of the legate, and the people in general were horrorstruck at the solemn denunciations against him. Matteo protested that he was no heretic, and that he was falsely accused; and having one day convoked the body of the clergy in the cathedral of Milan, he repeated loudly before them the creed, professing that he believed and had ever believed in the tenets therein expressed. But the feeling of his danger and humiliation preyed upon the old man's mind (he was then seventy-two years old), and he died after a short illness, in June of the same year, three months after the sentence was pronounced against him. All the chroniclers speak of him as a wise and just man, the founder of the fortunes of his family, and some have styled him 'the Great.' His son Galeazzo I. was proclaimed lord of Milan. Upon this the pope issued an interdict against the city of Milan, and ordered all the clergy to leave the place, and he proclaimed a general crusade against the Visconti family. Numbers answered the call, and the command of the crusaders was given to Raymond of Cardona, nephew of the cardinal-legate. In June, 1323, the 'holy army,' as it was styled, approached Milan, and took possession of the suburbs, killing the men, violating the women, and burning the houses. But the Visconti had a strong party within the city, and they defended themselves until they received assistance from without. Marco Visconti, another son of Matteo, and a brave and enterprising captain, still kept the field, hovering on the flanks and rear of the crusaders. Louis of Bavaria, meantime having conquered and taken prisoner his rival Frederic of Austria, and being acknowledged king in Germany, sent a body of troops into Italy to assist the Visconti, who had incurred the wrath of the pope mainly because they had striven to maintain their delegated authority of imperial vicars against the assumptions of the pope, who would appoint his own vicars to the prejudice of the imperial authority. This was at least the ostensible ground which the Visconti took, and a plausible one it was, and very convenient to the interests of the empire in Italy. The aid of Louis of Bavaria and the exertions of Marco Visconti saved Milan. The crusaders withdrew to Monza. The pope, in July of that year, excommunicated Louis of Bavaria for having assumed the title of King of the Romans without the papal approbation, and also for having assisted the heretical Visconti. Louis then held a diet of the empire at Nürnberg, in which he protested against the interference of the popes in the temporal concerns of the empire, and appealed to a general council of the church. In the year 1324 a battle took place at the bridge of Vavrio on the Adda, between the papal or crusade troops and those of the Visconti, in which the former were defeated. Cardona was taken prisoner, and those who escaped shut themselves up in the town of Monza, which, after a siege of some months, surrendered to Galeazzo Visconti.

In 1327 Louis of Bavaria went to Italy, and was crowned at Milan with the iron crown of Lombardy, in May of that year. He also recognised Galeazzo Visconti as imperial vicar over Milan, Lodi, Pavia, and Verceil. But a few days after, a quarrel, the grounds of which are not ascertained, broke out between Louis and Galeazzo, instigated, it would seem, by Marco Visconti, who was envious of his brother. About the same time Stefano Visconti, another son of Matteo, died suddenly. Galeazzo, his son Azzo, and his brothers Lucchino and Giovanni, were arrested by order of Louis, and shut up in the dungeons of Monza. After eight months' confinement they were liberated, in March, 1328, by the intercession of Castruccio Castracani, lord of Lucca, and a favourite of Louis of Bavaria. Galeazzo died soon after in exile, whilst Milan was temporarily governed by a council of 24 citizens. Louis of Bavaria was crowned emperor at Rome, in May, 1328, by the antipope Nicholas V., whom he had set up in opposition to John XXII. The people of Rome, tired of the residence of the popes at Avignon, acknowledged Nicholas, and the people of Milan did the same. Louis of Bavaria, being in want of money, sold to Azzo Visconti, son of

Galeazzo I., the appointment of imperial vicar of Milan, in January, 1329, for 60,000 golden florins; and the antipope Nicholas confirmed Giovanni Visconti, Azzo's uncle, as archbishop of Milan, made him a cardinal, and appointed him apostolic legate in Lombardy. John XXII., perceiving that he was in danger of losing all influence in Italy, came to terms with the Visconti through the mediation of the marquis of Este, and recognised Azzo as lord of Milan, releasing him and the people of Milan from excommunication. This was in September, 1329.

Azzo Visconti, being acknowledged lord by the council of the city of Milan, as well as by his pope, renounced all connexion with Louis of Bavaria and the antipope Nicholas. He ruled Milan for 11 years, during which he applied himself chiefly to improve the town, rebuild its walls, and pave the streets; he restored and embellished the palace raised by his grandfather Matteo, and employed for the purpose the painter Giotto of Florence and the sculptor Giovanni Balducci of Pisa. Azzo Visconti was a good prince, and when he died, in August, 1339, more than three thousand citizens voluntarily put on mourning for him. He was the first lord of Milan who struck coin in his own name, omitting that of the reigning emperor. He left no issue, and the council-general, after his death, proclaimed joint lords of Milan his two remaining uncles, Luchino and Giovanni Visconti. Giovanni however, being a clergyman and of a quiet character, left to his brother Luchino all the cares of government.

LUCHINO VISCONTI was an able, determined, and not very scrupulous man. To the several towns besides Milan which acknowledged the rule of his nephew Azzo, he added the towns of Asti, Bobbio, Parma, Crema, Tortona, Alessandria, and Novara, thus making himself lord of the greater part of Lombardy and Monferrato. He obliged also the Pisans to become tributaries to him. He established a regular police, and severely punished all offenders against the law, without distinction of party. He appointed a judge of appeals at Milan, who was styled 'Exgravator,' who decided summarily. It was determined that this magistrate should be a foreigner, without relations or connexions in Milan. In Luchino's time the manufacture of silks was established at Milan, and agriculture, and especially the cultivation of the vine, was improved, as well as the breed of horses and cattle. Luchino however had vices which marred his good qualities: he was suspicious, lustful, and revengeful. He banished his three nephews, sons of Stefano Visconti, and let them wander abroad in poverty. He put to death Pusterla, a Milanese noble, and his wife Margherita, because she would not listen to his addresses. Isabella Fieschi, Luchino's wife, was in this respect a match for her husband, being notorious for her loose conduct. Luchino threatened to punish her, but he died suddenly, in January, 1349, and it is hinted by contemporary chroniclers that he died of poison.

By the death of Luchino, the archbishop GIOVANNI VISCONTI remained sole lord of Milan. He was of a mild and quiet disposition: he made peace with his neighbours the marquis of Monferrato, the count of Savoy, and the Genoese; he recalled from exile his nephews Matteo, Barnabò, and Galeazzo, sons of Stefano Visconti, and he obtained the hand of Bianca of Savoy for Galeazzo, and that of Regina della Scala for Barnabò. He purchased of Giovanni Pepoli the dominion of Bologna, by the payment of 200,000 golden florins, in 1350. Pope Clement VI. claimed the possession of Bologna as an old dependance of the Roman see, and, as Giovanni refused to give it up, the pope excommunicated him, but soon after came to a compromise, by which Giovanni retained Bologna, with the title of 'Vicar of the Holy See.' Giovanni Visconti had been elected Archbishop of Milan by the chapter, first in 1317, and again in 1330, after the death of the friar Aicardo, and in 1342 Clement VI. confirmed him in his see.

In 1353 the Genoese, having been defeated at sea near the coast of Sardinia by the Venetians, and their town being blockaded by the forces of the king of Aragon, who was allied with the Venetians, offered to the Archbishop Visconti the lordship of their city, stipulating for the maintenance of their municipal liberties. Visconti sent a garrison to protect the town, and in the following year a new fleet sailed from the harbour of Genoa bearing on its colours the arms of the Visconti. This fleet, commanded by Pagano Doria, obtained a complete victory over the Venetian fleet on

the coast of the Mores. In the same year (October, 1354) the Archbishop Giovanni Visconti died, leaving Milan in peace and in a prosperous condition. He was the last good ruler of the Visconti line: those who came after him were all bad, and some of them abominable. It was during the government of Giovanni Visconti that Petrarch repaired to Milan, where he was induced to remain by the archbishop, who paid him great respect.

After the archbishop's death, his three nephews, MATTEO, GALEAZZO, and BARNABÒ, conjointly succeeded him in the lordship of the town of Milan and its territory, but they divided among them the other towns which had become subject to the Visconti. Matteo had for his share the towns south of the Po, namely, Bologna, Parma, Piacenza, and Bobbio, besides Lodi; Barnabò had the towns east of the Adda—Brescia, Bergamo, Crema, and Cremona; and Galeazzo took for himself Pavia, Asti, Alessandria, Tortona, Vercelli, Novara, Vigevano, and Como.

In January, 1355, Charles IV. of Germany went to Italy to be crowned, and was received by the brothers Visconti with great magnificence, and he appointed them his imperial vicars in their respective dominions. In September of the same year Matteo Visconti died suddenly, and it was said of poison administered by his brothers, who divided his share of the territory between them. The city of Bologna however was lost to the Visconti through the treachery of the governor Oleggio, who sold it to the pope's legate. Barnabò insisted upon having Bologna again, and sent a body of troops for that object in 1360, but was defeated by the army of the pope, who at the same time excommunicated Barnabò. Barnabò laughed at the excommunication, and told the archbishop of Milan that he was determined to act as pope and emperor in his own dominions. Innocent VI. sent legates to Barnabò to treat with him, but Barnabò obliged the legates to eat the Papal bulls and swallow them piece by piece. One of these legates afterwards became pope under the name of Urban V., and he preached a crusade against Barnabò in 1363, and again by a new bull in 1368. On this last occasion, the emperor, the queen of Naples, the marquises of Ferrara, Monferrato, and Mantua, and other Italian princes, formed a league with the pope against Barnabò, who however contrived to avert the storm and to conclude a peace in 1369. He did not recover Bologna, for which the pope paid him a sum of money. Gregory XI., who succeeded Urban V., again attacked Barnabò, and prevailed upon the emperor Charles IV. to deprive both him and his brother Galeazzo of their dignity of imperial vicars, in 1372. A desultory war was carried on in Lombardy and Romagna for some years, during which the papal officers and troops committed so many excesses, that the Florentines, Pisans, and others joined Barnabò in an alliance, which was styled 'the league against the iniquitous clericals.' The Visconti made the clergy of their dominions pay the expenses of the war. Two Franciscan monks, who dared to remonstrate with Barnabò for his extortion, were burnt alive by his order. The stories that are told of Barnabò's ferocity are almost incredible, and yet many of them seem well attested. He was very fond of hunting, kept large packs of hounds, and was very cruel to any one who killed game. He kept a number of concubines, by whom he had many children. The only good quality mentioned of Barnabò is that he put down the factions and forbade even the mention of the names of Guelphs and Guibelines under pain of having the tongue cut off. His brother Galeazzo, who had fixed his residence at Pavia, was no less cruel, though less impetuous and more calculating. His horrid penal edict against state prisoners is a fearful instance of the ingenuity of man in tormenting his fellow-creatures. It was styled 'Galeazzo's Lent,' because the tortures were so distributed as to last forty days before the wretched victim received the death-blow. At the same time Galeazzo encouraged learning, which Barnabò despised; he opened the University of Pavia about the year 1362, and collected a considerable library. Galeazzo married his son Gian Galeazzo to Isabella, daughter of King John of France, and he gave his daughter Violante in marriage to Lionel, son of Edward III. of England. Galeazzo II. died at Pavia in 1378, and was succeeded by his son Gian Galeazzo, styled count of Vertù, from the name of a fief in France which his wife Isabella brought him as her dowry.

Barnabò continued to rule Milan and the rest of his ter-

ritories till Mey, 1385, when his nephew, Gian Galeazzo, under pretence of having an interview with him, went to Milan with a large escort, surprised Barnabé, and shut him up in the castle of Trezzo, where he died seven months after. Gian Galeazzo allowed the populace of Milan to plunder the houses of Barnabé and of his sons, who were all excluded from the succession by a decree of the general council, and Gian Galeazzo was proclaimed sole lord of Milan and its dependencies, which consisted of twenty-one towns. But he aspired higher; he aimed at making himself king of Italy, or at least of North Italy. With the assistance of Francesco da Carrara, lord of Padua, he drove away the Della Scala from Verona and Vicenza, and afterwards turned against his ally and took Padua, and he confined Carrara in the dungeons of Monza, where he died. He seized Bologna by force, as well as part of Romagna, crossed the Apennines and took Perugia and Spoleto. He bought the dominion of Pisa from Gherardo Appiani, who was lord of it; Siena gave itself up to him, and he repeatedly attacked Florence, the only Italian state that successfully opposed his ambitious career. Gian Galeazzo had in his pay the best mercenary troops in Italy, commanded by Jacopo del Verme and other celebrated condottieri. In May, 1395, Gian Galeazzo obtained of the emperor Wenceslas, for the sum of 100,000 golden florins, a diploma, creating him duke of Milan; and by a subsequent imperial diploma, dated October of the same year, the boundaries of the duchy of Milan were defined, and made to include 25 towns, from Verona, Vicenza, and Belluno on the east, to Alessandria and Tortona on the west. On the 5th of September, 1395, Gian Galeazzo was crowned with the ducal crown in the square of San Ambrogio, in presence of a vast multitude. He soon after began to build the new cathedral of Milan.

The German princes, indignant at the cession made by Wenceslas of the fair regions of Lombardy, deposed that weak emperor, and elected Robert count palatine as king of Germany, A.D. 1400. Robert went to Italy with some troops, and summoned Gian Galeazzo to restore to the empire the towns which he occupied. Gian Galeazzo sent Alberico da Barbiano, who defeated Robert near Brescia, and obliged him to recross the Alps into Germany. In 1402 Alberico was besieging Florence, and Gian Galeazzo was only waiting for the surrender of that city to declare himself king of Italy, when he was attacked by the plague which then prevailed in Lombardy, and died in the castle of Marignano in September of the same year. Thus was lost another chance for the union of Italy under a native prince.

Gian Galeazzo left two sons, both minors. The eldest, Giovanni Maria Visconti, fourteen years old, was proclaimed duke. The duchy however was reduced to very narrow limits by the revolt of most of the towns, and the conquests of the Venetians on one side, and of the pope and the marquis of Monferrato on the other. The young duke, when he came of age, proved pusillanimous, suspicious, and cruel. His cruelty partook of insanity. He delighted in seeing men, and even children, torn to pieces by large mastiffs which he kept for the purpose. A wretch called Squarcia Girano, who had charge of his kennel, was his confidential friend and minister. Giovanni Maria is said to have caused his own mother to be poisoned. At last a conspiracy was formed against him, and he was stabbed to death on the 16th of May, 1412, at Milan, while on his way in church. Squarcia Girano was torn to pieces by the people. The conspirators, among whom were several of the collateral branches of the Visconti, kept possession of Milan for a few weeks.

Filippo Maria Visconti, at that time twenty years of age, and brother to the late duke, was then staying at Pavia. He was heir to the ducal crown, as Giovanni Maria had left no issue. He was of a timorous, suspicious, and vindictive disposition, but not madly ferocious like his brother. Facino Cane, one of the generals of his father, and who, in the scramble that took place after the death of Gian Galeazzo, had made himself master of Piacenza, Alessandria, Tortona, Novara, and other places, died about the same time as the Duke Giovanni Maria. Beatrice Tenda, Facino's widow, had the command of his territories and of his veteran band of soldiers. It was suggested to Filippo Maria to marry the widow as the means of securing the ducal crown. He did so, and Filippo Maria at the head of Facino's soldiers entered Milan in triumph on the 16th

June, a month after the death of Giovanni Maria. Among the officers of Facino Cane was a native of Carmagnola in Piedmont, named Francesco Bussone, to whom the new Duke Filippo Maria entrusted the command of his troops. The result was, that Bussone recovered for the duke Lodi, Crema, Vigevano, Borgarno, Brescia, Parma, and also took Genoa, which had thrown off the yoke of the Visconti ever since 1356. Francesco Maria afterwards quarrelled with his general, who went into the Venetian service. [CARMAGNOLA, FRANCESCO BUSSONE II.] But a worse act of ingratitude was perpetrated by Filippo Maria against his wife Beatrice, the maker of his fortune, who was much older than himself, and whom, upon some most improbable charge of infidelity, he caused to be beheaded, in September, 1418. After this Duke Filippo Maria lived until the time of his death with Agnese del Maino, a Milanese woman, by whom he had one daughter, Bianca, whom he gave in marriage to Francesco Sforza.

After the defection of Carmagnola, Filippo Maria remained shut up in his ducal residence in the castle of Milan, unseen by his subjects, of whom he was afraid, and surrounded by sycophants and wily favourites. He had however the discernment to employ able commanders, though not equal to Carmagnola, at the head of his troops, and thus he managed to preserve the greater part of his dominions against the attacks of the Venetians and the Florentines. On one occasion the duke behaved with unexpected magnanimity to Alfonso of Aragon and Naples, who happened to be his prisoner in 1435, and whom he released with presents and even assisted in the recovery of his kingdom of Naples. [ALFONSO V. OF ARAGON.] There was some political shrewdness in the character of Filippo Maria, who seems to have had that kind of circumspection and penetration, joined with utter want of principle, for which Italian statesmen were beginning to be noted, and which has been vulgarly styled Machiavellism, because Machiavelli happened to expound the common policy which he saw practised in his lifetime and which had been in practice for a century before him.

Filippo Maria reigned thirty-five years. He died at Milan in the year 1447. The events of the latter years of his life are briefly noticed under SFOZZA, FRANCESCO, his son-in-law, who succeeded him as duke of Milan. The dynasty of the Visconti, which may be considered as having begun with Matteo, A.D. 1288, ended with Filippo Maria, and it constituted one of the most powerful Italian principalities of the middle ages.

(Verri, *Storia di Milano*: Muratori, *Annali d'Italia*.)

VISCONTI, ENNIO QUIRINO, born at Rome in 1751, was the eldest son of Giovanni Batista Visconti, a native of Sarzana, who, being settled at Rome, where he married a lady of noble birth, became a great proficient in the science of archaeology, and succeeded Winkelmann as prefect of the antiquities of Rome. He was commissioned by Clement XIV. to collect works of ancient art for the new museum of the Vatican, an office in which he was confirmed by Pius VI. Giovanni Batista intended his eldest son, who gave very precocious evidence of extraordinary talents, for the church, in which he was sure of patronage; and he made him study the law, in which young Visconti took a doctor's degree in 1771. The pope appointed Ennio Visconti to an honorary situation in his household, and made him sub-librarian of the Vatican. The young man however felt no inclination for a life of celibacy, as he had conceived an attachment for a young lady of the name of Doris. His father was greatly disappointed at this, and, in order to conquer his son's opposition, he induced the pope to remove him from the office of sub-librarian, and deprive him also of a pension which he had granted him. Young Visconti however bore this without complaint, while Prince Sigismondo Chigi, who had become acquainted with him, appointed him his own librarian, and gave him board and lodging in his palace. It was Ennio Visconti who recommended to the prince, for the post of under-librarian, Carlo Fea, who became afterwards a distinguished antiquarian. In 1778 the elder Visconti was commissioned to write the text or letterpress which was to accompany the series of engravings of the Museum of the Vatican, or 'Museo Pio Clementino,' as it was called, in honour of the two popes who contributed to form that splendid collection. Giovanni Batista, being old and infirm, found himself insufficient for the task, and he called his son Ennio to his as-

assistance. The first volume of the series of the 'Museo Pio Clementino' appeared in 1782. In 1784 the elder Visconti died, and his son edited alone the second volume. He was then made by the pope Conservator of the Capitoline Museum, his pension was restored to him, and in January, 1785, he married his betrothed, Angela Doria. He continued afterwards to publish in succession the other volumes of the 'Museo Pio Clementino,' the seventh and last of which appeared in 1807. In the mean time he wrote many other treatises and disquisitions on ancient art, such as a dissertation on the sepulchral monuments of the Scipio family, a description of the museum of Thomas Jenkins, a dissertation on the mutilated statue vulgarly called Pasquino, another on a fine cameo representing Jupiter Ægioceros, found at Smyrna, and an illustration of two Greek inscriptions belonging to a temple and sepulchral enclosure built by Herodes Atticus at a place called Triopium, a few miles out of Rome, on an estate of his wife, Annia Attilia Regilla.—*Inscription Triopie, ora Borghesiana, con versioni ecc.*, Rome, fol., 1794. (HARROD, *THEATRUM CLAUDII ATTICI*.) He afterwards wrote illustrations of the monuments found among the ruins of Gabii, which were discovered by Prince Marcantonio Borghese, and placed in his villa on the Pincian Mount.—*Monumenti Gabini della Villa Pinciana, descritti da Ennio Quirino Visconti*, 8vo., Rome, 1797.

When the French entered Rome, in February, 1798, and abolished the papal authority, Visconti was made a member of the provisional government; and when a republican constitution was proclaimed, he was appointed one of the five consuls of the republic. As usual in such cases, he was censured by some for having accepted a revolutionary office, whilst the more violent demagogues accused him of being too moderate in the exercise of his official functions. After a few months however the French military authorities appointed new consuls, and Visconti was glad to return to his favourite studies. When the Neapolitan army entered Rome, in November, 1799, Visconti, having filled an office under the republic, was obliged to emigrate to France, where his reputation as one of the first archaeologists of his age had preceded him. He was appointed one of the administrators of the Museum of the Louvre, and professor of archaeology. There he found himself again among his familiar acquaintance, the masterpieces of the Vatican, which had been transferred to Paris, and he made a catalogue raisonné of the new museum, which was often reprinted with fresh additions. In 1804 Napoleon commissioned him to select and publish a series of portraits of distinguished men of Greece and Rome, such as might be considered sufficiently authentic, with illustrations. This, perhaps the greatest work of Visconti, was published in two series:—*Iconographie Grecque*, 3 vols. 4to., 1808; and *Iconographie Romaine*, 1 vol. 4to., 1817. Meantime he undertook, at the desire of Napoleon, to contribute several important papers to the great collection entitled 'Musée Napoléon.' He also wrote a number of separate dissertations upon particular objects of ancient art. In 1815 Visconti came to London for the purpose of giving his opinion on the merit and the value of the sculptures of the Parthenon known by the name of the 'Elgin Marbles.' He fixed the price at which he estimated that those works of art might be fairly purchased by the nation. After his return to Paris he wrote a *Mémoire* in explanation of the meaning of those celebrated sculptures. He next completed a series of notices of the works of art in the Borghese collection, which he had begun at Rome many years before, and which were published after his death: *Illustrazioni di Monumenti scelti Borghesiani*, Rome, 1821.

In 1816 Visconti began to feel the symptoms of an organic disease, which brought him to the grave in February, 1818. His death was mourned by the learned all over Europe, and his funeral was attended by distinguished men from various countries. He was no mere antiquarian, but was deeply versed in the history, the languages, the mythology, and the manners of the classical ages, and he had a keen discernment and a delicate taste for the works of ancient art. A worthy successor of Winckelmann, his judgment was more precise and his views were more extensive than those of his predecessor. A collection of all Visconti's works was begun at Milan in 1818, but has never been completed. Labus edited, in 1827, a selection of his minor works in 4 vols. 8vo.

(*Elogio d'Ennio Quirino Visconti, scritto dall' Abate G. B. Zamponi, R. Antiquario della Galleria di Firenze*, in No. XVIII. of the *Antologia di Firenze*; *Tipaldo, Biografia degli Italiani Illustri*; *Maffei, Storia della Letteratura Italiana*.)

VISCONTI, FILIPPO AURELIO, younger brother of Ennio Quirino, was appointed by Pius VI., in 1782, to succeed his father Giovanni Balista, as superintendent of the antiquities of Rome. During the French occupation of Rome, 1806-14, he was made president of the commission of antiquities and fine arts, and was also one of the deputies appointed to superintend the preservation of the numerous churches of Rome. After the restoration of the Papal government he was appointed, in 1816, secretary of the commission of the fine arts. He edited the 'Museo Chiaramonti,' being a description of the collection formed in the Vatican by Pius VII., and which forms a sequel to the 'Museo Pio Clementino.' He also published several dissertations concerning works of ancient art in Rome and in its territories. He applied himself especially to the study of numismatics. He edited an improved edition of the 'Roma' of Venuti. He died at Rome in 1830. (*Tipaldo, Biografia degli Italiani Illustri*.)

VISCOUNT, the name of a dignity which ranks fourth in the peerage, immediately above that of baron. It is the most recent English title, having, it is said, its origin in the time of Henry VI., who, in 1440, created by letters patent John, lord Beaumont, Viscount Beaumont. In Scotland the title of viscount was first granted by James VI.

Camden observes that although this is a new title of dignity, yet it is an ancient one of office: viscount, 'Vicecomes,' the deputy of the count or earl, is the Latin name for the sheriff of a county [*SHERRIFF*], an office in ancient times held by persons of the highest rank. Whether the title of viscount was suggested by that office it is difficult to say; but Spelman mentions that William the Conqueror made Baldwin hereditary viscount (vice-comiti) of Devon and baron of Okehampton; and he made Unus or Uno Abbot viscount of Worcester, but Roger his son was deprived of the title by Henry I., because he had killed a certain servant of the king; the office however was transferred through his sister to the Beaumonts. Spelman seems in these passages to consider this title as one of dignity before Henry VI.'s time, and as having been distinct from that of sheriff: in the first instance he joins it to the title of baron and gives it precedence; in the second, he treats the Beaumonts, who are usually deemed the first viscounts, as only restored to a title which had been in abeyance or forfeited for three centuries.

(*Spelman, title Vicecomes, nomen dignitatis*; *Camden's Britannia* (Gough's), i., xciv.; 2, 299; 4, 26.)

VISUM. [*MUSEUM*.]

VISEU, the chief town of a Comarca of the Portuguese province of Beira. It is 40 miles north-east from Coimbra, and 134 miles north-north-east from Lisbon. Its site is elevated, but fertile, and covered with vines, olives, and fruit-trees. Viséu is tolerably well built; two towers of the cathedral, which stands in the highest part of the town, are said to have been built by the Romans. There are two parochial churches; two convents, one for females; two hospitals; and a college: the squares and promenades are spacious. The town is an episcopal residence; the bishop of Viséu is a suffragan of the archbishop of Braga. A great fair, one of the most considerable in Portugal, is held annually in Viséu. The town of Viséu had, in 1833, 6500 inhabitants; the comarca 150,500. Ferdinand the Great took the town from the Moors, for the first time, on the 25th of July, 1057. (*Dictionnaire Géographique*.)

VISHNU (from *vis*, 'to enter' or 'to pervade') occupies the second place in the Trimurti, or Triad of the Hindus, and is the personification of the preserving principle. There is no doubt that his worship is of a very ancient date, as there are distinct allusions to him in the Vedas; but at the same time it is evident that it has experienced successive and considerable changes, and that the forms under which Vishnu is now worshipped in India are far from being authorized by the ancient scriptures of the Hindus.

In the Vedas, Vishnu generally appears only as the younger brother of Indra, the personified firmament, and inferior to him. It is however difficult to state what office is ascribed to him; in a passage of the Rigveda (i. i. 14, i.

v. 7, p. 171, ed. Rosen) he is mentioned as guarding a certain sacrifice for the Maruts, or the winds; and his name occurs for the most part in invocations to Indra and other elemental deities; but in a capacity apparently inferior to theirs. (*Sāmaveda-Saṁhitā*, i, iv, 10, v. 4; i, 2, v. 19; ii, 6, v. 11; *Ibid.*, i, 19; ii, 13, v. 18.) Sometimes however we find him addressed as a mighty God (*Ibid.* i, 5, viii, 6), who has the power to impart supernatural knowledge and superior strength of intellect, and in other passages (*Ibid.*, ii, 17, v. 4; i, 3, iii, v. 9; ii, 13, v. 5; *Rigved. Saṁh.*, i, 1, v. 4) he is supposed to have numerous forms and to assume a superiority over the other gods, saying: 'I am all-glorious:—the mythic word with which his worshipper is directed to address him is 'vaśat.' He is also stated to have traversed the world with three steps, in order to uphold the performance of sacrificial rites, and the following injunction is given:—'Regard well the works of Vishn'u; for on their account are you allowed to put your hand to sacred rites. The glorious ages look to the steps of Vishn'u, as to the radiance spread through the heavens.' (*Sāmaveda-Saṁhitā*, p. 253, transl. Stephenson.) This journey throughout the seven regions of the universe, which alludes to the Vāmana Avatāra, has occasioned the epithet *Uśakra*, with which he is distinguished in a passage of the *Rigveda* (p. 179, ed. Rosen), and which Colebrooke (*Essays*, i, p. 78) translates:—'He whose step is vast.' In another text of the Vedas, adduced by Colebrooke in his 'Essay on the Religious Ceremonies of the Hindus' (*Ibid.*, p. 27), Vishn'u is termed 'the lord of mountains.' But from all these and numerous other passages of the same kind it is scarcely possible to determine what place had been assigned to Vishn'u in the original mythology of the Vedas; and the only conclusion we arrive at is that legends concerning him must have been current among the Hindus even in the earliest age of their existence, and that these must certainly have contained the germ of the fantastic and elaborate biography which in the present day forms the sum of the Vāishnava religion.

There is no trace of Vishn'u or anything relating to him in the Institutes of Manu, although the allusions which are made to idolaters and the worship of inferior gods (book iii., v. 152, 164) might possibly have some reference to him also. However we might be led to expect that more notice would have been taken of him by Manu, since the two heroic poems, the *Mahābhārata* and the *Rāmāyaṇa*, which are generally believed to belong to the same period of Hindu literature as the *Dharmasāstra*, or Institutes, have for their subjects two of the latest incarnations of this god, who thereto assumes the attributes of the one supreme god. He is stated to have appeared before the other celestials, and to have agreed, at their humble request, to become man for the purpose of destroying the demon Ravana (*SAMSKRIT LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE*, p. 398), and to remain incarnate among man for the space of eleven thousand years in order to protect the world after saving it. (*Rāmāyaṇa*, book i., sect. xiii. s'1. 23, ed. Serampore.) From the numerous allusions which both these poems make to the other Avatāras, descents or incarnations of Vishn'u (*Ibid.*, i., xxiv. 22; xxvii. 2; lxvii. 15, &c.), we may safely conclude that at the time of their composition his history had already been brought into a system, where the marvellous deeds which he performs seem calculated to call forth the special adoration of the Hindus.

The order in which these different Avatāras are supposed to have taken place is by no means fixed, and the discrepancy in the different authorities with regard to Vishn'u's actions on earth is sometimes very great; we shall however follow the popular belief, and enumerate the descents of Vāisnava accordingly.

His first incarnation was that of a fish, when, in order to save a righteous king named Manu, and to preserve the sacred Vedas, he appeared before him and warned him of an impending Pralaya, or universal destruction of the world at the end of a Kalpa, or age, by means of a flood. He at the same time ordered Vāisnava Manu to build an ark wherein he was to gather the seeds of all things. The king does his bidding, and when the earth is overspread with the inundation, the fish ties a rope to the ark and draws it after him until he arrives at a peak of the Himavat, to which he binds it. This mountain-top is hence called Nāubandhana, from *nau*, a ship, and *bandhana*, binding. (*Matṛgopākhyāna*, s'1. 49, p. 6, ed. Bopp.) This is the

most primitive account of the Matsyavatāra, or descent in the shape of a fish, as told in the *Mahābhārata*; and subsequent embellishments have been added to it, and the form in which it now is current is the following:—Vishn'u is said to have assumed the figure of a fish, in order to recover from the bottom of the ocean the books of sacred law, which had been stolen from heaven by a demon. (Kindersley, *Specimens of Hindu Literature*, p. 14; Elphinstone's *History of India*, vol. i., p. 171.) The *Gitāgovinda* (3. l. v. 5), though a production of later date, mentions only his having held the Vedas in his custody during the period of a Pralaya.

The second Avatāra was that of a tortoise, when Vishn'u placed himself under the mountain Mandara, when the gods and demons churned the Milky Sea for ambrosia. Of the gifts which proceeded from the ocean, Śrī, the goddess of beauty and prosperity, and *Kaustubha*, a miraculous jewel, fell to the lot of Vishn'u. This incarnation is called the *Kurma*.

The third Avatāra, or the Varāha, was occasioned by the world's having, at the close of a Kalpa, sunk to the bottom of the waters (*nārā*), in which the Spirit of God (*nara*) had his first place of motion (*ayana*), and whence he is named Nārāyaṇa, or 'moving on the waters.' (Sir W. Jones, *Manu*, i. 8, p. 2.) Nārāyaṇa, i.e. Vishn'u, being desirous to raise it up, created another form for that purpose, and as in preceding Kalpas he had assumed the shape of a fish or a tortoise, so in this he took the figure of a boar (*varāha*), and plunged into the ocean, and uplifted the earth upon his tusks. He then raised it up, and placed it on the summit of the ocean, where, in the words of the Purāṇas, it floats like a mighty vessel, and from its expansive force does not sink beneath the waters. He also levelled it, and divided it into seven continents for the general good and the habitation of created beings. (*Vishn'u Purāṇa*, book i., ch. 4, Trans. pp. 27-33.) This Avatāra is related in different manners, and, like all the other, has been adapted to the peculiar doctrine of certain sects: in the Deccan, for instance, where the Śaivas (Śiva, p. 67, b), are numerous, it is asserted that Vishn'u dug up the foundations of the earth, that he might reach the sight of Śiva's feet.

The fourth Avatāra is the Nṛsiṁha, which has more of a human interest than the preceding. Hiranyakāśipu, a king, enemy of the gods, had brought the three worlds under his authority, and usurped even the sovereignty of Indra, the first of the gods of the second order, by means of a boon which Brahmā had bestowed upon him, and which was, that he should not be slain by any being then existing. His son Prahlāda did not however share the feelings of hatred which his father entertained towards the immortals; he had through the favour of Vishn'u obtained a perfect knowledge of divine matters, and was a faithful worshipper of Nārāyaṇa. This caused Hiranyakāśipu to persecute him without mercy, and at last to determine to put him to death. In their last interview, the king, in denunciation of the omnipresence of Vishn'u, which Prahlāda had been maintaining, asked him, whether his favourite divinity was in a certain pillar which supported the hall. The answer was in the affirmative; and Hiranyakāśipu, enraged at this, was about to order his son's execution, when Vishn'u, in the shape of a man (*uṣṭ*), with the head and paws of a lion (*siṁha*), burst from the pillar, and tore him to pieces. This form of Vishn'u, the only one under which he could punish the infidel tyrant, forms one of the most conspicuous ornaments in Hindu architecture.

Vishn'u descended on earth for the fifth time as a Brahman dwarf (*vāmana*), when his object was to recover for the gods the supremacy over created things which they had lost by neglecting certain rites, and which Bali, the son of Virochana, a Daitya, like Hiranyakāśipu, had obtained by force of sacrifices and austerities:—the heavens alone had not yet fallen into his hands, and the gods were waiting in dread till the conclusion of his last sacrifice, which was to put them into his possession. During the performance of this yajna, or sacrifice, a dwarf appeared, who, applying to Bali for alms, was promised by the prince whatever he might demand, notwithstanding that the preceptor of the Daityas (the Titans of Hindu mythology) had apprised him whom he had to deal with. The dwarf demanded as much space as he could step over at three steps; and upon the assent of Bali, enlarged him-

self to such dimensions as to stride over the three worlds, which he gave, free from all embarrassment, to Indra. But as Bali was a descendant of Prahlāda, the virtuous son of Hiranyakāśipu, and as he consented to worship him, Viṣṇu conceded to him the sovereignty of Pātāla, or Hell. (*Viṣṇu-Pur.*, p. 265, note.) In the Rāmāyaṇa (i. xxvii. 2, p. 302) it is stated that before this Avatāra Viṣṇu had been performing penance for one hundred Yugas, or ages in the hermitage of Suddhīśvara, practising sacred austerities as a model to all other devotees, probably because Bali could only be vanquished by a power similar to that by which he had obtained his supremacy—the power which is to be acquired through sacrifice and penance. It has been observed before, that this Avatāra is alluded to in the Vedas; it is told at length in the Rāmāyaṇa (sect. xxvii.), and forms a conspicuous episode in most of the Purāṇas.

The sixth incarnation of Viṣṇu was that of Paraśu-Rāma, who washed off the sins of the earth with the blood of the Kāṣṭhīya race. Paraśu-Rāma, or Rāmadānya, seems however to be an historical personage, and is one of those deified heroes who are said to be portions of Viṣṇu. His genealogy is related in the *Viṣṇu-purāṇa* (book iv., ch. vii., p. 398). Rīchika, a Brahman, and a descendant of Bhṛigu, married Satyawatī, the daughter of Gādhi; in order to effect the birth of a son, he prepared a certain dish for his wife, which was to infuse into her offspring the qualities suited to a Brahman, gentleness, knowledge, and resignation; but at the same time he had been cooking a dish for his mother-in-law. Satyawatī took the wrong mess, and when reprimanded for her inadvertence, she begged that the opposite qualities might not belong to her son, but to her grandson. Accordingly in due season she gave birth to Jamadagni, who married Renukā, and had by her the destroyer of the Kāṣṭhīya race, Paraśu-Rāma, who was a portion of Nārāyaṇa.

The story of the son of Jamadagni is told in the *Vanā-Purāṇa* of the Mahābhārata, and a summary of it is given in Jamadagni's own person, in the Rāmāyaṇa (i. lxii. s. 1, 25-33). His first act was that of cutting off his mother's head at the command of his father, whom he however entreated to restore her to life; and this was granted to him, together with the boon of invincibility in single combat. Some time afterwards a mighty monarch of the name of Kārtikeya, who had a thousand arms, came to the hermitage of Jamadagni, and carried off the calf of the milch cow of the sacred oblation. Rāma assailed Kārtikeya Arjuna, and overthrew him in battle; but the sons of his foe attacked the hermitage of his father during his absence, and slew the pious sage. Upon this the son of Jamadagni made a vow that he would extirpate the whole Kāṣṭhīya race. Thrice seven times did he clear the earth of the caste which he wished to destroy; and he filled with their blood the five large lakes of Samanta-panchaka, from which he offered libations to the race of Bhṛigu. He then gave the earth to Kaśyapa, the muni, and retired to the mountain Mahendra. Some authorities say that Mahendra was an island, which the Ocean had granted to him after he had given up the whole earth, and deprived himself of the privilege of living in it. Again other books state that, after destroying the military caste, he determined to retire from the world and lay down his arms; for this purpose he went to the sea-shore, and threw his weapons into the waves, which immediately rushed back to the place where they fell, and left a promontory, upon which he finally settled. He acquired his name of Paraśu-Rāma on account of a battle-axe (*paraśu*), which he had obtained from Śiva for having vanquished in single combat Kārtikeya, the god of war.

The seventh Avatāra was Rāma. [SANSKRIT LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE—*Rāmāyaṇa*, p. 398.]

The descent which usually follows this in the enumerations of them which occur in Sanskrit books of the last period of literature is that of Bala-Rāma, the younger brother of Kṛṣṇa, who was also a portion of Viṣṇu. The histories of these two heroes are so blended together that we shall give an account of Bala-Rāma in speaking of Kṛṣṇa.

Viṣṇu, perceiving that the enemies of the gods took care not to transgress the precepts of the Vedas, and thereby became powerful, emitted from his body, as his ninth Avatāra, an illusory form, which immediately proceeded to earth

and taught the Daityas a false doctrine. Instead of faith, it inculcated discriminative knowledge, exclaiming to them, 'Know! (*Buddhyasv*)'; and they replied, 'It is known' (*Buddhyate*). Hence this great delusion was called Buddha; and the Daityas were soon induced by the arch-deceiver to deviate from their religious duties and at last to become so perverted that none of them admitted the authority of the Vedas. But when they had thus declined from the path of the holy writings, the deities took courage and gathered together for battle. Hostilities were renewed; but the armour of religion, which had formerly protected the Daityas, had been discarded by them, and upon its abandonment followed their destruction. (*Viṣṇu-Pur.*, iii., ch. 18, p. 338.)

The tenth Avatāra is yet to come. It is thus related in the *Viṣṇu-Purāṇa*: 'When the practices taught by the Vedas and the institutes of law shall nearly have ceased, and the close of the Kali age shall be nigh, a portion of that divine being who exists of his own spiritual nature in the character of Brahma, and who is the beginning and the end, and who comprehends all things, shall descend upon earth: he will be born in the family of Viṣṇu'sayās, an eminent Brahman of Sambhala village, as Kalki, endowed with the eight superhuman faculties. By his irresistible might he will destroy all the Mlecchas (or barbarians and thieves, and all whose minds are devoted to iniquity. He will then re-establish righteousness upon earth; and the minds of those who live at the end of the Kali age shall be awakened, and shall be as pellucid as crystal. The men who are thus changed by virtue of that peculiar time shall be as the seeds of human beings, and shall give birth to a race who shall follow the laws of the Kṛita age, or age of purity. As it is said: "When the sun and moon, and the lunar asterism Tishya (its chief star is δ in Cancer), and the planet Jupiter, are in one mansion, the Kṛita age shall return." (Wilson's *Viṣṇu-Pur.*, p. 483.)

One of the earliest writers on Hindu antiquities expresses himself in the following words with respect to these Avatāras: 'It is sufficient to observe that those incarnations represent the deity descending in a human shape—either to accomplish certain awful and important events, as in the instance of the three first; to confound blaspheming vice, to subvert gigantic tyranny, and to avenge oppressed innocence, as in the five following; or finally, as in the tenth, to establish a glorious system of benevolent institutions upon the ruins of a gloomy and sanguinary superstition. These surely are noble actions; these are worthy of a god; and it is principally to these different descents of Viṣṇu that most of the allegorical sculpture and paintings of India have reference.' (Maurice's *Indian Antiquities*, vol. v., p. 855.) We shall however observe that, with the exception of the three first, and that of the Kalki, the Avatāras of Viṣṇu are merely heroes who in times of emergency had distinguished themselves so as to merit deification. The story of Paraśu-Rāma points to a struggle between the two principal castes, the Brahmins and the Kāṣṭhīyas, which is frequently alluded to in works of all periods of Hindu literature, and wherein the priesthood gained the victory. In the same manner as the Brahmins had Rāma, the son of Jamadagni, to fight for them and to restore them to their supremacy, so had the Kāṣṭhīyas Rāma, the son of Daśaratha, for their champion; and however strange or inconsistent it may appear, both these heroes, who are said to be portions of Viṣṇu, are not only represented as the chiefs of two contending parties, who may have lived at two different periods, but they are brought together (as in the *Rāmāyaṇa*, i. lxii.), and Rāma the Kāṣṭhīya is made to overcome Rāma the Brahmin. The ninth Avatāra is evidently intended for a warning to all orthodox Hindus against Buddha and his sect, who are diametrically opposed to the tenets of the Brahmanical religion. But of all these Avatāras, those of Rāma and Kṛṣṇa have in the present day the greatest share of adoration: they are not now considered as mere incarnations of Viṣṇu—they are that god himself; and before we proceed to describe them as deified mortals, we shall give an account of the notion which the Vaishnavas, or followers of Viṣṇu, have of their god. We take as our authority the *Viṣṇu-Purāṇa*. Viṣṇu is the same with Brahmā and Śiva, that is, although he is only the preserver, he has nevertheless the qualities attributed both to the creator and the destroyer; for the Trimūrti is essentially one, and therefore every por-

tion of it must be the same, although, when taken individually, it is different from the others. The world was produced from Vishn'u; it exists in him; he is the cause of its continuance and cessation; he is the world. His essence is both single and manifold (*Ekānkarūpa*), both discrete and indiscrete (*ryuktāryakta*); that is, he is the indiscrete cause of the world, as well as the discrete effect. The four forms by which Vishn'u produces the phenomena of creation, preservation, and destruction, are—1, Pradhāna, or primary matter; 2, Puruṣa, or spirit; 3, Vyakta, or visible substance; 4, Kāla, or time (p. 9); at the same time he is the performer of the rites of devotion; he is the rite; he is the fruit which it bestows; he is the implement by which it is performed (p. 216). However these are only the qualities which distinguish him as the universal spirit, which is void of form; but as Hari, Vishn'u is described in the following manner: Vishn'u, the glorious, the lord of the world, arrayed in yellow, with hand ornaments of glowing gold, riding on Vaiṣaṇeya, as the son on a cloud, arrived with his conch, his discus, and his club in his hand (*Āmṇiṣṇu*, p. 184, v. 23, 24); on his breast he wears the *kaustubha* gem, which was produced at the churning of the ocean. But all these arms and ornaments are, according to the Vishn'u-Purāṇa (p. 158), types of the universe: 'The glorious Hari wears the soul of the universe, undefiled, and void of qualities like the *kaustubha* gem. Intellect abides in Mādhyama, in the form of his navel. The lord supports egoism (*Ahaṁkāra*) in its twofold division into elements and organs of sense, in the emblems of his conch-shell and his bow. In his hand Vishn'u holds, in the form of his discus, the mind, whose thoughts (like the weapon) fly swifter than the winds. The necklace of the deity, composed of pearl, ruby, emerald, sapphire, and diamond, is the aggregate of the five rudimental elements. The bright sword of Aśvata is holy wisdom, concealed at some seasons in the scabbard of ignorance,' &c. In this capacity of Vishn'u, as the only and supreme lord of the world, he is the husband of Śrī, or Lakṣmī, who is his perfect counterpart. She is the mother of the world, she is eternal; in like manner as he is all-pervading, so she is omnipresent. Vishn'u is meaning, she is speech; Hari is understanding, she is intellect; he is righteousness, she is devotion. The deity is content, Lakṣmī is resignation; he is desire, she is wish; Hari is all that is called male, Śrī is all that is called female; there is nothing else than they. (*Vishn'u-Purāṇa*, p. 60.) However in the usual mythology, as noticed before in speaking of the second Avatāra, Śrī is said to have arisen from the Milky Sea, when it was churned for ambrosia, and to be the goddess of prosperity and beauty. The king of birds, Garuda, born of Kaśyapa, by Vinatī, and hence called Vaiṣaṇeya, or son of Vinatī, serves him as the pervader of all, and is generally mentioned in connection with Vishn'u when this god is represented in the above character.

We have hitherto purposely abstained from mentioning Vishn'u's Avatāra as Kṛiṣṇ'a; for although it is probably as ancient as the others, it has facilitated, as it were, the transition from the elder belief of the Hindus to that which we find them professing in our days, and serves for the foundation of the worship of deified heroes. Kṛiṣṇ'a was a portion of Vishn'u, who had consented to be born of Devakī, the wife of Vāsudeva. When the portion of Vishn'u had taken his abode in the womb of a woman, the planetary bodies moved in brilliant order in the heavens, and the seasons were regular and genial; the virtuous experienced new delight, the strong winds were hushed, and the rivers glided tranquilly, when Janārdana was about to be born. At midnight, when the supporter of all was about to be born, the clouds emitted low pleasing sounds, and poured down rain of flowers. Kāṇ'a, a mighty demon, being however apprised that a child would be born that was for ever to overthrow their power, summoned all his principal Asuras, or infidels, and told them: 'Let active search be made for whatever young children there may be upon earth, and let every boy in whom there are signs of unusual vigour be slain without remorse.' But at the time that this order was given there was near the town of Mathurā, the capital of Kāṇ'a, a cowherd of the name of Nanda, whose wife had borne him a child, also a portion of Vishn'u, at the same hour as Devakī. To him Vāsudeva, the father of Kṛiṣṇ'a, repaired, and delivered into his hands his son, that he might be

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brought up with the offspring of the cowherd. Nanda departed speedily with the other cowherds, and settled in Vrindāvana; and here Kṛiṣṇ'a and Bala-Rāma, accompanied by the cow-boys, traversed the forests, that echoed with the hum of bees and the peacock's cry; and at evening-tide the two immortals, having come to the cow-pens, joined heartily in whatever sports amused the sons of the herdsmen. One day Kṛiṣṇ'a came to the Yamunā, which was flowing in sportive undulations and sparkling with foam, as if with smiles, as the waves dashed against the borders. Within its bed however was the fearful pool of the serpent Kālyāṇa. Kṛiṣṇ'a jumped boldly into the lake of the snake-king; a fearful combat ensued, which ended in the victory of the divine child, who commanded the snake-king to depart from the Yamunā river to the ocean. About the same time his brother Rāma destroyed the demon Dhanuka, who had assumed the form of an ass, and kicked Rāma on the breast with his hinder heels. Rāma however seized him by both hind-legs, and whirling him round until he expired, tossed his carcass to the top of a palm-tree. Shortly afterwards he killed the demon Pṛakāmba, who sought to devour both the brothers, and had for that purpose assumed the shape of a cow-boy, that he might have an opportunity of effecting his purpose by mixing in their pastimes. Kṛiṣṇ'a, as a boy, was naturally fond of annoying and playing tricks upon his elders, and he resolved to put the god Indra, whom the herdsmen worshipped, into a great passion. He persuaded his adoptive father Nanda to cease to offer sacrifices to Indra, from whom they had no benefit; but much rather to worship the mountain Govardhana, which offered shelter to themselves and pasture to their cattle. Accordingly the inhabitants of Vraja worshipped the mountain, presenting to it curds and milk and Besh. Kṛiṣṇ'a had the satisfaction of obtaining his object; for Indra, offended by the low of his offerings, caused heavy rain to deluge Gokula; but even his revenge proved vain. Kṛiṣṇ'a uplifted the mountain to shelter the cowherds and their cattle. For seven days and nights did Indra rain upon the Gokula of Nanda to destroy its inhabitants; but, foiled in his purpose, he commanded the clouds to cease, and descended from his heaven to praise Kṛiṣṇ'a, whom he had recognised as the supporter of all, and to make him prince over the cattle. Meanwhile the young cowherd had grown, and he felt inclined to join with the Gopas, or shepherdesses, in sport. Accordingly he instituted a kind of round dance, called the Rās, when, by means of a miraculous power, he managed, although alone, to be the simultaneous partner of all those who joined in it. But the happiness of Kṛiṣṇ'a and Bala-Rāma in Vrindāvana was interrupted by the tyrant Kāṇ'a, who had been apprised of their existence, and had sent the formidable demon Keśin to destroy them. Kṛiṣṇ'a however slew him, and Kāṇ'a was obliged to have recourse to perfidy. He sent a messenger to them, that they might be induced to go to Mathurā, where public games had been instituted. Kṛiṣṇ'a and Balarāma went there, and slew two mighty demons, Chāṇūra and Muṣhṭika, and at last Kāṇ'a himself; but their history is of too great a length, and we refer the reader to the fifth book of the Vishn'u-Purāṇa, p. 491, of Professor Wilson's elegant translation. It will be sufficient to observe that in the course of his adventures Kṛiṣṇ'a builds the town of Dwārakā; marries Rukmiṇī and seven other wives; and besides these he had sixteen thousand more, by whom he had one hundred and eighty thousand sons. At last he was killed by a hunter; and then, in the words of the Purāṇa, the illustrious Kṛiṣṇ'a, having united himself with his own pure, spiritual, inexhaustible, inconceivable, unborn, undecaying, imperishable, and universal spirit, which is one with Vāsudeva, abandoned his mortal body and the condition of the threefold qualities. We have dwelt so long on the juvenilities of Kṛiṣṇ'a, because they form the groundwork of the tenets of a particular class of Vaiṣṇava, whom we shall notice in the sequel.

Vishn'u's heaven is called Vaikunṭha; for a description of which we refer to the first volume of Ward's 'View of the Religion, Literature, &c. of India.'

His names are as numerous as those of Siva, and may be found enumerated in the Kṛiṣṇ'a-nāmasaṁhāra, or 'the thousand names of Kṛiṣṇ'a'; they are also partly given in the Amarakośha (i. i. 1, st. 12-17), and of these we shall adduce those which occur most frequently, and are sometimes the cause of a good deal of confusion. They

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are Kēśava, Dāmodara, Hṛīṣīkeśa, Mādhava and Madhura, Janārdana, Achyuta, Govinda, Padmanābha, Vāṇdeva, Trivikrama, Purāṇottama, &c.

By his wife Lakṣmī, the goddess of beauty, he had Kāma or Manmatha, the god of love. The Purāṇas, which are the text-books for the Vaiṣṇavas, are the Viṣṇu's, Nārāyaṇa, Bhāgavata, Gītā, Pāṇḍya, and Vāṇdeva, which are called Sātvika, or pure and true.

Seets of Vaiṣṇava.—The first authentic records we have of the different worshippers of Viṣṇu's date from the eighth or ninth century of our era. At that time the two great divisions of Vaiṣṇava and Śaiva were in a flourishing condition, and each embraced six subdivisions; those which belonged to the Vaiṣṇava faith are the following:—

1. The *Bhāktas*, who worshipped Viṣṇu as Vāṇdeva, and wore no characteristic marks; their worship was that of the one supreme lord of the universe.

2. The *Bhāgavatas*, who thus called themselves from a name of Viṣṇu's, and impressed upon their persons the *Vaiṣṇava* insignia, representing the discus, club, conch, &c. of their divinity. But they had an admixture of superstition in their religious creed, and revered the Tulasi plant and the *Sālagrama* stone, of which more will be said hereafter. The authorities of both these sects were the Upanishads and the Bhāgavad-Gītā.

3. The *Vaiṣṇavas* differed only from the preceding sect by promising themselves a sort of sensual paradise after death in Vaikūṇṭha.

4. The *Pāṇḍya*, who worshipped the female personifications of Viṣṇu's.

Besides these there were, 5, the *Vaiṣṇava*, and, 6, the *Kurmanāthas*, who abstained from all ritual observances.

These six sects, of which some have disappeared, have given rise to about twenty different schools, which for the greater part exist to this day. Amongst other divisions of less importance, the Vaiṣṇava are usually distinguished into four principal Sampradāyas, or sects, of which the most ancient and respectable is the *Sri Sampradāya*, founded by the Vaiṣṇava reformer Rāmānuja Achārya, who lived about the middle of the twelfth century. The establishments of the *Rāmānujās* are still numerous in the Deccan, and the same country comprehends the site of the *Gauḍa*, or the palmy-seat of the primitive teacher; his spiritual throne, to which his disciples are successively elevated; and this circumstance gives a superiority to the Achāryas of the south over those of the north of India. The worship of this sect is addressed to Viṣṇu and to Lakṣmī, and their respective incarnations, either singly or conjointly; and thus causes many subdivisions according as these Vaiṣṇavas adore either Nārāyaṇa or Lakṣmī, or Lakṣmī Nārāyaṇa, or Rāma or Sītā, or Sītā-Rāma, &c. Images of metal or stone are usually set up in the houses of the private members of this sect, which are daily worshipped, and the temples and dwellings are all decorated with the *Sālagrama* stone and the Tulasi plant. A peculiarity of this sect is that they always cook for themselves, and observe the most scrupulous privacy in eating their meals; if their food attracts even the looks of a stranger, the operation, whether of preparing or eating it, is immediately stopped, and the viands are buried in the ground.

The chief ceremony of initiation in all Hindu sects is the communication by the teacher to the disciple of the *Mantra*, which generally consists of the name of some deity, or a short address to him. It is communicated in a whisper; that of the Rāmānuja sect is, *Om Rāmāya namaḥ*, i. e., *Om Salutation to Rāma*!

The Hindu sects are usually discriminated from each other by various streaks (*Bhaktichakras*) on their faces, breasts, and arms; for this purpose all the Vaiṣṇavas employ a white earth called *Gopi-chandana*, which should be brought from Dwārakā, it being said to be the soil of a pool at that place, in which the Gopis drowned themselves when they heard of Kṛṣṇa's death. (This word means the 'sandal-wood of the Gopis,' and is nothing but a kind of calcareous clay.) The followers of Rāmānuja have for their authorities the *Sri Bhāgavata*, the *Gīta-Bhāgavata*, the *Prakāśa-Saṅgraha*, and the eight Sātvika Purāṇas; besides numerous other works which are still current in various parts of India. The doctrine contained in these books is called the 'Viśiṣṭādvaita,' or doctrine of unity with attributes; for although the Rāmānujas maintain that

Viṣṇu's and the universe are one, yet, in opposition to the Vedānta school of philosophy, they deny that the deity is void of form or quality, and regard him as endowed with all good qualities, and with a twofold form—the supreme spirit, *Paraśakti*, or cause, and the gross one, the effect, the universe; and in these assertions they are followed by most of the Vaiṣṇava sects. But besides Viṣṇu's primary and secondary form as the creator and creation, he is worshipped in five different modifications: such as in his *Archa*, objects of worship, as images, &c.; in his *Aratras*; in certain forms called *Pūjās*, which are *Vāṇdeva*, *Hārāṇa*, *Pradyumna*, and *Anurūdhha*; fourthly, in the *Sātvika*, or subtle form. Every one of these forms requires a different mode of worship: these are the *Bhāgavata*, or cleaning and purifying the temples, images, &c.; the *Upanishad*, or providing flowers and perfumes for religious rites; the *Upa*, or the presentation of such offerings, blood-offerings being uniformly prohibited by all the Vaiṣṇavas; the *Swādhya*, counting the rosary, and repeating the names of the divinity or any of his forms; and lastly the *Yoga*, the effort to unite with the deity: the reward of these acts is elevation to the seat of Viṣṇu's, and enjoyment of like state with his own in a condition of pure ecstasy and eternal rapture.

The numbers of this sect are in the north of India called *Sri-Vaiṣṇava*, and are decidedly hostile to the Śaivas; nor are they on friendly terms with those Vaiṣṇavas who worship Kṛṣṇa's, although they acknowledge that deity to be an incarnation of Viṣṇu's.

Towards the end of the thirteenth century of our era, Rāmāṇḍa, originally one of the earliest teachers of the tenets professed by the preceding sect, retired from the society, and established a schism of his own at Benares. The principal object of worship of Rāmāṇḍa's followers is Viṣṇu's as Rāmāchandra: they of course reverence also the other Avatāras, but they maintain the superiority of Rāma in the present or Kali yuga; hence they are collectively known as *Rāmāstas*. They also reverence the *Sālagrama* stone and the Tulasi plant, and their forms of worship correspond with those of the Hindus in general; but some mendicant members of the sect consider all forms of adoration superfluous, beyond the incessant invocation of the name of Kṛṣṇa's and Rāma. They are known as *Vairāgis* or *Viraktas*. There are many subdivisions of this school, which it would be tedious to enumerate.

Amongst the twelve disciples of Rāmāṇḍa, the most celebrated of all was Kabir, who established a numerous sect who are called Kabir Panthis, for a description of which we refer to the 'Asiatic Researches,' vol. xv., p. 53.

A sect of great influence, to which the most opulent part of the population of India belongs, is that of the *Rūdra-Sampradāya*, or *Vallabhachārya*. They attach themselves to the worship of Kṛṣṇa's and his mistress Rādhā, one of the Gopis of Vrīndāvana, either singly or conjointly, as in the case of Viṣṇu's and Lakṣmī amongst the Rāmānujas, and Sītā and Rāma among the Rāmāstas. There is however another form which is more popular still, although much interwoven with the other. This is the *Bāle Gopālā*, or the Infant Gopālā (Cowherd—a name of Kṛṣṇa's), the worship of whom is widely diffused amongst all ranks of Hindu society, and which originated with the founder of the *Rūdra Sampradāya*, Vallabhachārya. The worship of Kṛṣṇa's as one with Viṣṇu's dates evidently from the Malī-Bhārata, and his juvenile forms are brought prominently to notice in the account of his infancy in the Viṣṇu's and other Purāṇas; but none of these works discriminate him from Viṣṇu's, nor do they recommend his infantine or adolescent state to peculiar veneration. At the same time some hints may have been derived from them for the institution of this division of the Hindu faith. According to the *Brahma-Vaivarta-Purāṇa*, which is the most decided in claiming supremacy for Kṛṣṇa's, the residence of Kṛṣṇa's is denominated Goloka (or the world of cows); it is far above the three worlds, and has, at five hundred millions of yojanas below it, the separate lokas of Viṣṇu's and Śiva. That is, Vaikūṇṭha and Kailāsa. There it was that he created all things; Nārāyaṇa's or Viṣṇu's proceeded from his right hand, Śiva from his left, Brahmā from his head, Dharmā (the god of justice) from his breath, Śarasvatī (the goddess of speech) from his mouth, Lakṣmī from his mind, and Durgā (the wife of Śiva) from his understanding, and Rādhā (his own mistress) from his left

side. Three hundred millions of Gopis (female cowherds), or companions of Rādhā, exude from the pores of her skin; and a like number of Gopas, or companions of Kṛishṇa, from the pores of his skin: the very cows and their calves, properly the tenants of Goloka, but destined to inhabit the groves of Vrīndāvana, are produced from the same exalted source. Yet in this description of creation the deity is still spoken of as a young man, and the Purāṇa therefore affords only indirect authority for his worship as a child. However the Vallabhaśāstrīs refer to it. Their practices are of a similar character with those of other regular worshippers; their temples and houses have images of Gopāla, who is represented as a chubby boy of the dark hue of Viṣṇu, and who receives eight times a day the homage of his votaries. Besides these diurnal ceremonies, there are several annual festivals of great repute observed throughout India; of those in Bengal and Orissa, the Rāthā-yātrā, or procession of Jagannātha in his car, is the most celebrated; but it is rarely held in Upper India, and then only by natives of Bengal. The most popular festival at Benares is the Janmāshī-Cami, the nativity of Kṛishṇa, on the eighth day of Bhādrā (August). Another is the Rām-yātra, or annual commemoration of the dance of the frolicsome deity with the sixteen Gopis. This last is a very popular festival, and is celebrated with the greatest solemnity.

The Brahama Sampradāya is a sect instituted in the south of India by Mādhava Achārya, who was born in the Saka year 1121 (A.D. 1199). The doctrine of the members of this sect is similar to that of the Rudra Sampradāya, with the exception that they deny the Moksha, or final emancipation; they also hold the Yoga [Yoga] to be impracticable; for according to them life is one and eternal, dependent upon the Supreme (Viṣṇu), and indissolubly connected with, but not the same with him; they quote the following line from the Mahābhārata: 'As the bird and the string, as juices and trees, as rivers and oceans, as fresh water and salt, as the thief and his booty, as man and objects of sense—so are God and life distinct, and both are ever indissoluble'; and this one from the Garuḍa-Purāṇa: 'From the difference between omniscience and partial knowledge, omnipotence and inferior power, supremacy and subservience, the union of God and life cannot take place.' This division of the Vaiṣṇava is however confined to the peninsula, and is altogether unknown in Gangetic Hindostan.

Besides these sects, which are the most conspicuous, the Vaiṣṇava comprehend the Khilkin, Maluk Dāsīs, Saṁnās, Mīra-Bais, Nīmāyā, Chāraṇa-Dāsīs, &c.

This account of the Vaiṣṇava sects has been chiefly derived from Professor Wilson's valuable paper in the fifteenth volume of the 'Asiatic Researches,' to which we refer the reader for fuller information.

Most of these religious sects are divided into clerical and lay members, as it were: the bulk of the votaries, though not always, belong to the latter; while the rest, or clerical class, are sometimes monastic and sometimes secular. Of the cenobitic members of the different communities most pursue a wandering and mendicant life; indeed all of them at some period have led such a life; but when old and infirm they sit down in some previously existing math, or monastery, or establish one of their own.

The Matha, Ashālā, or Akāśa, the residences of the monastic communities, are scattered over the whole country; they generally comprehend a set of huts or chambers for the Mahānta, or superior, and his permanent pupils; a temple sacred to the deity whom they worship, or the Śaṁsadh, or shrine of the founder of the sect, or some eminent teacher; and a Dhārma Śālā, one or more schools or buildings for the accommodation of the mendicants or travellers, who are constantly visiting the Math. Ingress and egress are free to all; and indeed a restraint upon personal liberty seems never to have entered into the conception of any of the religious legislators of the Hindus.

Of the innumerable objects sacred to Viṣṇu the Śālagrāmā stone is the principal; it forms a profitable object of traffic, and enjoys the highest veneration of most of the Vaiṣṇava. The Śālagrāmā are mostly ammonites, found in the bed of the Gandakī river, of the size of an orange. The reasons why this stone is worshipped are very contradictory and by no means satisfactory. We refer to the most plausible ones in the 'As. Res.', vol. xii., p. 264; W. Hamilton, 'Description of Hindostan,' vol. i., p. 620;

Forbes, 'Oriental Memoirs,' vol. iii., p. 340; Tavernier, 'Voyages,' iii., ch. 5; and Ritter, 'Erdkunde,' vol. iv., p. 14. A mythological story is given by Colonel Wilford in the 14th vol. of the 'Asiatic Researches,' but it is highly absurd.

(Wilson, *Viṣṇu's Purāṇa*, Asiatic Researches, vol. xv. and xvi.)

VISIER. [Vizir.]

VISIN, or VON VISIN, DENIS IVANOVITCH, one of the most eminent Russian writers of the eighteenth century, and in his own peculiar walk the most eminent of them all, was born at Moscow, April 3rd, 1745, of parents in easy circumstances. Except in regard to moral instruction, to which point his parents were very attentive, his early education was a common one. He was sent first to the Gymnasium, afterwards to the University of Moscow, and while studying there was selected as one of the pupils to accompany the rector to St. Petersburg, to be presented to Count Shuvalov (the founder and patron of the establishment), as worthy of notice for their promising abilities. Their reception was flattering, and the splendour of the court and the more refined tone of the northern capital made a strong impression upon Von Visin. The theatre more especially appeared to him a region of enchantment, and he had an opportunity of becoming personally acquainted with Volkov [Volkov] and other leading actors of that time, a circumstance that contributed to encourage his taste for the drama. It was also his good fortune to meet with Lomonosov, whom merely to have seen was an event in his life, and from him he received some sound advice on the importance of pursuing his studies systematically. On his return to Moscow, and while he still continued at the university, he made his first essays in literature by translating Holberg's Fables, not from the original, but the German, and Tchernassov's philosophical romance of 'Sethos,' which were followed by a version of Voltaire's 'Alzire'—a writer whom he then as greatly admired as he afterwards detested. Though these productions were reckoned by himself among the indiscretions of his youth, they served to make him known, and his Alzire more especially recommended him to the notice of the minister Count Paunin, who bestowed on him an appointment in his own department, the duties of which were made little more than nominal, in order that he might prosecute his literary studies. Notwithstanding the apparent evasiveness of a position that seemed to give both present enjoyment and a brilliant prospect for the future, Von Visin quarrelled with his good fortune, perhaps because it had come too easily, and, in consequence of jealousies and misunderstandings between himself and another protégé of the count's, quitted his employment and his patron. After this precipitate step he seems to have led for awhile a rather unsettled life, associating with companions who were of very libertine principles, and of by no means irreproachable conduct. From the ill-effects of their example he was partly preserved by infirmity of constitution, and by his being subject at that time to almost continual headaches; and it was moreover his good fortune to be reclaimed from such dangerous connections by an intimacy which he shortly afterwards formed with an amiable family at Moscow.

Warned by the past and encouraged for the future, Von Visin began again to apply himself to study, and became ambitious of not merely succeeding as an author, but of enriching the literature of his country with productions of an original and national character. On surveying what had up to that time been done in the language, he perceived that a wrong course had been pursued—that instead of being allowed to show itself at will, native talent had been both misdirected and checked by imitation. The literature was in danger of becoming one of mere routine; epics, odes, tragedies, were all after established and approved models, and though correct as to mere pattern, they were cold, colourless, and feeble.

He accordingly determined to give his countrymen a specimen of comedy—not a drama of the kind of second-hand, but such as should be, and should be felt to be, thoroughly Russian in every respect. The result was most successful: the 'Bugodier' (written and first performed in 1764, though not printed till nearly twenty years afterwards) conferred on him immediate popularity. Nevertheless he showed himself in no hurry to obtain a second triumph of the kind, for it was not until eighteen

years afterwards that he produced his second piece, the 'Nedorosl,' or Spoiled Youth. In fact he seemed well content to live upon the fame of his 'Brigadier,' and the reputation it secured for him both at court and with the public. He did not indeed lay aside his pen, but employing it chiefly in translating from the French, and among other things Barthélemy's 'Amours du Charité et de Polydore,' and Bitaubé's 'Joseph.'

In 1777 he visited France for the benefit of his health; and his residence at Paris seems to have greatly abated his admiration of the French people, and more especially of French philosophers. Unfortunately only six letters of his correspondence from that capital, with Counts Panin and Orlov, have been preserved, a circumstance the more to be regretted because, besides being interesting in themselves, they are superior specimens of style; and in fact Von Visin was by far the best Russian prose-writer of the last century. Restored to health and cured of his French predilections, he returned to St. Petersburg, where, after passing some time in inactivity, he produced, in 1782, his second and still more successful comedy, the 'Nedorosl.' This piece seems now an exaggerated picture of manners, even in Russia itself; yet that such is the case is rather an honour than a reproach to Von Visin, for by correcting the extravagances to which his satire was applied, he himself has destroyed the verisimilitude of his own picture. The 'Nedorosl' was his last dramatic production, for he seemed disposed to take Potemkin's compliment on the occasion as serious advice. 'Denis,' said the prince to him, after the first representation, 'there is now nothing left for you to do but go home and die, since, were you to live for ever, never again would you write anything half so good!' That eulogy of composition and fertility of invention which distinguished Lope de Vega, Goldoni, and many other dramatic writers, were certainly not possessed by Von Visin; and, as has been further remarked by his critic Prince Viasensky, his talent was rather that of a powerful comic satirist than that of a dramatic genius. Though he continued to write from that time, he produced nothing of importance—chiefly miscellaneous pieces for various journals, which would now be forgotten, but for the interest which they derive from the author's name. From this remark however must be excepted one production of permanent value, his 'Isповед,' or Confessions, a sort of autobiography, from which it appears that he had long renounced the principles which he had imbibed at his first outset in life, and patiently submitted, as to salutary chastisement, to the affliction of almost uninterrupted ill health. He again recovered however in some degree, and hence more applied to his literary occupations. His very last production of all was another comedy, entitled the 'Hofmeister,' which only the day before his death he put into the hands of Derzhavin and Dmitriev, who are said to have agreed with him that it was still better than his former ones. Nevertheless we are told that the MS. was lost, and could never afterwards be traced anywhere—so very strange a story, as to be scarcely credible. Von Visin died Oct. 1 (13), 1792, at the age of 47. Of his complete works two editions have since been published; yet it must be owned that although he did much for the literature of his country, it lies within a very small compass, and all the rest that he did does not appear to correspond to his reputation.

(Plakon, in the *Entzihlopedicheskii Lexikon*; Snigirev, *Sprava*, &c.; Viazemsky, in the *Sovremennik*.)

VISION. [EYE; SIGHT.]

VISITATION. [ARCHDEACON; BISHOP.]

VISITOR. [SCHOOLS; ENDOWED.]

VISTULA (in Polish, *Vistla*; in German, *Weichsel*) is the principal river of Poland, though neither its source nor its mouth is in that kingdom. It rises at the foot of the Carpathians, near the village of Skotselvan, in the circle of Teschen in Austrian Silesia. Taking partly an eastern course, it enters the kingdom of Poland at the south-western extremity, passes the ancient capital, Cracow, forming the southern boundary of the republic. Leaving Cracow it turns to the north-east, dividing the kingdom of Poland from Galicia as far as Sandomir, where it turns first to the north, then to the north-west to Warsaw, then in a nearly westerly and north-westerly course till it leaves the Polish territory and enters Prussia a little above Thorn, below which it flows northwards to the Baltic. Before it reaches the Baltic it divides at Moutan, below Marienwerder, into

two branches, the smaller of which, called the Nogat, discharges itself into the Frische Haff. The larger or western branch, after flowing about thirty-five or forty miles further, again divides at Fürstenwerder, nine miles from Danzig, into two branches, the smaller of which turns to the east, and empties itself into the Frische Haff, and the main stream taking the opposite direction discharges into the Baltic at Weichselmünde, north of Danzig. In its course through Poland it is joined by the following rivers: 1. on the left by—1, the Nida; 2, the Pilica, which runs near the town of the same name, and falls into the Vistula twenty-five miles above Warsaw; 3, the Bzura. II. On the right—1, the Save, one of the larger affluents of the Vistula, which comes from Galicia, and runs along the frontiers of the kingdom for a short distance from Krzesow to near Sandimir; 2, the Wiepra, which rises in the district of Zamose; 3, the Bug, the largest of the tributaries of the Vistula, which however flows for a considerable distance along the eastern frontier of the kingdom, dividing it from Russia, turns to the west, and falls into the Vistula near Warsaw, not far from Nowidrow and the fortress of Modlin (now called New Georgiewsk). The Bug having received in its course many rivers, among others the Narew, at a short distance from its junction with the Vistula, is almost equal to that river, which becomes by this addition one of the great European rivers. The whole course of the Vistula is about 400 miles, for above 300 of which, viz. from Cracow, it is navigable. The Bromberg canal connects the Vistula with the Oder. The Vistula becomes navigable by large barges at Cracow; the Narew, at Tykoczin; the Bug, which is joined by the Narew at Sierock, up in Brzese Littewski; the Bober, which falls into the Narew, up to Goniondz; and the Wiepra up to Kransitau. Higher up than the above-named places on the Bug and the Vistula, the two rivers are navigable only by boats that go down the stream, but do not return. These are square flat-bottomed boats, and are called galleys or 'bicks'; they carry seven, eight, and up to fifteen hundred cwt. For these boats the Bug is navigable up to Dubienka, and the Vistula up to Cracow, but only when these rivers are swollen, as is the case in the spring, at midsummer, and in the autumn; at other times they cannot perform these voyages, and the period of high water at the above seasons is taken advantage of with as little loss of time as possible. The galleys are generally sold very cheap at Danzig. The Vistula, being connected with so many navigable rivers, is a great channel for the conveyance of the productions of Poland, especially corn and timber, from the interior of the kingdom to the sea-coast. At the junction of the Bug with the Vistula stands the important fortress of Modlin; at Warsaw the river is commanded by Alexander's citadel.

(Hassel, *Das Russische Reich in Europa*; Stein, *Geographisch-Statistisches Lexicon*; Brockhaus, *Conversations Lexicon*.)

VISUAL, that which accompanies vision; as, the visual angle, under which a body is seen; the visual rays, by which it is seen, &c.

VITACEÆ, or VINIFERÆ, a natural order of plants belonging to Lindley's albuminous group of Polypetalous Exogens. The species of this order are composed of sacmentose and climbing shrubs, and hence the order is sometimes called Sarmantaceæ, of which the grape-vine is the type. Kunth has named the whole order Ampelidæ, from *ampelos* (*ἀμπέλος*), the vine. Jussieu, in the first edition of the 'Genera Plantarum,' called this order Vites. The calyx is small, with an entire or toothed margin. The petals 4 or 5, inserted on the outside of the disk, turned inwards at the edge in estivation in a somewhat valvate manner, and the apex often inflexed. The stamens are equal in number to the petals, and placed opposite them, sometimes sterile by abortion; the filaments are distinct, or slightly cohering at the base; the anthers ovate and versatile. The ovary is superior, 2-celled; the style single, very short; the stigma simple; the ovules definite and erect. The fruit a globose berry, younger ones 2-celled, older ones frequently 1-celled by abortion. Seeds 4 or 5, or fewer; albumen hard; embryo erect, half the length of the albumen; the radicle terete; the cotyledons lanceolate. The lower leaves are opposite, and the upper ones alternate, stalked, simple, lobed, or compound, furnished with stipules at the base. The peduncles are racemose, thyrsoid, corymbose, cymose or umbellate, opposite the leaves, and

are sometimes changed into tendrils. The flowers are small, insignificant; the colour greenish or greenish yellow, sometimes purple.

The order thus constituted has been variously placed by botanists. On account of its albuminous seeds, Lindley places it in his group Albuminosae. With many orders in this group it has affinities. It has acid properties, in common with Grossulaceae and Berberaceae. Its affinities to Umbelliferae may be seen through the species of *Cissus* and *Leea*; and *Vitis* has a strong resemblance to *Aralia*, especially *A. racemosa*. The tumid and articulated joints of Vitaceae, with other points of resemblance, exhibit a relation with Geraniaceae.



Vitis vitifera.

1, Cutting, with a branch of fruit; 2, inflorescence; 3, transverse section of berry in young state; 4, vertical section of the same; 5, section of ripe fruit; 6, section of seed, showing embryo.

This order includes 6 genera, which for the most part inhabit the warmer parts of the northern temperate zone, and are found in both the Old and New worlds. Most of them are natives of Asia, one of New Holland, and none in Europe. The most characteristic property of this order is acidity, which is most fully developed in the grape-vine. [*Vitis*.] The acid present is chiefly the tartaric, but malic acid has also been found. In addition to the acid, sugar is present in the fruit, which is of a peculiar kind, and is called grape-sugar. Some of the species of *Cissus* are used in medicine. This genus is known by its nearly entire calyx, 4 petals, 4 stamens, 4-celled ovary, and 1- to 4-seeded berry. Some of the species, as *C. cordata* and *C. setosa*, have acrid properties, and are used by the natives of Hindostan as an external application for indolent suppurating tumours. The berries of most of the species are too acrid to allow of their being eaten, but those of *C. ovata*, a native of Jamaica and the West Indian Islands, are eaten by the natives. The roots of *C. salutaris*, a native of New Andalusia, are employed as a remedy in dropsy. All the species are climbing plants, and some of them are supplied with remarkable hooked tendrils, by which they lay hold of the branches of trees, and thus elevate themselves above their summits. In cultivation they require the same general treatment as the grape-vine, but

are seldom seen in this country except in botanical collections.

The genus *Ampelopsis* has a nearly entire calyx, 5 petals, 5 stamens, a single style crowned by a capitate stigma, the ovary not immersed in the disk. This genus is intermediate between *Cissus* and *Vitis*. The species are found in North America, the north of Africa, in China, and the Himalayas. They are all climbing shrubs, of easy propagation and culture, and are very ornamental. The *A. Ardenacea* is the 5-leaved or American ivy. It has been long known in the gardens of Europe. It is a native of North America, from Pennsylvania to the Carolinas. It is known by its digitate leaves with 5 leaflets. It grows freely in cities, and often runs up in the front of houses in and near London to the height of 50 or 60 feet. The leaves are a lively green in summer, and in autumn change to a bright red. Several other species bear cultivation in the open air in this climate, but none are more worthy of attention than the above.

The genus *Leea* was named after James Lee, the founder of the extensive nursery at Hammersmith, and author of an 'Introduction to the Linnaean System of Botany.' Together with the genus *Lasiacanthus*, it is distinguished from the other genera of the order by the possession of a monopetalous corolla, and by its peduncles never being converted into tendrils. On account of these differences Hartling has separated these two genera from Vitaceae, and formed them into a small order with the name Leeaceae. The species of *Leea* are large rough shrubs, with cymes of small greenish or yellow insignificant flowers, with pinnate or bi-pinnate leaves. They are not worth cultivating as ornamental shrubs.

(Lindley, *Natural System*; Bischoff, *Lehrbuch der Botanik*; Don's *Gardener's Dictionary*.)

VITALIANUS, a native of Signin, succeeded Eugenius I. in the see of Rome, A.D. 657. He sent envoys to Constantinople to signify his election to the emperor Constans II., called by some Constantine, who received them favourably and confirmed the privileges of the Roman See, and sent back the envoys with presents to Rome. Aribert I., son of Gunwald of Boloaria, and nephew of Queen Theodolinda, was at the time king of the Longobards, but the duchy of Rome bore allegiance to the Eastern empire, and was included in the administrative jurisdiction of the exarch of Ravenna. About the year 663 the emperor Constans landed at Tarentum with a large force, invaded the duchy of Beneventum and laid siege to that town, whose duke, Grimwald, had gone to Pavia, where he had by treachery seized the crown of the Longobards. Grimwald, who had left his son Romuald as duke of Beneventum, upon hearing of the invasion of the Byzantines hastened to relieve Beneventum, when Constans was obliged to raise the siege and withdraw to Naples, from whence he repaired to Rome. Vitalianus went at the head of his clergy to meet the emperor outside of the walls, and conducted him to St. Peter's church. Constans afterwards visited the Lateran and the other principal churches of Rome, and after remaining twelve days in that city he returned to Naples. But before he left Rome he ordered the principal monuments of the city to be stripped of their bronzes and other ornaments, and the Pantheon among the rest, not sparing even the external bronze covering of the dome. The booty was shipped for Syracuse, whither Constans repaired, and where he intended to fix his residence. Most of the bronzes were afterwards seized by the Saracens when they plundered Syracuse.

In the year 660 a controversy took place between Vitalianus and Maurus, archbishop of Ravenna, who refused to acknowledge the supremacy of the see of Rome, and to receive the pallium from the hands of its bishop. Vitalianus summoned Maurus to Rome under pain of excommunication, and the archbishop retorted by sending him a letter in which he anathematized Vitalianus. Both Vitalianus and Maurus appealed to the emperor Constans, who by a diploma, dated Syracuse, on the Calends of March, in the year xxv. of Constantine the elder, emperor, decreed 'that the church of Ravenna should be ever after independent of every other ecclesiastical authority, and especially of that of the patriarch of old Rome, and should enjoy the privilege of being Autocephalous;' and he informed the archbishop of his having written to that purpose to the exarch Gregory. Muratori quotes this diploma, which he found in the library of Modena.

In the year 668 Vitalianus consecrated Theodore of Tarsus as archbishop of Canterbury, and sent him to England with instructions to establish and enforce unity of discipline in the churches of Britain, an object which Theodore effected, though not without much difficulty, at the council of Hertford, A.D. 673.

In the year 672 Vitalianus died at Rome, and was succeeded by Decadatus or Decadedit II.

(Murator, *Annali d'Italia*; Platina, *De Vita Pontificum*; Agnellus, *Libri Pontificalis*.)

VITEBSK. [VITEBSK.]

VITELLIUS, AULUS, a Roman emperor, whose reign lasted little more than ten months, A.D. 69. He was of a noble family, and his father Lucius Vitellius had been honoured several times with the consulship (A.D. 34, 43, and 47), and afterwards appointed praefect of Syria. He was a man of effeminate and luxurious habits, and his son Aulus inherited these qualities from his father: he was also prodigiously fond of the pleasures of the table. His manners were probably pleasing, as he enjoyed the favour of three successive emperors, Caligula, Claudius, and Nero. He was first made consul in A.D. 48. After Galba had been elevated to the imperial dignity, in A.D. 68, he ordered Fonteius Capito, the commander of the legions in Germany, to be put to death, and appointed Aulus Vitellius in his stead. Galba was unpopular with the soldiers, as he did not attempt to win their favour by rich donations; Vitellius, on the other hand, was the idol of his troops, whom he attached to himself by liberal gifts, and by still more liberal promises; and at the beginning of the year A.D. 69, Vitellius was proclaimed emperor. On the arrival of this news at Rome, Galba adopted L. Piso Licinianus, a noble and unassuming youth; but the praetorians were discontented with Galba's stinginess, and a conspiracy was formed against him, which was headed by L. Salvius Otho Titianus, who was himself proclaimed emperor by the soldiers, and ordered Galba and his friends to be put to death (January 15th, 69). The Roman empire had now two emperors, whose rival claims could only be settled by the sword. Vitellius sent two of his generals to occupy the Pennine Alps and the part of Italy north of the Po (Gallia Transpadana). Otho marched against them, and met the enemy near Bedriacum; but his army being defeated, he despaired of success, and put an end to his life about the middle of April. His army recognised Vitellius as emperor, who now came to Rome. He had scarcely arrived there when Flavius Vespasianus, who was then engaged in the war against the Jews, was urged by his friends to assume the imperial dignity, and was actually proclaimed emperor on the 1st of July, at Alexandria, by Tiberius Alexander, the praefect of Egypt. Vespasian was immediately recognised by the legions in Judaea and Syria, and soon afterwards also by those of Moesia and Pannonia. Antonius Primus, the commander of the latter, marched into Italy without waiting for the commands of Vespasian. The defensive plans of Vitellius were betrayed by his own general Caecina; and his army, though far superior in numbers to that of the enemy, was routed in an engagement which took place during the night between Bedriacum and Cremona. His camp near Cremona was taken by the enemy, the soldiers surrendered, and Cremona was burnt. The victorious army slowly advanced towards Rome: the garrisons stationed in the various towns on their road surrendered at the approach of Antonius, and Vitellius at Rome, wavering between fear and hope, could not come to any resolution, but allowed his adherents to act as they pleased. On the arrival of the hostile army in the city, and during the civil bloodshed which ensued, Vitellius concealed himself; but he was dragged from his hiding-place and murdered at the age of 57. His body was thrown into the Tiber. This was about the end of December, A.D. 69. His brother Lucius Vitellius was likewise put to death, and the rest of his adherents surrendered.

(Suetonius, *A. Vitellius*; Tacitus, *Historia*; S. Aurelius Victor, *De Caesaribus*; Eutropius, vii. 12.)

VITELLO, commonly, but incorrectly, VITELLIO, was a native of Poland, and was commonly thought to have lived in the tenth century, till it was shown, from his own work, that he lived in the thirteenth. He wrote his work on optics near Cremona, as is supposed; but it appears that he had lived some time in Italy. Nothing more is known of him except some unimportant facts relative to his family, which may be found in the 'Biographie Universelle.'

There are said to be works of Vitellio remaining in manuscript, but the only one which has been printed is that on optics, which has had three editions. The first was 'Vitellionis Perspectivae Libri Decem,' Nürnberg, 1533, in folio, edited by Tamstetter and Apian. The second, 'Vitellionis Mathematici Doctrinam de Optica,' &c., Nürnberg, 1551, folio. The third, 'Optice Theoriarum Alhazeni,' &c. Item Vitellionis Thuringo-Poloni Libri Decem,' Basle, 1572, folio, edited by Riser. This work is admitted, by all who have consulted it, to show a profound knowledge of the ancient geometry. Montucla and also Libes say that in optics it is little more than a translation of Alhazen; this is wholly denied by the writer of the Life in the 'Biographie Universelle,' who does not however give any information on the points in which the two works differ, and does not precisely specify the points in which he considers Vitellio to have augmented the existing knowledge of optics. But Libes asserts that Vitellio distinctly attributes the rainbow to combined refraction and refraction; as also that he accounts for the luminous rings which are seen round the sun and moon by the refraction of light in haze or vapour, and for parabola, &c. by refraction from clouds. Dr. Young states his theory of refraction to be more correct than that of Alhazen, and refers to him as the constructor of an original table of refractive powers.

VITEPSK, or VITEBSK, is a government in the north-west of European Russia, and with that of Mohilev is the part of Poland which fell to Russia at the first partition of that kingdom in 1772. Catherine II. divided it into two governments, which she united in 1796 under the name of White Russia; but in 1802 it was again divided into two, when Vitepsk was organised as at present. It lies between 54° 42' and 57° 21' N. lat. and 29° 49' and 31° 50' E. long., and is bounded on the north-west by Livonia, on the north-east by Pakow, on the east by Smolensk, on the south-east by Mohilev, on the south-west by Minsk, and on the west by Wilna and Courland. Its area is 16,800 square miles, and it is divided into twelve circles.

This government is a vast plain without mountains, and almost without hills, diversified only by the banks of the rivers, which rise a little above the general level. The soil is sand mixed with clay, and with a very thin covering of vegetable mould. The principal river is the Dwina,* which enters the government from Pakow, makes a semi-circular bend to Dvina, from which place it runs along the western frontier, and is joined in its course by most of the rivers of the province; among these are the Mesha, the Kaspija, the Ula, the Polota, the Drissa, the Druja, the Saryja, the Fennanka, and the Ewest. There are numerous small lakes, but not one of any considerable size; the largest are that of Lubahn or Luban, towards the north, on the frontier of Livonia, and the Uymyn, Usmist, Nevelskoje, Seclai, Sebesch, Ligno, Osweija, and Razna, about the centre. The abundance of water causes the climate to be rather damp, but it is temperate and not very variable.

Though the soil is poor, and needs much manure, or periodical fallow, agriculture is the chief occupation of the inhabitants, and, on account of the facility of exportation, very profitable. They cultivate rice, wheat, barley, oats, and some pulse, but the last only on the lands of the nobles; flax and hemp are grown in great abundance; hops only in small quantities. Horticulture is pretty well attended to, and the gardens full of the pease-trees and nobles furnish the vegetables common in Russia, but there is no fruit except cherries, because apples, pears, and plums require too much care. The bird-cherry is very common, as well as all sorts of wild berries (bilberries, cranberries, &c.), and these supply the want of stone-fruit. The immense forests, consisting both of pines and other timber-trees, afford ample employment to the inhabitants in felling and squaring timber: 'yet,' says Hassel, 'no potash is made, nor is any pitch or tar boiled for exportation.' The pastures are very extensive, and horned cattle and horses are bred in great numbers, but the former are small; the horses are partly of the strong Russian race and partly of the light Polish breed. There are large flocks of sheep, the wool of which is coarse. The inhabitants have abundance of goats, swine and poultry, and bees; but the honey is

* This river is called by the Russians and Poles Dwina; and it is only in Courland and Livonia, as well as in Germany, that it is called Vitepsk; yet the latter name seems preferable, to prevent its being confounded with the Dwina, which falls into the White Sea by Archangelsk.

of bad quality. In the forests there are bears, wolves, foxes, stags, wild boars, flying squirrels, hares, and game. The lakes and rivers produce various kinds of fish, especially smelts, of which immense quantities are dried and exported. The minerals are iron-ore, freestone, lime, marl, and fullers'-earth.

It may be almost said that there are no manufactures: in 1808 there was not one of any kind; the official table for 1824 mentions thirty-nine, of which only four were of woollen cloths, one of earthenware, one of glass, one of candles, and thirty-one tanneries; in 1831 only twenty-eight are enumerated, and these had altogether but 183 workmen.

The commerce of the government is greatly facilitated by the Dvina, by which all its surplus produce is conveyed in light boats to Riga and Pernau; hemp is sent in sledges to St. Petersburg, and dried smelts (called *soski*) to the neighbouring governments. Greater facilities have been given to commerce by the Beresina canal, which connects the Dvina and the Dniester. The principal articles of export are hemp, dried fish, corn, flour, bristles, horses, square timber, marls, linseed, flax, oxen, wool, hides, tallow, bone, and wax.

The population is probably near 940,000, but authors differ very considerably in their statements. One reason of this may be that the great majority are Russians, who belong either to the Roman Catholic or United Greek church, and, acknowledging the pope, are not noticed in the publications of the Synod of the orthodox Russian church. The orthodox Russians are few in number; the clergy and the nobility are chiefly Poles. Next to the Russians, the Letonians are the most numerous; the Jews are about 15,000, and there are some hundreds of gypsies and Germans. The Roman Catholics are under the archbishop of Mohilew; they have sixty-three parishes and forty convents; the United Greeks are under the bishop of Polotsk, and have one hundred and thirty-five churches and thirty-three convents. The orthodox Greeks, who are almost all Great Russians, have sixty-five parishes, and are under the bishop of Mohilew. The Lithuanians, Letonians, and Germans are mostly Protestants. The Jews have their synagogues and schools.

With respect to education, Schmitzer says he cannot give a general account for want of information respecting the schools of the Roman Catholic clergy, and also of those of the Greek clergy, which are united with those of the whole diocese of Mohilew; but he gives the following state of the lay-schools at two different times:—

	Schools.	Mastrs.	Pupils.	Girls.
1825	19	85	1110 of whom	23
1832	21	94	971	130

It must be observed that the government had at that time three gymnasia, a lyceum, and seven private establishments, whence it may be inferred that public education is not neglected. There is however no printing-office except the two belonging to the crown.

M. Krusenstern says that the number of pupils in the government of Vitepsk was, in 1824, 1133; in 1832, 971; and in 1835, 1262.

VITEPSK, the capital of the government, to which it gives its name, is situated on the Dvina, at its confluence with the Vitbea, in 55° 6' N. lat. and 30° 5' E. long.

The name of Vitepsk is mentioned by Constantine Porphyrogenitus in the tenth century, though, as he places the city on the Dniester instead of the Dvina, he seems to have had in view a different place from the present Vitepsk, which however appears to have been in existence at that time. The town is surrounded with ancient walls and towers. It is built on both banks of the Dvina. The part on the left bank is the most considerable: beyond the Vitbea is the old castle, surrounded with a very lofty rampart, and the handsomest buildings. The streets are on the whole narrow and irregular, and there are only a few stone houses. One of the finest edifices is the convent of Greek monks of the order of St. Basil. There are fourteen churches; eight monasteries, of which six are Roman Catholic and two Greek; and two nunneries. Vitepsk has many hospitals, poor-houses, and orphan-asylums, and a large bazaar. Of the four manufactures of woollen-cloth mentioned above, three are in this city: there are several tanneries, but no manufactures of any importance. Almost the whole commerce of the government is in the hands of the merchants of Vitepsk: it is chiefly with Riga,

Memel, Danzig, and St. Petersburg; with the three last places by means of the Dvina, which becomes navigable at Vitepsk.

Welsch (in Polish, *Wielisz*), a town with 6800 inhabitants, of whom 1000 are Jews, situated on the two banks of the Dvina, has a considerable trade in the produce of the country. The public buildings are one Roman Catholic and eight United Greek churches, a synagogue, and a citadel.

Polotsk is mentioned in the ancient Scandinavian traditions anterior to Rurik, who sent thither one of his companions in arms to govern in his name. The present city is far from being what it was formerly. It is fortified, but the fortifications are of little importance, and the citadel has fallen into decay. There are three United Greek churches, two Roman Catholic convents of the Dominicans and Franciscans, one United and one Greek convent, one Lutheran chapel, a synagogue, and an hospital. The handsomest building in the town is the former college of the Jesuits, with a beautiful church. Population 10,000. The other towns, capitals of the several circles, do not require any particular notice.

(Schmitzer, *La Russie, la Finlande, et la Pologne; Haspel, Das Russische Reich in Europa*; Steio, *Geogr. Lexicon*; Hirschelmann, *Handbuch der Geographie*.)

VITERBO E CIVITAVECCHIA, DELEGAZIONE DI, a province of the Papal State, situated between the Tiber, the sea, and the frontiers of Tuscany. It is bounded on the south by the comarca or administrative province of Rome, which extends on both banks of the Tiber; on the east partly by the same and partly by the province of Spoleto, from which last it is separated by the bed of the Tiber; on the north partly by the province of Perugia, from which it is separated by the river Chiana, and partly by the Tuscan province of Siena; and on the west partly by the Tuscan province of Grosseto and partly by the Mediterranean Sea. The eastern part of the province lies in the basin of the Tiber; the central part consists of the basin of the lake of Bolsena, and its outlet the river Marta; and the western part consists of the lower valley of the river Fiora, which, after rising in the Tuscan territory, enters the Papal State, and after a course of nearly 50 miles enters the sea below Montalto. These three basins or valleys slope southwards towards the sea, and merge in the unhealthy maritime plain of the Maremma, which extends along the sea-coast.

The ridge called Cimino, the ancient Ciminus, of volcanic formation, runs from north to south for a length of about 30 miles, from Monte Soriano, north-east of Viterbo, which is its highest summit, being 4000 feet above the sea, to Monte Virgino near the lake of Bracciano, and divides the basin of the Tiber from that of the lake of Bolsena. The Ciminus and its impervious forest arrested for many years the progress of Roman conquest on the side of Etruria. The Cimino, which is still a well-wooded and picturesque mountain, is crossed between Ronciglione and Viterbo by the high road from Rome to Florence. A succession of lower hills encloses the lake of Bolsena on three sides, leaving an opening to the southward, through which flows the river Marta. (BOLSENA, LAKE SE.) On the south-east, between the lake and the ridge of Cimino, is a wide plain, at the south-eastern end of which is the town of Viterbo.

VITERBO, the capital of the province and a bishop's see, and the residence of the delegate or governor, is pleasantly situated at the northern base of the ridge of Monte Cimino, which is here vulgarly called *Montagna di Viterbo*, and on the high road from Rome to Florence, and 40 miles north-west of Rome. Viterbo lies about 1000 feet above the sea. It is a large though not very populous town, is enclosed by walls and towers; it has more than fifty churches, several convents, and other considerable buildings; the streets are well paved, and adorned with handsome fountains. The cathedral is adorned with some good paintings, and with the monuments of several popes, who during the middle ages made Viterbo their residence, being driven out of Rome by the factions and insurrections common in those times. The episcopal palace annexed to the cathedral is of the thirteenth century; it contains the great hall where the conclave was held, after the death of Nicholas III., A.D. 1281, which sat for many months without being able to agree about the election of a new pope. At last Charles of Anjou, king of Naples, who was also senator of Rome, and who wished to have a French

pope, persuaded the people and the municipal authorities of Viterbo to starve out the cardinals, and even to take away the roof of the building, in order to oblige them to hasten the election, which took place at last in the person of Simon de Brie, a French cardinal, who assumed the name of Martin IV. In another apartment of the same palace Pope John XXI. was killed by the falling in of a wall, a.d. 1277. The other churches worthy of notice are—1. Santa Rosa, where the body of the saint is preserved, dried up like a mummy. Rosa was a young female enthusiast of the thirteenth century, who was set up as a leader of the Gueph party against the emperor Frederic II. She is the patroness of Viterbo, and a yearly festival takes place in her honour, in the month of September, when numbers of people flock to Viterbo to visit her sanctuary. 2. The church of Santa Maria della Verità, outside of the walls, has a very good fresco painting, which has been little noticed, representing the 'Sposazio,' or Marriage of the Virgin Mary, by Lorenzo di Giacomo of Viterbo, a pupil of Masaccio; he is said to have worked at it for a number of years, and to have introduced in it the portraits of the principal contemporary persons of Viterbo. 3. S. Angelo in Spada has a Roman sarcophagus with a baso-relievo, and a modern inscription, which says that it was used as a sepulchral urn for the fair Giuliana, an historical character of the twelfth century, who is said to have been the cause of one of the frequent wars in those ages between the people of Rome and those of Viterbo, in which the Romans were defeated.

The communal or town palace, begun in the thirteenth century, has some good paintings by Romanelli and Cavarozzi, both natives of Viterbo, and a collection of Etruscan sepulchral monuments and other antiquities. The old palace of the Farnese family is now a founding hospital.

Viterbo is, after Rome, the largest town of the Southern division of the Papal State. Its population is about 13,000. (Culindri, *Saggio Statistico dello Stato Pontificio*.) It is said to have been built, or rather enclosed, by Desiderius, the last king of the Lombards, and to have been peopled by the inhabitants of several ruined towns of the neighbourhood. It governed itself for a long time during the middle ages as a free municipality, was often at war with the people of Rome, to which it was obliged at last to make its submission about the year 1200, and to deliver up to the Romans its great bell and the iron chain which served to fasten its principal gate. In the fourteenth century it had its petty native tyrants, first of the family of Gatti, and afterwards of the family of Vico. Giovanni Vico, being defeated in 1354 by Albornoz, the papal legate, gave up Viterbo to the pope, and was made governor of Corneto. [ALBORNOS, GIL CARRILLO DE.] During the French revolutionary invasion of 1798, Viterbo revolted against the invaders, and the people seized a number of French civil and military officers, who were rescued from the popular fury by the exertions of the bishop and of some of the nobility of the place.

The population of Viterbo and its neighbourhood are supported chiefly by agriculture; wine and oil are the principal produce of the country. There are however some manufactures of common woollens. Many of the landed proprietors and local nobility reside at Viterbo.

At Baguina, not far from Viterbo, is the Villa Lante, belonging to the Roman family of that name, a delightful residence, with terraces, gardens, and waterfalls. The palace S. Martino, belonging to the Doria family, in the same neighbourhood, was once the residence of D. Olimpia Maidalchini, the powerful sister-in-law of Pope Innocent X. Her portrait and several articles of her toilette are preserved in the palace. To the east of Baguina is Soriano, a small town of 2000 inhabitants, which is an estate of the Albani family, who have a mansion on the summit of a cliff commanding a splendid view over the range of the Cimino and the valley of the Tiber. In the plain between the Cimino and the Tiber, and not far from Orta, the ancient Horti, now a town of 1800 inhabitants, is the small lake of Bassano or Bassanello, the ancient Vadimonis, on the banks of which the Etruscans were defeated by the Romans, a.c. 398. At Orta are seen the remains of a fine ancient bridge on the Tiber, which the people call Ponte di Augusto. In the same plain is Viterchiano, a town of 1400 inhabitants, known for its having been in the middle ages a faithful ally of

Rome against the people of Viterbo. To the northward, on a ridge of calcareous hills which intervenes between the lake of Bolsena and the Tiber, is the town of BARNORIO; and six miles farther north, on a steep hill of volcanic formation near the confluence of the Paglia with the Tiber, is the town of OSTERIO. Ascending the valley of the Paglia, to the westward we find the town of Acquapendente near the borders of Tuscany.

On a conical hill which rises to the south-east of the lake of Bolsena is Montefiascone, and to have been once a town of the Falisci; it is now a bishop's see, has 5000 inhabitants, and is chiefly known for the excellent muscat wine which is made in its territory. The cathedral of Montefiascone, and the church of San Flaviano, built in the eleventh century, are worthy of notice. The latter contains the sepulchre of John de Fugger, a German bishop, who died in this place from having drunk too much of the muscat wine; so at least says the local tradition, supported by the received interpretation of his epitaph.

South of Viterbo, and on the high road to Rome, is Ronciglione, built on a bed of lava at the southern base of the Cimino, and on the border of the great plain of the Campagna. It has about 4000 inhabitants, and iron and copper works and paper-mills. Near Ronciglione, in a remarkable valley (once a crater) of the Cimino, is the pretty lake of Vico, surrounded by thick woods. An emissary, constructed by the Farnese dukes of Castro and Ronciglione, carries off the superabundant water, which, flowing through a narrow ravine, sets in motion a number of mills. Farther on, and on the northern slope of the Cimino ridge overlooking the valley of the river Marta, is the small town of Bieda, the ancient Blera, mentioned in the history of the incursions of the Longobards against Rome. Farther north, and on the same ridge, is Vetralla, a town of about 3000 inhabitants. On the opposite or southern slope of the Cimino, and a few miles from Ronciglione, but out of the main road, is the decayed town of Sutri, with about 1500 inhabitants, the ancient Sutrium, having a large amphitheatre cut in the rock, with six ranks of seats, in very good preservation, believed to be the work of the Etruscans previous to the Roman conquests. There are also tombs cut in the rock, like those of Tarquinii. The modern town of Sutri is often mentioned in the history of the popes during the middle ages. About five miles east of Ronciglione is Caprarola, a town of 3000 inhabitants, celebrated for the magnificent country-residence of the Farnese family, built by Vignola. The apartments are painted with historical subjects by the brothers Zuccari. The gardens, laid out on the slopes of the Cimino, are in the Italian architectural style, with marble terraces, flights of steps, balustrades, fountains and statues, presenting a grand and imposing scene. Caprarola now belongs to the king of Naples as heir of the Farnese.

South-east of Caprarola, towards the Tiber, is Civita Castellana, a bishop's see, and a town of 2300 inhabitants, in a strong situation, with a regular fortress built by Julius II. A viaduct of two ranks of arches carries across a deep ravine the high road leading from Rome to Narni, Terni, and Spoleto, which was made by Pius VI. The ancient walls of Falerii are seen in good preservation at a short distance from Civita Castellana. They are made of large volcanic stones without cement, and are above thirty feet high in some parts. The place is a desolate wilderness, and is called Santa Maria di Falerii from a church built in its enclosure in honour of the Virgin, but which has been long since in ruins. (Tournefort, *Études Statistiques sur Rome*.) South-east of Civita Castellana rises, in the middle of the plain of the Tiber, the insulated mountain of Sant' Oreste, the Soracte of the ancients, 2500 feet high, abrupt and naked. The mountain is of the same calcareous stone as the mountains of the Sabium on the opposite or eastern bank of the Tiber. In ancient times Soracte had a temple dedicated to Apollo. Afterwards a Christian monk or hermit of the name of Orestes went to reside on the mountain, where he built a convent, and gave it his name. Carloman, son of Charles Martel, and elder brother of Pepin le Bref, Charlemagne's father, being weary of the world, resigned his government of Austrasia about a.d. 745, went to Rome on a pilgrimage, and, lastly, retired to the convent on Mount Soracte, where he died.

A few miles south-west of Civita Castellana, on the high road to Rome, is the small town of Nepi, the ancient

Nepete, a town of the Etruscans, and afterwards a Roman colony. In the middle ages Nepi was a duchy belonging to the Colonna family. It is now a poor place, with about 1500 inhabitants.

The basin of the lake of Bracciano, which discharges its water into the sea through the river Arnone, is included in the boundaries of the comarca or province of Rome. [BRACCIANO, LAKE OF.] West of the lake of Bracciano is a ridge which is a lower projection of the Cimino, and upon which is the town of La Tofa, with 2200 inhabitants, and a manufacture of alum, which is extracted from the neighbouring rocks. A few miles west of La Tofa, on the sea-coast, is the town of CIVITAVECCHIA, the principal, we might say the only port of the Papal state on the Mediterranean.

Following the coast northward of Civitavecchia, we find Corneto on the river Marta, about two miles distant from the sea. Its high walls, towers, and spires give the town an imposing appearance, but it is deserted during the summer months on account of the malarial. In winter it reckons between 3000 and 4000 inhabitants. Its territory produces abundance of corn, pulse, and hemp, and numerous herds of cattle feed in the wide pasture-grounds. The system of cultivation of the large farms of this region is noticed under CAMPANIA in Rome. On the coast near Corneto are extensive 'saline,' or salt-ponds, in which some hundreds of galley-slaves are employed. Shelter is afforded to coasting vessels by a mole, which encloses a kind of artificial harbour called Porto Clementino. About ten miles inland north-east of Corneto is the town of Toscanella, near the river Marta, with about 3000 inhabitants, most of whom leave their houses in the summer months. Toscanella was a town of some importance in the middle ages; it was taken by storm by Charles VIII. of France, in his hurried retreat from Naples, A.D. 1495, and was plundered. In a glen near Toscanella are many sepulchres cut in the rock, but Miceli doubts their belonging to the Etruscan times. The ancient Tuscania was however in this neighbourhood.

Near Corneto are the ruins of Tarquinii, one of the principal towns of Etruria. Its interesting remains, as well as those of Vulcia near Canino, of Ardea near Viterbo, and of other Etruscan towns with which the country was once strewn, are noticed under ETRURIA and ETRUSCAN ANCHUS-ETRUSCA. About eight miles north-west of Corneto is Montalto, a village with about 500 inhabitants, situated on the river Fiora, near the sea, in a plain fertile in corn and pastures. Large flocks of Merino sheep graze here in the winter. The sea-coast is lined with thick forests interspersed with marshy pools. Numerous herds of pigs feed in the forests. A few miles north of Montalto, near the banks of the Fiora, is the site of the ruined town of Castro. [INNOCKY X.] To the east of Castro is the village of Canino, a fief of Luciano Bonaparte, who has discovered numerous Etruscan remains in the neighbourhood.

A ridge of hills, which is an off-set of the Tuscan group of Montemaria or Santa Fiora, rises on the east of Montalto, and running to the northward divides the valley of the Fiora from the basin of the lake of Bolsena. On these hills is Valentino, with about 2000 inhabitants, and in the neighbourhood are the villages of Ischia and Farnese, from the last of which the princely family which was once sovereign of Castro and of Parma derived its name.

The united province of Viterbo and Civitavecchia is altogether one of the most important and interesting in the Papal state. It formed part of ancient Etruria. In the middle ages it formed part of the extensive dominions of the famous Countess Matilda, who bequeathed it to the see of Rome, and it was then called by the name of 'Patrimonio di San Pietro.' In course of time it was divided into two administrative provinces, Viterbo and Civitavecchia, until Pope Leo XII., by a new organization, which he decreed in 1824, united the two into one province, adding to it the small district of Orvieto, which was formerly included in the division of Umbria. The united province of Viterbo and Civitavecchia contains 16 'città,' or walled towns, and 72 'terre,' or towns having a communal council, besides villages and hamlets. The population amounted in 1833 to 157,519 inhabitants.

(Scrittore, *Statistica dell'Italia*; Callendi, *Saggio Storico dello Stato Pontificio*; Tournon, *Etudes Statistiques sur Rome et la Partie Occidentale des Etats Romains*; Valéry, *l'opinion en Italie*.)

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VITEX, a genus of plants of the natural family of Verbenaceae, which is so named from the suppleness of the twigs of the principal species, which was well known to the ancients, being a native of the south of Europe; the other species are found in India and its islands, China, and a few in the New World. The genus is characterized by having a short campanulate 5-toothed calyx. The corolla is irregular, somewhat lobate, divided into 5 lobes. Stamens 4, didynamous, inserted into the corolla. Ovary superior, sessile; style the length of the stamens; two pointed and diverging stigmas. The fruit is a globular berry, a little hard, with its base covered by the calyx, and divided into four single-seeded cells. *Vitex agnus castus*, the longest-known species, and a native of the south of Europe, has digitate leaves of 5 or 7 nearly entire leaflets, something resembling those of the hemp-plant, and it forms a shrub of about 12 feet in height. The flowers are arranged in spiked whorls, and have an agreeable fragrance. The fruit is globular, rather smaller than black pepper, with an acid and aromatic taste, whence it is called *peppier poivre* and *poivre sauvage* in the south of France. It was well known to the ancients, and forms the *Piper agrestis* of some authors. In India the fruits of the species *V. triflylla* and *Negundo*, which are indigenous there, have the same properties ascribed to them, and are called *ajit berrur*, wild pepper. The ancients considered the *Vitex* an aphrodisiac, but the berries, from their warm aromatic taste, must be possessed rather of stimulant properties. The leaves of the Indian species are mucilaginous and demulcent, and are much employed as cataplasms, emollient fomentations, and medicated baths. The leaves of the European species must have similar properties, and probably gave origin to the idea of the fruits being similar in effect. They were stewed upon beds, and supposed to preserve chastity. Some of the species which attain considerable size in hot countries, as *Vitex altissima* and *V. arborea*, yield valuable timber; that of the latter is chocolate-coloured and very hard. The author of this article was at one time inclined to think that the *Vitex agnus castus* might be the mustard-tree of the New Testament, as it has acid-tasted berries with small seeds, is called wild-pepper, and grows to the height of 12 feet. It has sometimes been confounded with *Elaeagnus angustifolia*, from some of the ancients having called it *Elaeagnus*.

VITIS, a genus of plants, the type of the natural order Vitaceae. It possesses the following characters:—Calyx usually 5-toothed; petals 5, cohering at the top, resembling a calyptra, separating at the base and deciduous; 5 stamens; style none; berry 2-celled, 4-seeded; cells and seeds often abortive. The species are climbing shrubs, with simple lobed, cut or toothed, rarely compound leaves, and thymoid racemes of small greenish-yellow flowers. Don, in the 'Gardener's Dictionary,' gives descriptions of forty species of the genus *Vitis*. They are found principally in Asia and America.

The best known of the species of *Vitis*, and perhaps one of the most extensively cultivated and useful of plants, is the *Vitis vinifera*, the common Vine or Grape-Vine. It is characterized among the other species by possessing lobed, sinuately toothed, naked or downy leaves. A multitude of varieties of this plant have been recorded, both occurring wild and resulting from its very extensive cultivation.

Like most extensively cultivated plants, it is very difficult to ascertain of what country the vine is originally a native. It is among the plants of which we have the earliest records in the Books of Moses, and from which it appears to have been made use of in the same manner as at the present day. Although the vine is found in many places wild, it may still be doubted whether it is indigenous there, on account of its frequent cultivation. There can be little doubt of its being truly indigenous in the East, in the district between the Black and Caspian seas. In the forests of Miagria and Imeritia it flourishes in all its magnificence, climbing to the tops of the highest trees, and bearing bunches of fruit of delicious flavour. In these districts no cultivation of the vine exists, and the inhabitants seldom harvest the abundance of fruit that is produced. It is not probable that these vines are the remains of former vineyards, as plants mostly degenerate when they become wild after cultivation, which is not at all the case with these grape-vines. It is probable that the wild vines found along the borders of the Caspian Sea, through

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out Persia, in the north of China, and in the Deccan and Cashmere, are all indigenous, although the plant is cultivated in these districts. In many spots in France, Germany, Portugal, and Italy, the vine is found wild, but the fruit is very generally of an inferior kind, and it may be doubted whether it is truly indigenous in any parts of Europe. We have no accounts of the introduction of the vine into Greece; it was evidently cultivated there before the time of Homer, and is supposed to have been later introduced into Italy, and the Romans probably spread it through the north of Europe, and introduced it into Great Britain. Bede, writing in 731, says there are vineyards growing in several places. These vineyards in Great Britain were generally connected with monasteries, as the inhabitants of those places paid great attention to the cultivation of fruit. When monastic institutions were abolished, vineyards very generally disappeared in this country, probably both on account of their being no monks to attend to them, and better wine being obtained from the fruit of other countries. Much has been written about the re-introduction of vineyards into Great Britain. There can be no doubt that grapes could be produced in abundance, and acquire a certain degree of ripeness in this country; but our clouded skies and high latitude must prevent the production of fruit in this country equal to that of the lower latitudes and under the brighter skies of the continent of Europe.

The cultivation of the vine extends from near 55° north latitude to the equator, but in south latitudes it only extends as far south as 40°. It is cultivated at various elevations. In middle Germany it ceases from about 1000 to 1500 feet above the level of the sea. On the south side of the Alps it reaches 2000 feet; in the Apennines and Sicily 5000 feet; and on the Himalaya as high as 10,000 feet above the level of the sea. The point of the greatest importance in the ripening of the fruit of the vine is the length of the summer. Thus, although the maximum of summer heat is as great at Moscow as in Paris, yet the vine will not ripen its fruit in the former place, and this arises from the fact that although the greatest heat of the months of June and July are as great as that of Paris, the months of August and September are several degrees below. Nor will the mean temperature serve as a rule to indicate where the vine may be cultivated. England has a mean temperature as high as many parts of the world, where the vine flourishes in the greatest perfection; but it will be found that although England is warmer than these countries in the winter, it is not so warm in the months of September and October, at which time the vine is ripening its fruit. The vine will bear any degree of heat, and is cultivated in some districts close to the equator. It will not however bear heat combined with moisture, and the fruit in European countries is never so good in wet seasons. This then will account for the different points of latitude at which the vine ceases to be cultivated in Europe. In France it extends as far as 49° N. lat., on the western borders of the Seine. In England, although much cultivated, the fruit seldom ripens properly in the open air. At Berlin, in 52° N. lat., the fruit is poor. Königsberg has a north latitude of 54° 42', and is the extreme point at which the vine can ripen fruit. On the Rhine its cultivation extends down to Cologne and even Düsseldorf. Throughout the middle and south of Europe to the borders of the Mediterranean, between the Black and Caspian seas, in Astrachan, in the north of China, in Hindostan, throughout Persia, along the borders of the Euphrates, in Syria, Lower Egypt, Abyssinia, and in Barbary, the vine is cultivated. In the New World, both in North and South America, the vine flourishes. In South America it is cultivated, and used for making brandy and wine at Guyaquil, Pisco, in the northern provinces of Chili, at Valparaiso, and is found at Valdivia, in the 40th degree S. lat. On the other side of the continent, at Buenos Ayres, and in various parts of Brazil, it is extensively cultivated. In North America its culture is known to extend as far as 37° N. lat., on the Ohio, and on the north-west coast as far as St. Francisco, in 38° N. lat. The vine is also growing now in the southern parts of New Holland, and has been introduced from America into the Sandwich Islands.

The fruit of the vine is used as an article of diet in several ways. Its agreeable sweet acid flavour when ripe has always rendered it a very desirable food when fresh.

The ancients also, there can be little doubt, were in the habit of drinking the expressed juice of the grape before fermentation. Grapes are also dried and used under the name of raisins. The drying is generally effected by cutting half through the fruit-stalk whilst they are suspended on the tree. Grapes thus dried are called Muscatel raisins, and are principally brought from Spain and the Levant. There is another dried grape used much in this country, called currants, or Corinth, but which are very different things from the common currant of our gardens and are the produce of a vine which grows in Zante and Cephalonia. Raisins and currants contain less water than fresh grapes, and when eaten alone they are liable to produce indigestion. The most extensive use of the grape is for the purpose of making wine. [WINE.] In an unripe state the juice of the grape contains malic, citric, and tartaric acids, bi-tartrate of potash, sulphates of potash and lime, with other inorganic salts in less proportion, a little tannin, and extractive matter. As the fruit ripens gum makes its appearance, and grape-sugar is formed at the expense probably of the citric and tartaric acids. When ripe the principal ingredients are sugar, gum, malic acid, and bi-tartrate of potash.

With its extensive cultivation, it is not to be wondered at that a great number of varieties should be described. The lists from the vineyards of the Continent and from the forcing-houses of England give several hundreds. In most of them the principal difference consists in the form and colour of the fruit, and the shape and clothing of the leaves. So great is the difference in some cases, that Professor Link of Berlin is of opinion that all our cultivated grapes are the products of the hybridization of several species. Independent however of any externally different characters, there is great variety observed in the wines which they produce, which depend on causes that have hitherto escaped observation. There are instances of the same variety of vine being planted on the side of a hill or mountain, and the wine which is the produce of the grapes from the highest parts of the mountain will differ essentially from the wine which is the produce of the grapes of the lower parts of the mountain. The wines known by the names of Johannisberg and Rudesheimer in Germany are the produce of vines growing close together, and resembling each other in external characters. The vineyards also that produce the *Leistenwein*, *Würzberger*, and *Steinwein*, are very near to each other. It is probable that this difference is owing to the composition of the soil.

Several attempts have been made to classify the varieties of the grape-vine, but not with much success. In most of the English and French catalogues the shape and colour of the fruit alone have been taken into consideration. Thus in Hervey's catalogue of the Luxembourg collection, which was published in 1802, there are 267 sorts named, of which 37 were vines with black oval fruits, 98 with black round fruits, 44 with white oval fruits, 73 with white round fruits, 5 with grey or violet oval fruits, 10 with grey or violet round fruits. Don de Roxas Clemente y Rubio, librarian to the Royal Botanic Garden at Madrid, has published an arrangement of Spanish vines, which also includes the consideration of the structure of the leaves, branches, &c. He divides the whole into two sections; the one with tomentose leaves, the other with pilose or nearly smooth leaves. As this is perhaps the best arrangement hitherto published, and proceeds on the principle of a natural classification, we shall give here the principal subdivisions, not giving the names of the vines, as they are probably little known or cultivated in this country.

Section I. Leaves tomentose.

Tribe 1. *Forcense*. Branches prostrate, long, and tender; leaves palmate, with the recesses cordate or subcordate; berries round, firm, sweet, and early.

Tribe 2. *Fusiles*. Branches prostrate, long, and tender; leaves palmate, with cordate recesses; berries black, soft, and sweetish.

Tribe 3. *Ponales*. Branches firm, white, with long internodes; leaves lobed or palmate; berries firm and sapid.

Tribe 4. *Darnacine*. Branches rather erect, brittle; peduncles woody; berries crowded, firm, with very thick skin.

Tribe 5. *Helvolæ*. Branches tender; leaves large, roundish, nearly entire or a little toothed, soft; berries large, round, very soft, and sapid.

Tribe 6. Dapsiles. Branches prostrate, long, tender; leaves small, dark-green; racemes rather cylindrical; berries crowded, soft.

Section 11. Leaves pilose or nearly smooth.

Tribe 7. Ximeniæ. Branches erect and horizontal; leaves acutely sinuated, greenish-yellow, rather pilose; berries rather crowded, middle-sized, white.

Tribe 8. Flavantes. Branches firm and brittle; leaves yellowish; berries crowded, middle-sized, roundish.

Tribe 9. Prostratæ. Branches prostrate, very tender; leaves yellowish; berries large, soft.

Tribe 10. Oxycarpæ. Leaves deep-green; berries middle-sized, round and large, oblong, rather acid.

Tribe 11. Pergulariæ. Branches prostrate; leaves greenish-yellow; berries rather crowded, round, firm, and acid.

Tribe 12. Bumastæ. Berries large, ovately conical.

Tribe 13. Oleagineæ. Leaves deep green; berries middle-sized, and large, oblong, firm, mustery, or very sweet.

Tribe 14. Dactylidæ. Branches prostrate; berries oblong, firm, and sweet.

Tribe 15. Apiasæ. Berries musky.

Of the varieties cultivated in hothouses in Great Britain, catalogues of between two and three hundred have been published. Although our climate does not permit of the grape attaining its greatest perfection in the open air, yet in the forcing system of cultivating grapes by heat Great Britain probably produces the most delicious grapes in the world. But even in the open air in the southern counties of England, if proper care is taken, very good fruit may be obtained; and although not so delicious for eating as that produced by forcing, yet in all seasons a very eatable fruit may be obtained, and in warm dry seasons a very delicious one. But were the art of wine-making better understood in this country, vines thus grown might be used for this purpose. Mculloch says:—'Chemical examination has proved that the young shoots, the tendrils, and the leaves of the vine, possess properties and contain substances exactly similar to the crude fruit. It was no unusual conclusion that they might equally be used for the purposes of making wine. Experiments were accordingly instituted in France for this purpose, and they have been repeated here with success. From vine-leaves, water, and sugar, wines have been thus produced in no respect differing from the produce of the immature fruit, and consequently resembling wines of foreign growth.' If the practice of making wine was generally followed, there are thousands and tens of thousands of square feet of walls and roofs in the cottages and houses in the southern provinces of England on which the vine might be successfully cultivated. The great drawback that has hitherto existed to the increased cultivation of the vine in the open air in this country has been ignorance of the proper mode of pruning it, and the allowing it to be overcropped. We extract from a work of Mr. Hoare, on the cultivation of the grape-vine on open walls, the following scale of the greatest quantity of grapes which any vine can perfectly mature in proportion to the circumference of its stem, measured just above the ground:—

Circumference.	In.	Circumference.	In.
3 inches	5	7 inches	45
3½ "	10	7½ "	50
4 "	15	8 "	55
4½ "	20	8½ "	60
5 "	25	9 "	65
5½ "	30	9½ "	70
6 "	35	10 "	75
6½ "	40		

The varieties of grapes recommended by Mr. Hoare for cultivation in the open air are the following:—1, Black Hamburg; 2, Black Prince; 3, Esperion; 4, Black Muscadine; 5, Miller's Burgundy; 6, Claret Grape; 7, Black Frontignac; 8, Grizzly Frontignac; 9, White Frontignac; 10, White Muscadine; 11, Malmsey Muscadine; 12, White Sweetwater; 13, Early Black July. These sorts embrace almost every variation in flavour, colour, and size of berry that can be perfectly ripened in the open air.

Of the grapes grown mostly in houses, the most esteemed of the round black grapes are—the Damascus, the Black Labra, the Muscat, or Purple Constantia, and the Black

Morocco. Of the long black grapes, the Muscadine, the Burgundy, the Purple Hamburg, the Black Palestine, and the Black Raisin are the best. Of the round white grapes, the Amber Muscadine, the Malmsey Muscadine, the White Muscadine, the Pearl-drop, and the White Constantia are all good. Of long white grapes, the White Solara, the White Muscat, and the Merillon, or genuine Tokay, are esteemed highly.

Some of the species of *Vitis* have been introduced into our shrubberies and gardens as ornamental climbers; and for this purpose the following are recommended, by Loudon, in the 'Arboretum Britannicum':—

V. Labrusca, the Wild Vine, or Fox Grape, has heart-shaped leaves, rather 3-lobed, acutely toothed beneath; the peduncles tomentose and rather rusty. It is a native of America, and is cultivated there in vineyards, and is said to make a very pleasant wine. There are two varieties, one with white and the other with red berries. It grows to about the same height as the common vine. When cultivated the berries have a pleasant flavour, but are rough and acid when wild. The whole plant has a foxy smell; hence its name.

V. cordifolia, Heart-leaved Vine, or Chicken Grape, has heart-shaped leaves, acuminate, toothed in the mode of incisions, smooth on both surfaces; racemes loosely many-flowered; berries small, greenish, ripened late. A native of North America from Canada to Florida, on the borders of rivers and in woods, where it is called Winter-grape, from the late period at which it ripens its fruit.

V. riparia, River-side or Sweet-scented Vine, has heart-shaped leaves, shallowly 3-lobed, toothed in the mode of incisions and unequally; the footstalk and the margin of the nerves pubescent. This is also a native of North America, on the gravelly shores of islands and banks of rivers, and was found by Dr. Richardson at the south end of Lake Winipeg. It extends from Pennsylvania to the Carolinas. It is worthy of cultivation on account of its flowers, which have an exquisitely sweet smell resembling mignonette.

V. Caribæa, the Carib Vine, has heart-shaped seminate leaves, toothed with acute and rather projecting teeth, rather glabrous above, tomentose beneath, peduncles tomentose; flowers small and white; berries small brownish-green, watery and acid, but eatable. It is a native of Jamaica. The fruit, according to Sisonne, is about the size of currants, of a red colour, and agreeably acid, as well as astringent. They would probably make a good red wine. When it grows luxuriantly it is so full of juice that a piece of a shoot three feet long will give out a pint of clear tasteless water; and persons wandering in the woods have often recourse to it as a means of supplying drink. It is called in Jamaica Water-vine. Several other species of *Vitis* have been introduced at various times, especially of those from India, of which Wallich enumerates fifty, but none of them have presented any extraordinary recommendations.

[GRAPE-VINE; VINEYARD; RAISINS; WINE.]

(*Cyclopædia of Plants*; Buschoff, *Lehrbuch der Botanik*; Loudon, *Arb. of Frut. Brit.*; Burnett, *Outlines of Botany*; Hoare, *Practical Treatise on the Vine*; Meyen, *Geographie der Pflanzen*; Don, *Gardener's Dictionary*.)

VITORIA, a city which derives its chief interest for Englishmen from the victory gained by the Duke of Wellington, in its vicinity, over the French army. It is the capital of the province of Alava under the most recent constitutional division of Spain. It is 26 miles south-south-east from Bilbao, and 156 miles north-west from Madrid on the road from that capital to Bayonne. Vitoria is built on an eminence which overlooks an extensive plain to the north. The climate is agreeable in summer, but very cold in winter. The frosts and snow however are of brief continuance. With some exceptions the streets are regular, well built, and kept clean. The principal square has stone houses of considerable architectural pretensions, with piazzas under which are shops and storerooms. The town-hall forms the southern side of the square, and a market is held in the open space. Among the more remarkable buildings are—the Hall of the Basque Society; the Orphan Hospital; the General Hospital; one collegiate and four parochial churches; six chapels; three convents for monks, and two for nuns; a school of design; a library; and a museum containing a

number of Roman antiquities. The manufactures of Vittoria are—leather; candles; chairs of reeds, which have a reputation throughout Spain; household furniture; copper vessels for culinary uses; pottery; table-linen, &c. Trade is carried on with Navarre, Old Castile (of which Vittoria is one of the principal depôts), and the ports of St. Sebastian and Bilbao, in bar and manufactured iron, chocolate, sweetmeats, wool, cloths, silks, shoes, and hats. The population in 1833 amounted to 12,000. The town is very old, and local tradition assigns its origin to the Romans. Sancha the Wise built a castle, and surrounded the town with walls, part of which are still standing. In 1431 John II. raised it to the rank of a city; and the title was confirmed in 1470 by Ferdinand the Catholic. The French occupied it from 1808 till they were driven out of it by the Duke of Wellington's army, on the 21st of June, 1813. (*Dictionnaire Géographique.*)

VITRE. (ILLE ET VILAIN.)

VITRIFICATION. (GLASS.)

VITRIFIED FORTS is a name that has been given to certain remarkable stone enclosures existing in various parts of Scotland, which appear to have been subjected to the action of fire. Attention was first called to the subject by Mr. John Williams, a civil engineer of the last century, who had examined some of them while conducting certain mining operations in the Highlands under the orders of the Board of Annexed (or forfeited) Estates in 1773, and who, in 1777, published a dissertation about them under the title of 'An Account of some remarkable ancient Ruins lately discovered in the Highlands and Northern Parts of Scotland; in a Series of Letters [13] to G. C. M. Esq.,' &c., Edinburgh. Williams gave these piles the name of vitrified forts, unhesitatingly assuming that they were artificial structures. In a letter to Lord Kames, prefixed to his pamphlet, and dated 10th March, 1777, he says, 'About a year ago, a copy of my paper concerning the vitrified forts was sent to London to be disposed of to the booksellers; but they looked upon it as a fiction.' Kames writes in answer, 'This discovery of yours will serve to detect an error that several ingenious naturalists have fallen into, of burning mountains formerly in Scotland—verified, say they, by the lair remains still to be traced. I suspect that these remains are no other than the débris of the vitrified forts you mention.' Nevertheless this idea, that the so-called forts were of volcanic origin, was soon after started anew by Pennant, who had seen one of them, and was taken up by other speculators; in particular it was attempted to be established by the Honourable Daines Barrington in a paper read before the Antiquarian Society in 1781, and published in the sixth volume of the 'Archæologia' the following year. But this notion may be said to be now given up on all hands. The subject has also been discussed by Dr. James Anderson, in the fifth and sixth volumes of the 'Archæologia,' and in the tenth volume of his periodical publication called the 'Bee,' by Mr. Fraser Tytler (afterwards Lord Woodhouselee) in the second volume of the 'Transactions of the Royal Society of Scotland;' by various writers in Sir John Sinclair's 'Statistical Account of Scotland;' by Dr. John Maculloch in the second volume of the 'Transactions of the Geological Society of London,' and in his 'Highlands and Western Isles of Scotland;' by Dr. Hibbert in various papers read before the Society of Scottish Antiquaries in 1831, and published in the fourth volume of their 'Transactions;' by Dr. Robert Jamieson of Edinburgh in the first volume of the 'Memoirs of the Wernerian Society;' by Sir George Mackenzie in the 'Edinburgh Encyclopedia;' and by the writer of a long article in the new edition of the 'Encyclopædia Britannica,' signed R. R. R.

The original description of the general nature of the vitrified forts given by Williams has not been corrected or contradicted in any material point by subsequent observers. And his views were supported at the time, on chemical and other considerations, by Dr. Black, and also by James Watt, who (apparently before the subject had attracted the attention of Williams) had personally and carefully examined the same fort (that on the hill of Craig Phadrick, or Craig Patrick, near Inverness) which Pennant had hastily inspected. A description of this fort by Watt and a letter from Black are subjoined to Williams's account.

Every vitrified fort Williams had seen was situated on the top of a small hill, overlooking and commanding a surrounding valley or plain, always having at the summit a

level area of greater or less extent, and for the most part inaccessible or very steep, at least on one side. Indeed he asserts that the hills are always difficult of access, except in one place, which has everywhere been strengthened by additional works, of which he gives a description. What is called the fort consists of a wall enclosing the level summit, generally, in part at least, rectilinear and rectangular, but sometimes having one or more of the sides curved to suit the shape of the area. Exterior to this is sometimes a second circumvallation, which in some instances approaches within a few yards of the first, in others is removed from it to a considerable distance; but this outer enclosure is merely constructed of loose blocks of stone; it is the inner wall only which is entirely or partially vitrified. Williams's account is that the materials have been run and compacted together by the force of fire; and that so effectually that most of the stones have been melted down; and any part of the stones not quite run to glass has been entirely enveloped by the vitrified matter; and in some places the vitrification has been so complete, that the ruins appear now like vast masses or fragments of coarse glass or slags. Generally however it would appear that the vitrification is not so complete as this description would seem to imply, though it may be sufficiently applicable to the more perfect specimens; in many cases the fire has only given the wall a coating of glass; in some, only one side of the wall is vitrified. The walls appear to be, in almost all the forts that have been examined, partially thrown down; in some, the vitrified ruins, Williams states, 'are nearly all grown over with heath and grass, and often appear at first sight like the ruins of some earth or sod buildings;' from the instances in which the structure seems to be most entire, it may be conjectured that its original height was commonly about twelve feet.

About fifty of these vitrified forts it all have been found, dispersed over the shores of Inverness (in which they are most numerous), Ross, Cromarty, Banff, Moray, Argyll, Aberdeen, Perth, Forfar, Kincardine, and Bute. Two or three have also been discovered in the southern counties of Wigton, Kirkcaldy, and Berwick. The most celebrated are that on the hill of Knockfarril, or Knockfarril na Phia, that is, the Place of Fingal on Knockfarril, on the south side of the valley of Strathpeffer, two miles to the west of Dingwall in Ross-shire; that, already mentioned, on the hill of Craig Phadrick, two miles west of Inverness; that on the hill of Noth, in Aberdeenshire; that on Dun Macduch, in Argyllshire; that on the hill of Dunader, in Aberdeenshire; that near Creich, in Sutherland; that near the church of Amwoth, in Kirkcaldy; that on the hill of Dunskeig, at the entrance of Loch Tarbert, in Argyllshire; that on the castle hill of Finlaven, four miles to the east of the town of Forfar; that on the hill of Laws, near the village of Drumsturdy, a few miles to the north-east of Dundee; that at the entrance of the bay of Carradale, in Cantyre; that in the parish of Kingarth, in the Isle of Bute; that (very slightly vitrified) on Barryhill, in the parish of Meigle, Perthshire; those on Castle Finlay and Duncann, in Nairnshire; that called Tordun Castle, about three miles from Fort Augustus; that on the west side of Glen-eves, in Lochaber, about three miles south from Fort Williams.

Setting aside the theory of the volcanic or otherwise accidental origin of the vitrified forts, which appears to be untenable, seeing that they are manifestly artificial structures, we have still two suppositions between which to choose in accounting for the appearance they present. The vitrification may have been part of the process of their erection, and designed as a substitute for the ordinary cement; or it may have been the result of accident afterwards. The latter view was suggested by Lord Woodhouselee as early as 1783, and has since been supported by Dr. Hibbert and Sir George Mackenzie; the former, which was taken by Williams and other early investigators, has been ably defended in recent times by the late Dr. John Maculloch. It is impossible for us here to enter at length into the considerations which have been advanced on both sides; they amount for the most part to very slight and unsatisfactory probabilities. Dr. Hibbert's notion is that the enclosures were intended for the protection of beacon fires; and he has endeavoured to show that the elevations on which they are erected are so chosen as that one

of these signals could always be seen from another. Dr. Macculloch, on the other hand, maintains that this is not the fact. Besides, he observes that the extent of most of the enclosures is far beyond what could have been required for any beacon fire: the area of that at Amwoth, for instance, is not less than 2700 square yards. How also, it is asked, should it have happened, as is generally the case, that the walls should be vitrified on both surfaces, the exterior as well as the interior, if the effect was produced merely by the flame of a beacon lighted up within the inclosure? That they were intended for defensive military posts, Dr. Macculloch further contends, is manifest from the whole character of the works—both the vitrified walls and the surrounding defences, all of which, he says, 'vary in form and size according to the ground they stand on, and are so contrived, just as a military work would be in the hands of a modern engineer, that they may command all the points of access, and prevent the enemy from advancing anywhere under cover.' Lord Woodhouselee, admitting them to have been really forts, or posts of defence, contends that the vitrification is most likely to have been occasioned by the application of fire to effect their destruction. But perhaps the most decisive fact, if it may be relied upon, which has been advanced in the course of the controversy, is that stated by Macculloch, namely, that the material of which the mysterious walls are built has evidently been selected with a view to its capability of being vitrified. He particularly mentions that, both at Dun Macninchain and at Dunader, 'the forts are not erected out of the materials nearest at hand, which are infusible, but [out of materials] collected with considerable labour from a distance.' The materials that have been commonly used are granite or moorstone, limestone, sandstone, and what is called pudding-stone, all of which have the quality of being more or less easily fusible by fire.

VITREOUS HUMOUR. [EYE.]

VITRINA. Depravaud's name for a genus of HELICIDÆ (vol. xii., p. 107).

Generic Character.—Animal elongated, cylindrical, having the turbinate part small, a fleshy collar surrounding the neck, and furnished in front with a sort of appendage, which extends upon it in the form of a cuiras, and certain other linguiform retractile appendages, capable of covering nearly the whole shell. Tentacles four, cylindrical and retractile; the two upper ones ocellated at their summit. The foot separated from the body by a small furrow. Orifice of the pulmonary cavity on the right upon the collar, at the origin of the cuiras. Organs of generation united, and presenting their orifice near the right tentacle: sometimes a mucous pore at the posterior part.

Shell very small, spiral, delicate, transparent, and fragile, increasing rapidly in a horizontal direction; spire short, the last whorl very large; aperture vast, with a solid spiral columella, losing itself almost always in the last whorl. (Rang.)

The species of this very delicate somewhat flattened genus have no umbilicus, and the lip of the large aperture is not reflected. The body of the animal is generally too large to enter the shell entirely, and the mantle has a double border, or, as M. de Férussac terms it, une *cuirasse* et un *collier*. The upper border, which is divided into many lobes, can extend itself far beyond the shell, and fold itself back upon it, so as to rub and polish it.

Geographical Distribution and Habits.—The genus is found both in Europe and warmer climates. The European species inhabit moist places, and are very small: those which occur in warmer countries are larger. Both are generally to be found on plants, under dead leaves, and in the hollows of rocks.

M. de Férussac has divided the genus into the genera *Helicodimax* and *Helicuarion*. The last-named subgenus consists of exotic species, which seemed to him to approximate more nearly to *Parmacella*. (LIMAX, vol. xiii., p. 487.)

The number of species recorded by M. Deshayes in his Tables is five recent: no fossil species is mentioned. Neither he nor M. Rang consider the distinctions relied upon by De Férussac sufficient to warrant the adoption of these genera. The author last named, who divided *Limax* into two genera merely on account of the existence or absence of a mucous pore at the posterior extremity, applied the same test to the *Vitrina*. If *Helicuarion*, or *Helicuarion*, consists of the species having a terminal mucous pore; *Helicodimax*, of those which have it not.

Now the internal organization, observes M. Deshayes, of those *Limaxes* which are without a mucous pore and those which have it is the same; and, according to the principles of zoologists and of M. de Férussac himself, genera ought to represent important modifications in the internal structure. These genera do not fulfil those necessary conditions, and therefore must be considered as artificial genera which ought not to be introduced into the system. MM. Quoy and Gaimard have thrown some additional light on the genus *Vitrina*, and have recorded some species whose shell resembles that of *Helix*, and which can entirely enter into it.



Helicodimax pellucidus. Shell magnified. Animal nat. size.



4, Shell of *Helicuarion Cuvieri*; 5, *Helicuarion Freycineti*.

Seven species are noticed in the last edition of Lamarck, three of which are European, one from Teneriffe, one from Port Western (New Holland), and two from the island Celebes.

VITRINGA, CAMPEGIUS, an eminent Dutch theologian, was born on the 16th of May, 1650, at Leeuwarden, in Friesland. He studied at Franeker and Leyden, and, after having obtained in the latter place the degree of doctor of divinity at the unusually early age of twenty, he was appointed, in 1681, professor of Oriental literature at Franeker. Two years later he obtained the chair of theology, and in 1693 that of sacred history also. In 1698 he was invited to a professorship in the university of Utrecht, with the high salary of 3000 thalers, but he modestly declined the offer, in consequence of which his salary was raised at Franeker to the same amount, and he remained in that place until his death, on the 21st of March, 1722. He left two sons, Campegius and Horatius the former of whom likewise acquired some reputation as a theological writer, though he was much inferior to his father. Horatius died in 1696, at the age of eighteen.

Campegius Vitringa was one of the greatest divines of his time, and in learning he was not inferior to any. His works, nearly all of which are in Latin, are still valued very highly by theologians, but more especially his commentaries on portions of the Scriptures, among which that on Isaiah is one of the best that was ever written. The following works still deserve the attention of theological students:—1, *Commentarius in Jesaiam*, 2 vols. fol.; 2, *Anacrisis Apocalypsis Johannis Apostoli*, 1719, 4to.; 3, *Commentarius in Zachariam Prophetam*; 4, *Typus Theologicæ Practicæ*, 1 vol. 8vo.; 5, *Observationes Sacre*, 1711, 4to.; 6, *Doctrina Religiosa Christiana per Aphorismos descripta*; 7, *Verklaring over de Evangelische Parabelen*; and 8, *Aenclijding tot het recht Verstand van den Tempel Ezechiëls*.

(Vriemot, *Series Professorum Fronequanonum*; Nicéron, *Mémoires des Hommes Illustres*, vols. xxx. and xxxv.)

VITRIOL, BLUE. [COPPER.]

VITRIOL, GREEN. [IRON.]

VITRIOL, OIL OF. [SULPHUR.]

VITRIOL, WHITE. [ZINC.]

VITRUVIUS POLLIO, MARCUS, a Roman architect, well known for his work on architecture, 'De Architectura,' in ten books. The history of Vitruvius is known only by what he casually says of himself in his treatise. He is noticed only by two ancient writers: by Pliny, who enumerates him among the writers from whose works he compiled; and by Frontinus, in his treatise on aqueducts, 'De Aqueductibus,' who mentions him as the inventor of

the Quinarian measure. Neither the time nor place of his birth is known, but he is generally supposed to have been born at Formiæ (Mola di Gaeta) in Campania, from several inscriptions relating to the Vitruvian family which have been found there. As he dedicated his work to the emperor Augustus when he was already old, and as it was written before the theatres of Marcellus and Balbus were built, which was in the year 13 a.c. (for when Vitruvius wrote, the theatre of Pompey was the only stone theatre in Rome), it follows that he must have been born about 80 a.c., or a little earlier. From what he says in the prefaces to his third and sixth books, it would seem that he was not very successful in his profession; he executed only one public work that is mentioned, a basilica at Fanum. He was however, at the time that he wrote, one of the superintendents of the engines of war, the others being Marcus Aurelius, P. Numisius, and Cn. Cornelius: a place which he had obtained through the recommendation of the emperor's sister; and it was on account of this appointment, as he himself says, that he dedicated his work to the emperor. He states that he had received a good education, and was fond of literary and philosophic subjects; that riches were no object with him, and that he was possessed of very little; but that he hoped to acquire a reputation with posterity for the treatise he was then writing. He mentions in the preface to his seventh book the architectural writers to whom he was chiefly indebted for information, namely, Agatharchus, Democritus and Anaxagoras, Silemus, Theodorus, Ctesiphon and Metagenes, Philotes, Ictinus and Carion, Theodorus Phocæus, Philo, Hermogenes, Argæus, and Satyrus and Phytæus. He mentions also many other writers who wrote upon subjects more or less bearing upon architecture.

Vitruvius treats of many things in his work besides architecture or building, strictly speaking. The first book is divided into seven chapters, as follows:—Chapter 1 treats of the science of architecture generally, and of the education of an architect; and he mentions in it the origin of Caryatides and the Persian order, in illustration that a certain knowledge of history is requisite for an architect. He recommends also to architects, to a certain degree as almost indispensable, the study of writing, drawing, geometry, arithmetic, the principles of natural and moral philosophy, law, physic, music, and astronomy; and he continues to show how far each may be applied: chapter 2, on what architecture depends, or the various qualities which regulate its principles, as disposition (*dispositio*), proportion or dimensions (*moderatio*), and economy or arrangement according to the uses for which the building is required (*oecologia*), &c.: chapter 3, of the different branches of architecture; of building, of dialling, and of mechanics: chapter 4, of the choice of situations for buildings, in which healthiness should be the chief consideration: chapter 5, of the foundations of walls and towers, and their security: chapter 6, of the situations of the buildings of the town within the walls, which should be so disposed as to be sheltered from the winds; and of the winds, which were eight principal among the Greeks, but there were many other names for the various winds coming from different directions, of which, together with the eight principal, Vitruvius has made a *diagramma* or *εἰκὼν*, naming altogether twenty-four: chapter 7, of the situations of public buildings, in which he states that the temples of Venus, Vulcan, Mars, and Ceres should be without the city.

Book II. In the introduction he relates an anecdote of Alexander and Dinocrates, and the proposition of Dinocrates to convert Mount Athos into a statue of Alexander, &c. Chap. 1 treats of the origin of building, of the first appearance of fire, &c.: chapter 2, of the origin of all things according to the opinions of the philosophers: chapter 3, of bricks, of the earth of which they ought to be made, and of their dimensions: chapter 4, of sand: chapter 5, of lime: chapter 6, of Pozzolana: chapter 7, of stone-quarries: chapter 8, of the different kinds of walls, of the *reticulatum* and the *incertum*, and of the *isodorum*, the *peristylodorum*, and the *emphictæum*; also of cramping; brick walls are recommended in preference to stone; of the city of Halicarnassus and of the fountain of Salmacis, &c.: chapter 9, of timber: chapter 10, of the Apennines, and of the fire called *inferna* and *superæna*.

Book III. In the introduction he mentions a few successful and unsuccessful artists, and various causes of success. Chap. 1 treats of the design and symmetry of tem-

ples, of 'perfect numbers,' and of the names of temples, as—*in antis*, *prostylos*, *peripteros*, *pseudodipteros*, *dipteros*, *hypæthræ*: chap. 2, of the five species of temples—*procorinthios*, *sytylos*, *diastylos*, *araostylos*, *eustylos*: chap. 3, of foundations, and of columns and their ornaments.

Book IV. Chap. 1, of the origin of the three kinds of columns, Doric, Ionic, and Corinthian; and of the origin of the Corinthian capital: chap. 2, of the ornaments of columns: chap. 3, of the Doric proportions: chap. 4, of the proportions of the cell and of the arrangement of the pronaos of a temple: chap. 5, of the aspects of temples: chap. 6, of the proportions of doors of temples: chap. 7, of Tuscan temples: chap. 8, of the altars of the gods.

Book V. Of Public Buildings. Chap. 1, of the forum and basilica: chap. 2, of the treasury, prison, and curia: chap. 3, of the theatre and its situation: chap. 4, of harmony, of the doctrine of Aristoxenus: chap. 5, of the brazen vases (*hydra*) used in theatres for increasing the sound: chap. 6, of the shapes of a theatre: chap. 7, of the portico and other parts of a theatre: chap. 8, of the three sorts of scenes, the tragic, the comic, and the satyric; and of the theatres of the Greeks: chap. 9, of the porticoes and passages behind the scenes; and of walks: chap. 10, of baths: chap. 11, of the palaestra: chap. 12, of harbours and other buildings in water.

Book VI. Of the arrangement and symmetry of private buildings. In the introduction he speaks of the advantages of learning, and relates an anecdote of Aristippus, the philosopher. Chapter 1 treats of the situations of buildings, according to the nature and climate of different places: chap. 2, of their proportions, according to the nature of their sites: chap. 3, of courts (*cavaedia*), the *Thyrcan*, the *Corinthian*, the *tetrastylon*, the *diaplatium*, and the *tetradium*: chap. 4, of courts (*atria*), wings or aisles (*alae*), the *tablinum* and the *prætorium*: chap. 5, of *triclinia*, *œci*, *œcedrae*, *pinacothecæ*, and their dimensions: chap. 6, of the *œci* (halls) of the Greeks (*œciætes*): chap. 7, of the aspects of different kinds of buildings: chap. 8, of houses suited to persons of various ranks: chap. 9, of the proportions of country-houses: chap. 10, of the arrangement and parts of Grecian houses; of some Greek customs; of pictures called *Xenia*; of some discrepancies in Greek and Roman names of apartments, &c.; and of the origin of the representation of Atlas with a globe upon his shoulders: chap. 11, of the strength of buildings.

Book VII. Of the finishing and decoration of Private Buildings. In the introduction, he speaks of books, libraries, and of book-making; of many writers on the arts and sciences, and also of some of the principal buildings of the Greeks, and their architects—as the temple of Diana at Ephesus, of Apollo at Miletus, of Ceres and Proserpine at Eleusis, of Jupiter Olympus at Athens, and of Honour and Virtue at Rome. Chap. 1 treats of pavements: chap. 2, of stucco: chap. 3, of stucco-work, and the method of preparing walls for painting or colouring in fresco; and of the excellence of Greek plaster: chap. 4, of stucco-work in damp places, and of pavements for triclinia: chap. 5, of the use of painting in buildings, and the different kinds of pictures proper for various apartments; of the inferiority of such decorations in the time of Vitruvius to those of the ancient Greeks, and an anecdote of a scene-painter of Alabanda: chap. 6, of the preparation of marble for plastering for painting: chap. 7, of natural colours or such as are found in the earth: chap. 8, of vermilion and quicksilver, and of *anthrax*; and of the method of recovering gold from old gold embroidery: chap. 9, of the preparation of vermilion, and a test of its purity: chap. 10, of artificial colours and of black: chap. 11, of Alexandrian blue, and of burnt yellow: chap. 12, of white-lead, of verdigris, and of red-lead: chap. 13, of purple: chap. 14, of fictitious colours, purples, attic ochre, and indigo.

Book VIII. Of Water. In the introduction some ancient opinions concerning water are noticed. Chap. 1 treats of the methods of finding water: chap. 2, of rain water, of climates, and of rivers: chap. 3, of the nature of various waters, of hot-springs, of mineral-waters, of poisonous and of acid waters, and of remarkable fountains, &c.: chap. 4, the same subject continued, the water of the Balearic Isles good for singing: chap. 5, of methods of judging of water: chap. 6, of levelling, and of the instruments used for that purpose, the *dioptra*, the level (*libra aquaria*), and the

chorobates: chap. 7, of conducting water, which was done in three ways, in streams or channels, in leaden pipes, and in earthen tubes—Vitruvius recommends the last; also of wells and of cisterns.

Book IX. On the principles of gnomonics and the rules of dialling. In the introduction he makes a few remarks in praise of the great services of many of the Greek philosophers. Chap. 1 treats of Plato's method of doubling the area of a square: chap. 2, of Pythagoras's method of constructing a right-angled triangle: chap. 3, of Archimedes's method of detecting silver when mixed with gold, also of discoveries of Archytas of Tarentum and of Eratosthenes of Cyrene, &c.: chap. 4, of the universe and of the planets: chap. 5, of the sun's course through the twelve signs: chap. 6, of the northern constellations: chap. 7, of the southern constellations; of the Chaldeans, and of several Greek astronomers: chap. 8, of the construction of dials by the Analemma: chap. 9, of various dials and their inventors.

Book X. Of Machines. In the introduction Vitruvius notices a salutary law of Ephesus, which kept architects and others to their contracts, and regrets that no such law was in force at Rome. Chap. 1 treats of machines and engines generally, as sailing-machines, machines set in motion by the wind, and draught machines; also of the loom and other machines: chaps. 2, 3, 4, and 5, of machines of draught, of the wheel and axle, pulley, &c., and polyspaston: chap. 6, of Ctesiphon's contrivance for removing great weights, when he removed from the quarry the shafts of the columns for the temple of Diana at Ephesus: chap. 7, of the discovery of the quarry whence stone was procured for the construction of the temple of Diana at Ephesus: chap. 8, of the principles of mechanics: chaps. 9 and 10, of engines for raising water, of the *tympanum*, and of water-mills: chap. 11, of the water-screw: chap. 12, of the machine of Ctesiphon for raising water to a considerable height: chap. 13, of the water-organ, a very complex machine, which Vitruvius has done his utmost, he says, to explain: chap. 14, of machines for measuring the distance you travel by land or by water: chap. 15, of catapultae and scorpions: chaps. 16, 17, and 18, of ballistae and catapultae: chap. 19, of machines for attack, of the ram and the tower: chap. 20, of the tortoise for filling ditches: chap. 21, of other tortoises: chap. 22, of machines for defence.

There have been many editions of Vitruvius; the Editio princeps was printed, without date or name of printer or place, about 1480, at Rome, by George Herold, in folio, under the superintendence of Salutati. It commences, without a title, with 'Io. Sulpitius Lectori salutem. Cum divinum opus Vitruvii, &c.' The small work of Frontinus, on Aqueeducts, was printed with it. The next edition was published at Florence, in 1496, with some other treatises, also in folio; it is equally scarce with the Editio princeps. There have been many others: at Venice, in 1497, fol.; and again, in folio, with wood-cuts, in 1511; the Giunta edition, in octavo, at Florence, in 1513, also with wood-cuts; reprinted in 1522; again in 1523, without place or date; at Strasburg, in quarto, in 1531; reprinted in 1550, with the notes of Philander, which were first published at Rome, in 1544, without the text; at Lyon, by Philander, in 1552, in quarto. 'M. Vitruvii Pollicionis de Architectura Libri Decem ad Cmsorem Augustum, omnibus omnium editoribus longe emendatioribus, collatis veteribus exemplis, &c.' in 1567, in folio, at Venice, by Barbaro; at Lyon, in quarto, in 1580; at Amsterdam, printed by Elsevier, in 1678, in folio, with additional notes and commentaries, and some other treatises, edited by John de Laet; at Naples, in 1708, in folio, with an Italian translation by the Marquis Galiani; at Berlin, in 2 vols. quarto, in 1800, with a glossary in German, Italian, French, and English; at Strasburg, in 1807, in 8vo; and in the same year, by Schneider, at Leipzig, in 3 vols. 8vo, which is the best edition that has appeared, but it is without plates.

M. Quatremère de Quincy (*Biographie Universelle*) states that the first manuscript of Vitruvius was found in the library of the Benedictine abbey of Monte Cassino, near Naples, and that the best is in the library of Franeker. The translations of Vitruvius into various languages are likewise numerous: the following are into French; by Jan. Martin, in 1547, folio, Paris; reprinted in 1572; by Jean de Tournes, in 1618, quarto, Geneva; by Perrault, with copper-plates, in 1673, folio, Paris; another edition, by the

same translator, in 1684; by Le Blout, in 1816, quarto, Brussels; into German, by Rivius, in 1548, folio, Nürnberg, reprinted in 1575 at Basle, and again at the same place in 1614; by Rode, in 1786, 2 vols. quarto, Leipzig; the first volume contains a Life of Vitruvius; into Italian, in 1521, by Benedict Jovius and Caesar Casarianus, one of the architects of the cathedral of Milan, folio, Como; reprinted at Venice in 1524, but without the notes of Casarianus; and again, with a less copious index, in 1535. The first five books, by Caporali, in 1538, folio, Perugia; by Barbaro, in 1556, folio, Venice; and again, by Barbaro, in quarto, in 1567, reprinted in quarto in 1594, and in small folio in 1629 and in 1641; and by the Marchese Galiani, with the Latin text, in 1758; in folio, at Naples, and, without the Latin, in 1790; into Spanish, in 1602, by Urrea, folio, Alcalá de Henares; and at Madrid, in 1797, by Ortiz y Sanz, large folio, with plates; into English, by W. Newton, in 1771-91, with plates, folio, London; by W. Wilkins, R.A., in 1812. 'The Civil Architecture of Vitruvius,' in two parts, 4to., being a translation of the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth books only; but the text is not entire and the introductions are omitted; and in 1826, in royal 8vo., by Joseph Gwilt, London, to which is prefixed a list of the several editions and versions of Vitruvius, of which the one here given is an abstract. His work was translated into Flemish by Peter Koek.

VITRIV-SUR-MARNE. [MARNA.]

VITTEB, in Botany, a term most frequently applied to the receptacles of oil which are found in the fruits of Umbelliferous plants. The vitte in the pericarps of these plants are found in two positions, either in the depressions between the ridges of the pericarp or in the seed itself. In the former case they are called *sittæ dorsales*, and in the latter *sittæ commixturales*. The vitte have the same general characters as the receptacles of oils, resins, &c. in plants. Their sides are composed of condensed cellular tissue, and they always contain a volatile oil. All the volatile oils produced by the natural order Umbelliferae, as those of anise, dill, fennel, caraway, &c., are obtained from the fruits of these plants, commonly called the seeds, and in which the oils have existed in the vitte; and do not occur in any other part of the plant.

The term vitte is also sometimes applied to the various stripes which are found upon leaves, and which either arise from irregular distribution or entire deficiency of colouring-matter in the tissues of the leaves of plants.

VITTEAUX. [COTÉ D'OR.]

VITTEE-VAYK, the Tamool name, sometimes written *Wotteeur*, of the highly fragrant roots of a grass which is found in many parts of India. These roots are sold in this country by perfumers, and employed in making brushes for velvet. They are much more extensively employed in India for making tattees, or the framework for doors and windows, which is thatched with this fragrant grass, and which, being kept constantly wet while the hot winds are blowing outside, allow the air to enter the house only after it has been cooled down by the evaporation of the water. This carries with it a portion of the fragrance for which the roots are so remarkable. A French author has made out of the plant which yields this root a new genus, which he calls *Vitveria*, and the species *V. odorissima*; but the plant is well known, and was first described by Retz, in 1780, under the name of *Andropogon maritimus*. It is sometimes formed with a few other species into the genus *Anethum*. This is however now usually considered only a subdivision of *Andropogon*, many of which species are remarkable for the fragrance of their leaves, as Lemon-grass, *Andropogon Scherzerianus*, *A. Calamus aromaticus*, and others. Messrs. Vauquelin and Henry each analyzed these roots, though from their different names they supposed the plants must be distinct; but the analyses confirmed each other. A resin of a brownish-red colour, having the odour of myrrh, was obtained; colouring-matter soluble in water, a free organic acid, with salts of lime, magnesia, alumina, an oxide of iron, with starch and lignine. M. Cass obtained by distillation from these roots a volatile oil lighter than water, with some very fragrant distilled water. It is now used to a considerable extent by perfumers under a variety of names.

VIVARIS, LE, or VIVARÉZ, LE, a province of the government of Languedoc in France, bounded on the north by Le Forez, a subdivision of the government of Le Lyonnais; on the east by the government of Dauphin;

from which it is separated by the Rhône; on the south by L'Ustégeois, or bishopric of Uzès; on the south-west by Les Cévennes; on the west by Le Gévaudan; and on the north-west by Le Velay—all four provinces of the government of Languedoc. Le Vivarais took its name from the city of Viviers: it was antiently included in the country of the Helvii, the Segalauni, and the Allobriges, all Celtic nations, and now forms the department of Ardèche (ARDECHE), of which Privas is the chief town. (PRIVAS.) Le Vivarais was divided into Le Haut Vivarais in the north, and Le Bas Vivarais in the south. The mountains of the north-west part are volcanic and rest on the high primitive table-land of central France. (VELAY, LE.) The table-land slopes rapidly to the south-east down into the valley of the Rhône, where the primitive rocks are covered by later formations. Red sandstone, probably corresponding to the old red sandstone of England, rests on the primitive rocks, and is in turn covered by the Jura limestone which occupies the valley of the Rhône. The volcanic rocks produced by the action of which Mont Mezen was the centre, extend nearly to the banks of the Rhône opposite Montélimart. (VELAY, LE.) Viviers is a small town, on the right or west bank of the Rhône. Its streets are narrow, dirty, and ill-built; and the cathedral has nothing remarkable except its elevated site. The bishop's house and the seminary for the priesthood are the principal buildings in the town. The population in 1831 was 1584 for the town, or 2536 for the whole commune. The townsmen manufacture thrown silk and woollen cloths, and trade in corn, wine, and silk. There are three yearly fairs. There is an observatory. The diocese of Viviers comprehends the department of Ardèche: the bishop is a suffragan of the archbishop of Avignon. (Serpe, *Memoir on the Geology of Central France*.)

VIVARES, FRANÇOIS, a celebrated engraver, born at Lodeve, near Montpellier, in 1712, and died in London in 1782. He was, it is said, originally a tailor, but he did not keep long to that occupation. He came early to England, and learned landscape-engraving here from J. B. Chateaubert, but being possessed of great ability, he studied from nature direct, and formed a style of his own. His great excellence was in foliage, and he was one of the best engravers after Claude, and preserved, says Strutt, 'as much of the picturesque beauties of that admirable painter as could be expressed by two colours only.' Strutt continues, 'He kept a print-shop in Newport Street, near Newport Market, for a considerable length of time, where he died some few years since. His widow still continues in the same shop (1786), and carries on the print-selling business.'

Vivares etched also with great freedom. His prints are not uncommon: Huber, in his 'Manuel des Amateurs,' &c., mentions sixty-seven, many of which are English landscapes. Strutt notices only four, all after Claude Lorraine. His works are unequal; some are hard, and are totally deficient in aerial perspective—a defect perhaps of the pictures engraved, for in his works after Claude, who was a great master in this respect, the aerial perspective is well expressed.

VIVARINI, the name of a celebrated family of painters in the fifteenth century, of the island of Murano at Venice. The oldest of this family, the reputed Luigi Vivarini the Elder, lived about 1414, according to a picture in the church of Santi Giovanni e Paolo at Venice, inscribed with his name and this date; but as this is the only work attributed to him, Lanzi doubts whether there were two Luigs; and, as the inscription is not an autograph, he concludes that there is an error in the name or in the date, and that the picture may be the work of Luigi Vivarini called the Younger, who lived towards the close of the fifteenth century.

Giolli and Zanetti mention, after Luigi, a Giovanni and an Antonio Vivarini, or Da Murano; but Lanzi has shown that this Giovanni was a German, known as Joannes de Alenmanus, or Johann Alamanus. (VENETIAN SCHOOL.) There is mention of Antonio as late as 1451; he painted several works in company with Johan Alamanus and his own brother Bartolomeo Vivarini. Some of his pictures are still in a good state of preservation; they are richly coloured, and, for the period, well drawn: there is one of these works in the Venetian Academy, inscribed 'Joannes de Alenmania et Antonius de Muriano pinxit.'

Bartolomeo was a more distinguished painter; he was

the first Venetian who painted what is called in oil; his first picture in this manner is dated 1473: it is now in the church of Santi Giovanni e Paolo at Venice. He painted several pictures in oil and a *tempera*, in the Gothic style, and generally in various compartments, but in excellent taste for that style.

Luigi dei Vivarini the Younger was likewise a good painter for his period, 1480. His masterpiece is St. Jerome caressing a Lion, from which some monks are flying in fear, in the Scuola di San Girolamo at Venice. In the Sala delle Antiche Pitture, in the Venetian Academy, there are several pieces by Bartolomeo and Luigi Vivarini. (Zanetti, *Della Pittura Veneziana*; Lanzi, *Storia Pittorica*, &c.)

VIVERRA. [VIVERRIDE.]

VIVERRIDE. Linnæus thus defines his genus *Viverra*:—

Dentes primores vi: intermedii brevioribus. Molaræ plus quam tres. Lingua retrotrahens, sæpe aculeata. Ungues exserti.

The species comprised under this genus, in the twelfth edition of the *Système Naturel*, are *ichneumon*, *manis*, *suricata*, *putorius*, *zibetha*, and *genetta*.

Linnæus places the genus between *Felis* and *Mustela*.

The *Civettes* (*Viverra*) of Cuvier are arranged, in his last edition of the *Règne Animal*, between the Dogs (*Canis*) and the Hyænas, which are immediately followed by the Cats.

The *Civets* are subdivided into, 1, The *Civets*, properly so called (*Viverra*, Cuv.); 2, The *Genets* (*Genetta*, Cuv.); 3, The *Paradoxure* (*Paradoxurus*, F. Cuv.); 4, The *Mangoustes* (*Herpestes*, Ill.); 5, The *Suricates* (*Ryzæna*, Ill.); and, 6, The *Mangoues* (*Crossarchus*, F. Cuv.).

Cuvier says of this group that the genera composing it have three false molars above, and four below, the anterior of which sometimes fall out; two rather large tuberculous teeth above, a single one below, and two projecting tubercles on the inside of their lower canine anteriorly, the rest of that tooth being more or less tuberculous. Their tongue he describes as beset with sharp and rough papillæ; their claws are raised more or less in walking; and there is near their anus a more or less deep pouch, where particular glands secrete an unctuous and often odorous substance.

Mr. Swainson gives the family *Mustelidae* a position between the *Felidae* and the *Didelpidae*.

At the head of the *Mustelidae* he places the genera *Ryzæna*, Ill., and *Crossarchus*, Cuv., and then come the following subfamilies:—

Viverrina. *Musk-Hewers*.

Characters.—Three false grinders above, four below, the anterior lower ones not always permanent; two rather large tuberculous teeth above, one below; on the inner side of the lower carnivorous tooth are two projecting tubercles; tongue prickly; pouch beneath the tail.

Genera.—*Cynictis*, Ogilby; *Herpestes*, Ill.; *Viverra*, Linn.; *Genetta*, Desm.; *Cryptoprocta*, Bennett; *Paradoxurus*, F. Cuv.

Mustelina. *Martens*, Sc.

Characters.—Cutting-teeth, $\frac{6}{6}$; canines, $\frac{1-1}{1-1}$; grinders, $\frac{4-4}{5-5}$ or $\frac{5-5}{5-5}$, one of which only is tuberculous; head small, oval; ears short, round; body long, slender; feet short.

Genera.—*Putorius*, Cuv.; *Martes*, Cuv.; *Meophiles*, Cuv.; *Myiurus*, F. Cuv.; *Lutra*, Ray, with the subgenus *Echydra*, Flem.; *Gulo*, Storr; *Ratelus*, F. Cuv.

For the last subfamily, *Ursina*, see URSIDÆ.

The *Viverrina*, Mr. J. E. Gray's third family of *Felidae*, is the first of his second subdivision of that family, viz. *Necrophaga*.

The *Viverrina* comprise the following Genera:—*Viverra*; *Proteles*; *Prionodon*; *Genetta*; *Gadidia*; *Gadictia*; *Herpestes*; *Mungos*; *Atelura*; *Ichneumia*; *Ura*; *Crossarchus*; *Ryzæna*; *Hemigale*; *Paradoxurus*; *Paguma*; *Arctictis*; *Cynogale*; *Cryptoprocta*; and *Bassaris*.

The *Viverrina* in Mr. Gray's arrangement stand between the *Hyænina* and the *Cunina*.

Viverra (Cuv.).

Generic Character.—The deep pouch situated between

the anus and the sexual organs, divided into two bags filled with an abundant concrete secretion of the consistence of pomade exhaling a strong musky odour, secreted by glands which surround the pouch. Pupil of the eye round during the day. Claws only half retractile.

Dental formula:—Incisors, $\frac{6-6}{4-4}$; canines, $\frac{1-1}{-}$; molars, $\frac{-}{-}$.
 $\frac{6-6}{4-4} = 40$.

M. F. Cuvier remarks that this system of dentition, a cut of which will be found in the article *LEUCACON*, is common to the Civets, Mangousts, Genets, and Pardoxures, and that it is specially characterised by the number of tuberculous molars, viz. two in the upper jaw and a single one in the lower jaw. These animals therefore, he observes, would seem to take their station in the order of mammiferous *Carnivora* before the Dogs, which have two tuberculous molars in each jaw; but the Civets, having their canine teeth much less sharp and much more approximated to the form of the tuberculous teeth than the Dogs, are really less carnivorous than them, and consequently come nearer to the Racoons and the Bears, by which M. F. Cuvier, in common with most zoologists, terminates the series of Carnivorous Mammals properly so called.

Mr. E. T. Bennett, in his *Tower Menagerie*, observes that the group of animals comprised under the generic name of *Viverra* by Linnaeus is, perhaps, the most puzzling, and certainly the least understood, amongst the true *Carnivora*, and hence there is no little difficulty in defining its limits and distinguishing the species which compose it. Under the genus *Viverra*, he remarks, Linnaeus comprehended a series, or, to speak more properly, a congeries, of quadrupeds, differing from each other so remarkably in form, in structure, and in habits, as to render it absolutely impossible to find characters by which they might be circumscribed and isolated from their fellows. Linnaeus's definition of the genus, therefore, says Mr. Bennett in continuation, although purposely expressed in terms the most vague and indistinct, does not exclude such animals as from their obvious affinities he could not refrain from referring to other groups, whilst it does not include one half of the species which he has arranged under it. The Ichneumon of the Nile, the Suricate of the Cape, the Coati of South America, the Stinking Weasels of the north, the Civet of Barbary, the Genet of the East, the Ratel of South Africa, and others equally distant in affinity, were swept into this common receptacle.

This arrangement, as Mr. Bennett states, brought together animals truly digitigrade, with retractile claws, tongues covered with sharp papillae, canine teeth of great power and molars formed for tearing flesh, consequently in a high degree sanguinary and carnivorous in their habits, into close contact with others positively plantigrade, having exerted claws, smooth tongues, and teeth of little power for lacerating animal food—in short with animals more or less, in some instances entirely, vegetable feeders.

'The genus thus formed,' Mr. Bennett adds, 'presented so heterogeneous a combination, that the difficulty was rather where to stop in the dispersion of the dissimilar materials of which it was composed, than where to commence the necessary operation; and in consequence nearly a dozen genera, not hanging together in one continued series, but scattered through various parts of the system, and most of them essentially distinct, have been the result of the dismemberment of this single group.'

'The true Civets, to which the genus *Viverra* is now restricted, yield in the extent of their carnivorous propensities to the cats alone, whom they approach very closely in many points of their zoological character, as well as in their predatory, ungainly, and nocturnal habits. In addition to the six incisors and two canines which are common to the whole of the true *Carnivora*, they have on each side and in each jaw six molars, one of which is peculiarly adapted for lacerating flesh, while the rest are more or less of the ordinary form. Their tongues are furnished with the same elevated and pointed papillae which give so remarkable an asperity to those of the cats, and their claws are half retractile. The toes are five in number on each of their feet, and their extremities alone are applied to the ground in walking; the animals are conse-

quently completely digitigrade. But the most distinctive character of the group consists in an opening near the tail, leading into a double cavity of considerable size, furnished with glands and follicles for the secretion of the peculiar odoriferous substance so well known as the produce of the civet, and from which the animal derives its name.'

In the museum of the Royal College of Surgeons in London, No. 2514 of the *Physiological Series* exhibits the male organs of generation, with the perineal integument, scent-glands, scrotum, rectum, and anus of the zibet (*Viverra Zibetha*, Linn.). The testes are concealed in the scrotum, from which the spermatic chords may be seen ascending to the sides of the bladder, where the vasa deferentia quit the chords to pass to the base of the small prostate: there are no vesiculae seminales. The muscular part of the urethra is of great length: Cowper's glands are situated on each side of its termination: that on the left side is exposed immediately behind the left crus penis, which, in the preparation, has been detached from its bony connection. The penis is continued from the junction of the two crura forwards in front of the pubis to the small preputium, which is situated at the anterior part of the enlargement caused by the scent-glands: the glands penis, which has a pointed form, is bent downwards. The large orifices of the two lateral scent-glands are situated just within a longitudinal fissure bounded by two labia, which have been divaricated in the specimen, and a section has been removed from the right gland: the fissure is situated between the preputium and scrotum. No. 2515 is a preparation of the prostatic and muscular parts of the urethra, penis, scrotum, anus, and anal glands of a Viverrine quadruped. No. 2797 shows the female organs of a zibet. This preparation is suspended by the peritoneal capsules of the ovaria, which loosely surround those parts, but have been here reflected from them. The ovarian ligaments are seen passing upon the posterior parts of the cornua uteri; the fallopian tubes run in a tortuous direction along the anterior part of the ovarian capsules; they terminate, not at the apex, but by the side of the extremity of the uterine cornu, which forms a small cecum. The broad peritoneal and the round fibrous ligaments are attached to the outer side of the cornua uteri. The body of the uterus as well as the cornua are preserved entire: the vagina is laid open, showing its longitudinally wrinkled inner surface and its inflected course. The urinary bladder and rectum, the vulva and anus, the large intervening peritoneal glandular pouch, and the anal glands, are also severally here shown. No. 2798 exhibits the female organs, with the large intestine and urinary bladder, of a civet (*Viverra civetta*, Schreb.). The ovaria approach nearer to the globular form than usual. They are situated in shallow capsules, on one side of which the oviduct commences by a large elongated aperture. The cornua uteri are long, slender, compressed, straight canals. The corpus uteri is equally simple, but very short: the vagina is long. The urethro-sexual canal opens externally on a prominent vulva, above which there is a semilunar cutaneous depression, which receives the ducts of two large scent-glands: a section is removed from the right gland to show its follicular structure. A similar section has been removed from the anal gland, and bristles are inserted into the orifices of both these secreting organs. (Cat.)

Example, *Viverra civetta*.

Description.—Length of the elongated body from two to three feet; tail about half as long as the body. Height from ten inches to a foot. Hair of the body long, brownish-grey, with numerous interrupted transverse black bands or spots of the same colour. The hairs on the ridge or middle line of the back from between the shoulders are longer, and can be raised or depressed at the pleasure of the animal. Legs and most part of tail black; upper lip and sides of the neck almost white. Eyes surrounded each by a black patch. Two or three black bands pass from the base of the ears obliquely towards the shoulder and neck, which last has a broad black patch.

Locality.—North of Africa.

Habits, &c.—The civet approaches in its habits nearest to the foxes and smaller cats, preferring to make its predatory excursions against birds and smaller quadrupeds in the night, although, like these carnivora, it will occasionally attack its prey in the daylight.

In a state of captivity it becomes in a degree tame, but never familiar, and is dangerous to handle. The young

are fed on farinaceous food, millet-pap for instance, with a little flesh or fish; and, when old, on raw flesh. Many of them are kept in North Africa to obtain the perfume which bears the name of the animal, and brings a high price. The civet is procured by scraping the inside of the pouch with an iron spatula at intervals about twice a week. If the animal is in good condition and a male, especially if he has been irritated, a dram or thereabouts is obtained each time. The quantity collected from the female does not equal that secreted by the male. Civet, like most other articles of this nature, is much adulterated, and it is rare to get it quite pure. The adulteration is effected with suet or oil to make it heavier.

Among the 'Portraits de Quelques Animaux, poissons, serpents, herbes et arbres, hommes et femmes d'Arabie, Egypte, et Asie, observés par P. Belon du Mans' (1557) is one of 'La Civette, qu'on nommoit anciennement Hyæne,' with the following quatrain:—

'Voyant oser, en voy de la Civette
Le voy portait, qu'il n'est adouciement
Par son conseil le Mier, pour croquerent,
Odeur, qui plus a sentir en souvenant.'

The civet in the Tower, from which Mr. Bennett took his description and figure, never produced any civet there, although it was a male, and, when Mr. Bennett wrote, had been a year in that menagerie.



The Civet.

Dr. Horsfield, in his *Zoological Researches*, figures and describes two Javanese *Fiverra*, viz. *Fiverra Musanga*, var. *Javanica*, and *Fiverra rasse*.

Of the first, the *Luwak* of the Javanese, *Musang-hulan* of the Malays, he says, that it so nearly resembles the *Fiverra genetta* in size and colour that several authors have described it under that name. It also, he states, resembles the Genet in its manners and habits. 'If taken when young, it becomes patient and gentle during confinement, and receives readily animal and vegetable food. It requires little attention, and even contents itself with the scanty remains of the meals of the natives, with fish, eggs, rice, potatoes, &c., the structure of its teeth being particularly adapted to a vegetable diet. It prefers however delicate and pulpy fruits; but when pressed by hunger, also attacks fowls and birds. It is most abundant near the villages situated at the confines of large forests. It constructs a simple nest in the manner of squirrels, of dry leaves, grass, or small twigs, in the forks of large branches or in the hollows of trees. From these it sallies forth at night to visit the sheds and hen-roosts of the natives, in search of eggs, chickens, &c. Its rambles are also particularly directed to the gardens and plantations, where fruits of every description within its reach, and particularly pine-apples, suffer extremely from its depredations. The coffee-plantations in Java are greatly infested by the *Fiverra Musanga*; in some parts of the island it has on this account obtained the name of the coffee-rat. It devours the berries in large quantities, and its visits are soon discovered by parcels of seeds which it discharges unchanged. It selects only the ripest and most perfect fruits, and the seeds are eagerly collected by the natives, as the coffee is thus obtained without the tedious process of removing its membranaceous arillus. The injurious effects occasioned by the ravages of the *Luwak* in the coffee-plantations are however fully counterbalanced by its propagating the plant in various parts of the forests, and particularly on the declivities of the fertile hills: these spontaneous groves of a valuable fruit in various parts of the western districts of Java afford to the natives no inconsiderable

harvest, while the accidental discovery of them surprises and delights the traveller in the most sequestered parts of the island.' (*Zoological Researches in Java*.)

Fiverra rasse, and *Fiverra zibetha*.

Description of Fiverra rasse.—Hair stiff, considerably long, with a downy appendage at the base. General colour tawny-grey, variegated with dark brown lines and spots. Eight dark lines extend longitudinally from the shoulders to the root of the tail. Intermediate lines continued and regular, exterior lines slightly interrupted and the brown of them varied with lighter shades of tawny. Sides marked with several interrupted lines which appear also on the shoulders and thighs. Head above and upper parts of the neck banded alternately with tawny and brown. A black spot on the anterior canthus of the eye and at the base of the ear; extremity of the auricle grey externally, its internal surface furnished with several small tufts of whitish hairs. Lips, cheeks, and under side of the neck lighter, greyish slightly diversified with tawny. A longitudinal line from the ears along the sides of the neck towards the shoulders. Several transverse bands on the anterior part of the neck: two of these mark the neck with a figure resembling the letter Y. Lower part of the extremities, breast, and inner side of the thighs saturated blackish brown with an obscure reddish lustre. Abdomen beneath blackish grey with a tawny hue. Tail with eight blackish rings, the intermediate rings grey, the colour becoming gradually more diluted and whitish towards the extremity. The tawny predominates generally over the grey in the young, in which the lines and bands are obscurely marked. Entire length from end of muzzle to root of tail one foot eleven inches: tail twelve inches.

This is the *Rasse* of the Javanese, who term the odorous secretion *dedes* or *jibel*.

Dr. Horsfield, from whose work we have drawn this description, says that a very perfect specimen of the *Fiverra zibetha*, the *Tunggaling* of the Malays, forwarded from Sumatra by Sir Stamford Raffles, afforded the means of showing more distinctly the peculiarities of the *Rasse* by a careful comparison. The *Tunggaling* was two feet six inches long, and the tail eleven inches. The proportions of the parts of the body in the two animals were very different. *Fiverra zibetha* is comparatively stout, the neck short and thick, and the breast full and distended. The head is regularly attenuated and wedge-shaped in the *Rasse*: in the *Tunggaling* it is swelled, rounded, and bulging before the ears; then contracted very abruptly to a short muzzle. The ears are ten lines distant in the *Rasse* and two inches in the *Zibetha*, which gives a very different physiognomy to the two animals. The tail is nearly cylindrical in the *Tunggaling*; in the *Rasse* it is regularly attenuated to a point. The fur of the two quadrupeds is very different: rigid, coarse, and rather senty in the *Rasse*; close, soft, and with much down at the base in the *Tunggaling*, its thickness giving a peculiarity to the tail of the latter. *Fiverra zibetha* has a single black line of considerable breadth in the highest part of the back, bounded on each side by a white line; exterior to this is an interrupted line of a dark colour, and the rest of the back and sides is covered with smaller spots so disposed as to give the appearance of transverse undulation to those parts. In the *Rasse* eight regular parallel lines are clearly marked. There is no difference between the two animals in the upper parts of the head and neck; but the marks on the lateral and anterior parts of the neck are very dark in the *Zibet*, while they are faint and indistinct in the *Rasse*, around whose tail the rings are strongly marked, whilst in the *Zibet* they are irregularly defined, and scarcely perceptible on the under side.

Dr. Horsfield states that the name *Rasse*, like many other Javanese names, is derived from the Sanscrit; it is, as employed by the Javanese, a modification of *Rasa*, and is applied to the *Fiverra* as producing an odorous substance. In the original, Dr. Horsfield observes, *Rasa* has various significations, of which flavour or taste appears to be the primary meaning; the others, he adds, relate chiefly to the senses, or to emotions arising from them: fluids or juices are comprised among its meanings, and many applications of the word *Rasa* and its compounds, to odorous substances, perfumes, &c., might, he tells us, be adduced.

The specific names *Civetta* and *Zibetha* are derived from the Arabic.

'The *Picerra Rasse*,' says Dr. Horsfield in continuation, 'supplies in Java the place which the *Picerra civetta* holds in Africa, and the *Picerra zibetha* on the Asiatic continent from Arabia to Malabar, and in the large islands of the Indian Archipelago. I have endeavoured to show that, by its form and marks, it is essentially distinct from the *Picerra zibetha*; and it differs as much in its natural disposition as in external characters. The *Picerra zibetha* is an animal comparatively of a mild disposition; it is often found among the Arabs and Malays which inhabit the maritime parts of Borneo, Maenssar, and other islands, in a state of partial domestication, and, by the account of the natives, becomes reconciled to its confinement, and in habits and degree of tameness resembles the common domestic cat. The *Rasse*, on the contrary, preserves in confinement the natural ferocity of its disposition undiminished. As the perfume is greatly valued by the natives, it is frequently kept in cages; but, as far as I have observed, must always be obtained for this purpose from a wild state, never propagating in a state of confinement.'

'The *Rasse* is not unfrequently found in Java, in forests of a moderate elevation above the level of the ocean. Here it preys on small birds and animals of every description. It possesses the sanguinary appetite of animals of this family in a high degree, and the structure of its teeth corresponds strictly with the habits and modes of life. In confinement it will devour a mixed diet, and is fed on eggs, fish, flesh, and rice. Salt is reported by the natives to be a poison to it. The odoriferous substance is collected periodically; the animal is placed in a narrow cage, in which the head and anterior extremities are confined; the posterior parts are then easily secured, while the civet is removed by a simple spatula.'

The substance obtained from the *Rasse* agrees with the civet afforded by the *Picerra civetta* and *zibetha* in colour, consistence, and odour. It is a very favourite perfume among the Javaneese, and applied both to their dresses, and by means of various unguents and mixtures of flowers, to their persons. Even the apartments and the furniture of the natives of rank are generally scented with it to such a degree as to be offensive to Europeans; and at their feasts and public processions the air is widely filled with this odour.' (*Zoological Researches*.)



Genetta, Cuv.

Subgeneric Character.—Odoriferous pouches reduced to a slight depression formed by the projection of the glands, and without any perceptible excretion, although the odour is manifest. The pupil has a vertical slit, and the claws are entirely retractile, as in the Cats.

Example, *Genetta vulgaris*, the Common Genet, *Picerra genetta*, Linn.

Description.—Grey, spotted with small black or brown patches, which are sometimes round and sometimes oblong; the tail, which is as long as the body, is ringed with black and white, the black rings being to the number of nine or eleven. There are white spots on the eyebrow, the cheek, and on each side of the end of the nose.

Geographical Distribution.—Cuvier states that this species is found from the south of France to the Cape of

Good Hope, and says that it differs in the size and number of the patches, the bands along the shoulder and neck, the lines on the nape, &c.

Locality, Habits, &c.—The Genet loves lowlands, particularly the banks of rivers and the neighbourhood of springs. In Constantinople it is domesticated, and kept in the houses, where it is said to catch mice as well as a cat.

Belon, in the work above cited, gives a very fair cut of it, with the following quatrain:—

'Bon que le seul saut sauvage beste,
Ce moutonnet on se dit m'apprivoiser,
Et de saut, comme d'un chat saut,
En sa maison domestique Genette.'



The Genet.

Paradoxurus. (F. Cuv.)

Generic Character, generally, that of the Civets and Genets. Tail capable of being rolled from above downwards to its base, but not prehensile. Toes five, nearly palmated; sole of the foot tuberculous, applied throughout its surface to the ground; claws semi-retractile. Eyes with the pupil slit longitudinally. No pouch.

Dental formula:—Incisors, $\frac{6}{6}$; canines, $\frac{1-1}{1-1}$; molars $\frac{6-6}{6-6}$.

Example, *Paradoxurus typus*.



Paradoxurus typus. (F. Cuv.)

The *Paradoxurus* was confounded by Buffon with the Common Genet, a confusion which M. F. Cuvier dissipated: in form and habits, indeed, it does not differ much, and the toes and claws closely agree in number and retractility. The secretory pouch is absent. The tail is very peculiar: as long as the body, and depressed, not to say flattened, above and below; the extreme or more distant half is, when extended, turned over, so that the lower side is uppermost, and the animal can roll it up spirally from above, downwards, and from the extremity to the base.

Description.—Greyish-black, tinged with yellow, the

colour varying in different lights. One broad dorsal and two or three lateral narrower indistinct black lines. Lower jaw, legs, and tail, for the most part, black. Above and below each eye a whitish spot. Length, including the tail, upwards of three feet.

This is *La Martre des palmiers* of the French at Pondicherry.

Geographical Distribution and Habits.—The large islands of Asia. Its natural habits do not seem to be well known. Those that have been kept in captivity have manifested anything but a sociable disposition, receiving all attentions with peevish irritation or sullen insensibility.

Mangusta, Olivier.

(Ichneumon, Lacép. Herpestes, III.)

Under the title *Ichneumon* a general sketch of the genus and a particular one of the Egyptian *Ichneumon* will be found. Dr. Horsfield has given a very interesting account of the

Mangusta Javanica.

Description.—Ear bearing considerable resemblance to that of man. Pouch very extensive. Hair long on the body and tail, but short on the head and extremities, rigid and glossy. Length, including the tail, about two feet and a half.

Dr. Horsfield states that the Javanese *Mangusta* is chiefly distinguished from the other Indian species, and particularly from the *Mangouste de Malacca* of M. F. Cuvier, by its darker colour. A ground of deep brown, passing with obscure undulations into black, is variegated with very numerous short longitudinal lines of a tawny colour. The upper parts of the back are more intensely coloured; the under parts scarcely perceptibly lighter.

Habits, &c.—Rumphius gives a curious account of this species, which is the *Gorongan* of the natives, who greatly admire its agility. It attacks and kills serpents with the greatest boldness; and Rumphius speaks of its value in performing this service and its method of encountering those reptiles. The Javanese nobles, he says, pay a considerable price for it, that they may amuse themselves with the sport of these fights. When the two enemies are opposed to each other, the serpent endeavours to twine round the quadruped and kill it. The latter submits to this, but inflates itself to turgescence; and when the serpent enfolds it and advances its head to give the deadly bite, the *Mangouste* contracts his body, slips out of the folds, seizes the serpent by the neck and kills it. The mode of attack of the *Gorongan* was stated to Dr. Horsfield by the natives precisely as it is related by Rumphius; but the doctor adds that the story regarding the antidote which is afforded by the *Ophioryzum serpentinum* to an animal which may have been wounded in the combat, was not reported to him; and he adds that it is one of those stories which, being founded on superficial observation, has too readily been credited and copied from one writer to another.



Mangusta Javanica. (Horsf.)

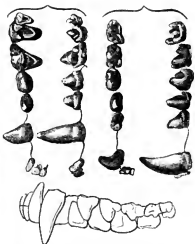
Dr. Horsfield states that the *Mangusta Javanica* is found most abundant in the large teak-forests, and that it is very expert in burrowing in the ground in pursuit of rats. 'It possesses,' says our author in continuation, 'great natural sagacity; and from the peculiarities of its character, it willingly seeks the protection of man. It is readily tamed, and in a domestic state it is docile and attached to its master, whom it follows like a dog; it is

fond of caresses, and frequently places itself erect on its hind-legs, regarding everything that passes with great attention. It is of a very restless disposition, and always carries its food to the most retired place in which it is kept to consume it. It is very cleanly in its habits. It is exclusively carnivorous, and very destructive to poultry, employing great artifice in the surprising of chickens. For this reason it is rarely found in a domestic state among the natives, as one of their principal articles of food is the common fowl, and great quantities are reared in all the villages. The Javanese also, like the Mohammedans in general, have a great partiality for cats, and they are unwilling in most cases to be deprived of their society for the purpose of introducing the *Gorongan*. It has also been observed that its sanguinary character shows itself occasionally in a manner that renders it dangerous in a family as a domestic animal, and it indulges at intervals in fits of excessive violence.'

Ryzoma, III.

Generic Character.—Feet rather long; toes four, armed with robust but not retractile claws proper for burrowing. Tongue furnished with horny papillae. Ears small. Pouch leading into the anus. Tail long, slender, and pointed.

Dental formula:—incisors $\frac{6}{6}$; canines, $\frac{1-1}{1-1}$; molars, $\frac{5-5}{5-5} = 36$.



Teeth of *Ryzoma*. (F. Cuv.)

This genus resembles the *Ichneumon* in the tinting and stripes of the coat; but the legs are longer and there are only four toes on each foot. The dentition too differs, for they are without the small molar immediately behind the canine.

Example, *Ryzoma capensis*.

Description.—Length about four feet, including the tail. Fur a mixture of brown, white, yellowish, and black. The colour of the hair is brown at the bottom, black near the tips, and hoary at the points: those on the back undulated: inside of the legs yellowish-brown: tail tufted with black.

This is *The Suricate, *Fisura tetradactyle*, Gm.*

Geographical Distribution.—Africa, Cape of Good Hope. Cuvier remarks that the *Zenisk* of Sonnerat's second voyage does not appear to differ from the *Suricate*, except that it is coarsely designed. Pennant says that it is also found in Java, where the Javanese style it *Jupe*, and the Dutch *Suracatie*.

Habits, &c.—At the Cape, Pennant states that this species is called *Meer-rat*. In habits and manner it is said to resemble the *Mangouste*, and its urine is very fetid. It feeds on flesh, preys on mice, and is a great

enemy to *Blatta*. Pennant says that it makes a grunting noise, is much in motion, sits quite erect, dropping its fore legs on its breast, moving its head with great ease, as if on a pivot, and appearing as if it listened, or had just spied something new. When pleased, he adds, it makes a rattling noise with its tail, for which reason the Dutch at the Cape call it *Klopper-mous*. (Pallas, *Miscell. Zool.*)



The Suricate.

Crossarchus, F. Cuv.

Cuvier remarks that the *Mongoose* (*Crossarchus*) have the muzzle, the teeth, the pouch, and the walk of the *Suricates*, but the toes and genitals of the *Mangoustes* or *Ichneumons*.

M. Lesson observes, that the animal which serves as the type of this genus ought to be placed between the *Mongoose* and the *Suricates*, although its walk is plantigrade, because it has the general physiognomy of both genera.

Generic Character.—Head more rounded than that of the *Ichneumons*, and the muzzle larger. The pupil round. The muzzle moveable. The ears small, round, and bilobate. The tongue smooth on its edges, but papillose and horny at the centre. The tail flattened. Five toes on each foot. Pouch secreting an unctuous fetid matter.

Example, *Crossarchus obscurus*.

Description.—Length nearly two feet, including the tail, which is about eight inches. Fur consisting of two kinds of hair; the external rather harsh and of a uniform brown, a little brighter on the head, cheeks pale.

Locality.—Coast of Africa. Sierra Leone.

Habits, &c.—Resembling much those of the *Mangoustes*. It feeds on flesh, and is cleanly and well behaved in confinement.



Crossarchus obscurus.

Cryptoprocta, Bennett.

Mr. Bennett observes that this genus belongs to the *Pierridae*, having the prickly tongue, the two tubercular molar teeth in the upper jaw, and the other characters by which the *Civets* are distinguished from the *Cats* on the one side, and from the *Dogs* on the other. It approaches,

he remarks, more nearly than most of the other forms of this family to the *Felidae*, having the claws on both feet truly retractile, and furnished with the retractile ligaments; those of the anterior limbs being also acute, both at their points and edges. In these respects, he allows that it agrees with *Paradoxurus*; as it does also in the nakedness of the soles of the feet, and in the union of the toes almost to their extremities by an interdigital membrane; but it differs from that genus by its short, smooth, and adpressed fur, by the uniformly haired coat of its slender cylindrical tail, the equal covering of which on all its surfaces appears to indicate that it is not capable of being curled in the manner so remarkable in the *Paradoxure*, and especially by the possession of a pouch.

Example, *Cryptoprocta ferax*.

Description.—Body slender, limbs robust and of moderate length; head narrow and slightly elongated; glabular muzzle small; nostrils with a deep lateral sinus; whiskers numerous and stiff, the longest exceeding the head in length; eyes rather small, placed above the angle of the mouth, the opening of which is not much prolonged backwards; ears unusually large, rounded, with a fold on the posterior margin and one or two sinuosities within, hairy both within and without, except in the auditory passage; neck slender; anterior limbs somewhat shorter than the posterior; tail (which appeared to be mutilated at the extremity) as long as the body, reaching, when retroverted, to between the ears, cylindrical, and uniformly hairy; soles of anterior feet naked to the whole extent of the *carpus*; of the posterior, nearly to the heel: claws retractile, five on each foot; on the anterior, sharp-pointed and edged, compressed, curved, short, and cat-like; on the posterior, rather larger, compressed, less curved, and obtuse. The toes united nearly to the tips; on the fore-feet the middle the longest; those on each side scarcely shorter and nearly equal to each other; innermost and outermost also nearly equal to each other, but still shorter than the adjoining ones: on the posterior feet, third and fourth toes nearly equal and rather longer than the second and fifth, thumb considerably shorter.

Colour of the whole upper and outer surfaces inclining to light brownish red, from a mixture of brown and straw-colour, in rings of greater or less extent on each hair; below and internally less deep, the individual hairs being more uniform in colour. Hairs short, smooth, soft to the touch, slightly crisped. Whiskers black at the base, somewhat lighter at the tips. Length from tip of nose to root of tail 13½ inches, of tail 11½ inches, but this organ was probably not entire. (Bennett.)

Mr. Bennett observes that this animal approaches the *Cats* in its internal anatomy as well as its external characters.

The teeth were of the deciduous class only, and consequently, as Mr. Bennett remarks, could not furnish permanent characters. They consisted, in the upper jaw, of six closely-set incisors, of which the four intermediate were small, with their crowns a little flattened, and somewhat impressed transversely: the outer incisors were much larger than the intermediate, and had on their external surface somewhat the appearance of canines, and they had an internal process against which the crowns of the corresponding teeth closed. The canines were distant from the incisors, and projected from the jaw about twice the length of the outer incisors: they were curved backwards. Close to the canine on each side were two false molars; the first nearly cylindrical, with a slight process on the outer and posterior part of the crown; the second with a slender lengthened crown and two roots. A space, equal in length to the second molar, intervened between it and the third, which was large, and composed of three sharp longitudinally-disposed tubercles; the anterior having a small process behind; the second, twice the length of the preceding one, was simple, and directed somewhat backwards; the third formed a long transverse ridge: the middle tubercle was, at its base, somewhat lengthened inwards, but was without process or spur in that direction. The fourth molar adjoining the third was irregularly triangular; its outer and broadest portion was flat, the inner was much smaller, and was considerably lower in the crown than the outer. Behind this was a closed cavity in the jaw, containing the rudiment of a fifth, or second tubercular molar tooth. In the lower jaw six incisors were nearly of equal size, the outer one on each side being

acute at its top. The canine adjoined the external incisor, was more than twice its length, strong and broad at the base, narrower upwards, and curved somewhat backwards. Two false molars succeeded, placed close to each other, similar to those of the upper jaw, and separated by a small interval from the canine anteriorly and the third molar posteriorly. The third molar had four acute tubercles succeeding each other longitudinally; the first was small and short, ranging scarcely higher than the second false molar; the second much stronger and twice the length of the first; the third corresponding nearly with the first and separated by a notch from the fourth, which was smaller and much lower. The fourth molar had also four sharp tubercles, of which the first two were strong and cutting, the second being the largest, and having behind it, and somewhat internally, the third, which was small and acute; the fourth resembled the fourth tubercle of the third molar. An enlargement of the bone behind this tooth showed that the pulp of a fifth molar was inclosed within the jaw.

Locality, Hobbit, &c.—Mr. Telfair, President of the Mauritius Natural History Society, who presented the animal to the Zoological Society of London, received it from the interior and southern part of Madagascar, and stated that it was the most savage creature of its size he ever met with: its motions and power and activity were those of a tiger, and it had the same appetite for blood and destruction of animal life. Its muscular force was very great, and the muscles of the limbs were remarkably full and thick. It lived with Mr. Telfair for some months.

Mr. Bennett, in conclusion, remarks that it is not impossible that this species may be identical with the animal described and figured by M. F. Cuvier in the 'Mémoires du Muséum d'Histoire Naturelle' (tom. ix., p. 46, tab. 4, fig. inf.), as a species of *Paradoxurus*, with the trivial name of *aureus*: the anal pouch which distinguishes it from *Paradoxurus* having, perhaps, Mr. Bennett observes, been overlooked by that distinguished zoologist. The colour, form, and proportions, he adds, appear to be the same. M. F. Cuvier's specimen was young, but not so young as that from which Mr. Bennett's description was taken: the country from which it was brought was not recorded. (*Zool. Trans.*)



Crypsomys ferus.

Here we shall notice the genus
Nasua, Storr.

Generic Character.—Feet pentadactyle, furnished with sharp claws. Tail long, pointed, not prehensile. Nose very much elongated, and very moveable. No anal follicles. Six ventral teats.

Dental Formula:—incisors, $\frac{6}{6}$; canines, $\frac{1+1}{1-1}$; molars, $\frac{6-6}{6-6}$ = 40.

A cut of this dentition, stated by M. F. Cuvier to be

common to the Raccoons and Coatis, will be found in the article *USNAR*, vol. xxvi., p. 57.

Mr. Bennett observes that the Coatis are essentially distinguished from the Bears by the general form of the body, which in some measure approaches that of the Viverrine group; by their physiognomy, which is altogether peculiar; and by their elongated tail, which is nearly equal in length to their body. From the Raccoons they differ in their generally lengthened form, and especially in their produced and flexible snout. Their size nearly equals that of the common fox.

Geographical Distribution of the Genus and Hobbit.—South America, where they inhabit the woods, feeding principally on fruits, insects, and reptiles. They are easily tamed to a certain point, but do not become particularly attached.

No less than three species have been described. Two only however are generally admitted, and, even with regard to these, doubts exist whether they are more than varieties.

Description.—*Male.*—Length 3 feet 7 inches; tail 20½ inches. Muzzle trumpet-shaped and slightly moveable in all directions; the nostrils placed at its extremity; their opening vertical; on their external sides a deep incision. A small whitish spot below the eye, another behind it, a third of the same colour originating at the back part of the eye, turns and descends from the upper part of the muzzle to its middle. The remaining part of the upper half of the muzzle is black, and this colour appears in the white spot upon the inner angle of the eye. Lower lip black, parts beneath the jaw white, which prevails on half the upper lip at the corner of the mouth. The white continues from this corner to beneath the ear, passing into yellowish, and so it does beneath the throat. Hairs of the under part of the body dark at the tips and tarnished orange on the remaining parts. Forehead yellowish-white, like the rest of the hair of the body and sides, but dark at the tips. Tail ringed with dark and white. Feet black, as well as the ear, except its white edges and interior. Hairs of the tail longest and most erect. Individuals vary in colour, some having the hairs of the throat and of the upper parts white with black tips, the forehead and all the upper parts and sides whitish, also tipped with black; the feet very black, and also the hairs internally.

Female.—Of the same colour as the male, but five inches shorter; individuals varying in like manner.

According to D'Azara, Coatis or Coatimondi are the names given by the Guaranes to this animal.

Locality.—The same author states that the Coatis are only met with in the woods of Paraguay and as far as the river La Plata.

Habits.—D'Azara observes that the Coatimondi is solitary, or goes in pairs and small bands; that is, two or three females with their young are in the habit of congregating. He says that it climbs more expertly than a monkey without using its tail, and relates that it is said of these animals that a troop of them will drop to the ground from high trees when the latter are struck with a hatchet or stake. He adds that the habits of the fox are attributed to the Coati, but the elongated muzzle, in his opinion, renders it unfitted for preying upon animals generally; and he thinks that it can at the utmost only surprise birds on the nest, and devour their eggs and young.

To a domesticated one this observing Spanish zoologist brought mice, and it did not notice them; but he saw it catch some passing chickens and kill them, contenting itself however with only eating a small portion of the flesh near the collar-bone. No doubt remained on his mind that it feeds chiefly on fruits and insects, and only occasionally hunts birds. In continuation, he says that the Coatis are easily reared about houses, but are always secured, for they run about as if suffered to be at large, upsetting and breaking whatever comes in their way. Untractable, it is not to be controlled even by blows. It will indeed amuse itself, and give signs of pleasure when scratched, but attachment, or even preference, he says, seems unknown to it. Its food in a state of domestication is bread, sugar-cane, flesh raw or cooked, fruits; in short it is omnivorous. In the act of feeding, it places its forepaws upon the food, and holding it steadily with its left paw, hollows or tears it out with its right: the fragments so procured it devours without conveying them to the mouth with its paws. On the approach of a man or a dog it snaps up the food and removes it as far as its chain will

permit. It drinks often and laps more rapidly than a dog, turning the while its long muzzle upwards to avoid wetting it. The day is passed in pacing to and fro as far as its chain will allow, stopping in its walk only to eat or drink. When it turns it does not perform that evolution like a dog and most other animals, but raising its fore-paws turns upon its hind legs as upon a pivot. D'Azara had seen it playing with cats and young dogs, and sleeping in the embrace of one of the latter. The whole night was passed in repose, but it seldom slept during the day. It rubbed itself with the muzzle, scratched itself with the fore-paws and hind-feet; rested on its heels and uttered a shrill bird-like cry when pressed by hunger or annoyance. From dogs the Conti defends itself with its two-edged canines, sometimes inflicting mortal wounds. D'Azara saw a domesticated individual with a tumour on its abdomen, which did not appear to occasion inconvenience to the animal: when this tumour was ripe, the animal extracted the matter through a hole which it scratched. For six days the wound remained open without apparently affecting the animal, for it fed and moved about as if it had been in complete health; but on the seventh day, in the morning, the Conti began again to scratch till it broke open the abdomen. The animal continued to tear out its intestines as long as life remained.



The Borneo Conti (*Noma sarica*)

FOSSIL VIVERRINÆ.

Fossil forms belonging to this family have been found in the tertiary series, occurring in the bone caverns and bone breccias, the gypsum of Montmartre, &c. From the latter locality comes *Viverra Parisiensis* (*Genetta*, Cuv.). Specimens have also been collected in Bengal and Australia.

VIVES, JOHN LOUIS, commonly called *Ladovices* Vives, was born at Valencia in Spain, in March, 1492. He received his early education in his native country, and went to the University of Paris to study dialectic. He afterwards went to the University of Louvain, and there devoted himself to the study of the ancient languages, and ultimately became professor of humanity or the Latin language at Louvain. He had, at Paris, been a zealous disciple of the scholastic philosophy, but he had now become disgusted with it, and, in 1519, he published a book against the schoolmen, entitled '*Liber in Pseudo-Dialecticis*.' At Louvain Vives formed an intimate friendship with Erasmus and Budæus. He undertook to edit, for the series of works of the Fathers set on foot by Erasmus, Agustinus '*De Civitate Dei*,' and this edition was published in 1522, and dedicated to Henry VIII., king of England. Henry very soon after invited Vives to England, and gave him the charge of the education of the princess Mary. For the benefit of his royal pupil Vives wrote two little

essays on education, published under the title '*De Ratione Studii Puerilis Epistolarum Dux*.' Vives resided, while he was in England, principally at Oxford, was admitted in that university to the degree of doctor of laws, and read lectures on law and humanity. Henry VIII. went with his queen to Oxford, in order to be present at some of his lectures. Vives however soon lost the favour of the king by making open opposition to the divorce of Catherine of Aragon; he was put into prison by the king's order, and remained imprisoned for six months. When released, he left England, and went to visit his native country. He soon went from thence again into the Netherlands, and settled at Bruges, where he married, and devoted himself assiduously to study. The greatest number of his works were composed between his taking up his residence at Bruges and his death. He died on the 6th of May, 1540, at the age of 48.

Vives has a distinguished place among the philosophers who, towards the close of the sixteenth century, undermined the hitherto supreme influence of the schoolmen and gave an impulse to the study of classical literature. He is spoken of as having been one of a triumvirate in the republic of letters, of which Erasmus and Budæus are the two other members, all three being equally distinguished for learning, while Erasmus had the pre-eminence in eloquence, Budæus in wit, and Vives in soundness of judgment. The works of Vives are very numerous, and comprehend a wide range of subjects, philology, mental and moral philosophy, and divinity. Those which are best known are—'*De Causis Corruptarum Artium*,' '*De Initio Sectis et Laudibus Philosophorum*,' '*De Veritate Fidei Christianæ*,' and '*De Anima et Vita*.' A complete edition of his works was published at Basle, in 2 vols. fol., in 1556, and another at Valencia, his birthplace, in 1782. A list of his works may be found in Nicéron, '*Mémoires pour servir*,' &c., tom. xxi., p. 172.

VIVIANI, VINCENTIO, a learned mathematician of Italy, who was born of a noble family at Florence, on the 5th of April, 1622: he received in that city a good general education, but having a decided inclination for mathematical researches, he applied himself diligently to the study of the outland geometry in the works of Euclid and Pappus, and he is said to have acquired a complete knowledge of the four first books of Euclid's '*Elements*' without the assistance of a teacher.

In the seventeenth year of his age, Viviani became a pupil of Galilei, who was living in retirement at Arcetri, and who, though then blind and infirm, rendered him a proficient in the higher branches of mathematical science. After the death of that distinguished philosopher he continued during several years to prosecute his studies under the direction of Torricelli, who had previously been his fellow-pupil, and for whom, as well as for Galilei, he expressed to the end of his life the highest esteem and gratitude.

Before he was twenty-four years of age he formed the project of restoring the lost treatise of Aristarchus entitled, in Latin, '*De Locis Solis*,' and he actually began the work: other occupations however prevented him for a long time from proceeding with it, and it was not completed till near the end of his life, though a first edition was published in 1673, at Florence. The treatise of the Greek geometer, who was nearly contemporary with Euclid, consisted of five books, and contained the demonstrations of certain properties of the conic sections; but nothing remains of it except the enunciations of the propositions, which have been preserved in the '*Mathematical Collections*' of Pappus.

The work '*De Locis*' being suspended, Viviani employed some of the leisure which his duties in the service of the grand-duke of Tuscany afforded, in the attempt to restore the fifth book of Apollonius of Perga on the conic sections, which, with the three remaining books of that writer, was then supposed to be lost. It was well known that the subject of that fifth book was the determination of the longest and shortest right lines in the conic sections; and Viviani had already made great progress in the work when, in 1656, Borelli discovered, among the MSS. in the Laurentian Library at Florence, a translation in Arabic of the conics of Apollonius, with a Latin inscription denoting that it contained the eight books of the treatise; the last book was however wanting. Having obtained permission, he carried the manuscript to Rome, and caused it to be

translated into Latin by a learned Syrian named Abrahamus Eberhellenis: this translation was published in 1659, and Viviani, who had not then completed his work, apprehending that his labours might become fruitless, obtained a certificate to the effect that he had not been aware of the existence of the manuscript, and that he was unacquainted with the Arabic language. His 'Restoration' was published in the same year, under the title 'De Maximis et Minimis Geometria Divinatio in quatuor Conclorum Apollonii Pergaei adhuc desideratum,' fol., Florence; and when the work was compared with the translation, it was acknowledged that Viviani had pursued the subject beyond the point to which it had been carried by Apollonius himself.

From this circumstance Viviani immediately attracted the particular notice of his prince, and acquired a high reputation among the mathematicians of Europe. In 1672 the grand-duke Ferdinand gave him the title of chief engineer, and appointed him to proceed to the frontier of the Papal States for the purpose of consulting with Cassini, who was sent from Rome to meet him, concerning the navigation of the Chiavari and the means of preventing the inundations of the Tiber. The measures proposed by the two mathematicians were not put in execution by the governments, but Viviani availed himself of the opportunity which his connection with Cassini afforded to join the latter in making astronomical observations, and even of carrying on some researches in natural history. In 1664, at the request of M. Chapelain, Colbert recommended Viviani to the king of France, Louis XIV., who assigned him a pension, and five years afterwards appointed him one of the foreign associates in the Académie Royale des Sciences. In 1666 he became a member of the Accademia del Cimento at Florence, and in 1696 he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of London.

About the year 1666 Viviani commenced a tract on the resistance of solid bodies against the strains to which they are subject, but his numerous occupations preventing him from immediately completing it, he was anticipated by Marchetti, who, in 1669, published a work on the same subject. As in this work the right of Galilei to the discovery of the law of the resistance was denied, Viviani took advantage of the delay to introduce into his tract a defence of his friend and preceptor; and in every respect his work appears to have been far superior to that of his opponent.

In 1674 he published a work entitled 'Quinto Libro degli Elementi d'Euclide, ovvero la Scienza Universale delle Proporzioni spiegata colla Dottrina di Galilei,' to which he joined a tract designated 'Diporto Geometrico' (geometrical amusements), the latter consisting of the solutions, in the spirit of the ancient geometry, of twelve problems which had been anonymously proposed; and some propositions of a like kind, which were proposed by Comiers having been sent to him, he published, in 1677, solutions of them in a work entitled 'Enodatio Problematum universis Propositorum à Claudio Comiers; præmissis tentamentis veris ad solutionem illustris veterum problematis de anguli trisectione.' This work is dedicated to the memory of his friend Chapelain; and in the preface he expresses a distrust for such challenges, observing that the problems are enigmas which are seldom proposed except by persons who have previously discovered their solutions; yet fifteen years afterwards he proposed as a challenge to the mathematicians of Europe a problem whose enunciation was fancifully stated in the following manner:—'Among the ancient monuments of Greece there is a temple dedicated to geometry; its plan is circular, and it is covered by a hemispherical dome, in which are four equal apertures of such magnitude that the remainder of the superficies is accurately quadrable: it is required to determine the magnitude and the positions of the apertures.' The challenge appeared in the 'Acta Eruditorum,' under a designation which is an anagram of the words 'A postremo Galilei Discipulo,' a title of which Viviani appears to have been always proud. Solutions were almost immediately given, by the aid of the infinitesimal calculus, by Leibnitz and James Bernoulli in Germany, by the Marquis de l'Hôpital in France, and by Wallis and David Gregory in England: the solution given by Viviani himself is very simple, and it was published by him, but without a demonstration, in a small work entitled 'Formazione e Misura di tutti i Cieli, con la Struttura e

Quadratura esatta d'un nuovo Cielo ammirabile,' 4to., Florence, 1692.

In 1701 he published, at Florence, a second and enlarged edition of his restitution of Aristotle, under the title 'De Locis Solidis Secunda Divinatio Geometrica in Quinquo Libris amissos Aristoteli Senioris, Opus Comicum, continens Elementa Tractatum ejusdem Viviani, quibus tunc ipse multa in Mathesi Theorematum demonstrare cogitaverat.' The work is dedicated to Louis XIV., and the author avails himself of the occasion to express his gratitude to his preceptor Galilei. The subject is treated with great elegance and simplicity, and according to the methods of the ancient geometers; it must be admitted however that the difficulty of the work would have been much diminished by the employment of the modern analysis.

Viviani was solicited by Casimir, king of Poland, to reside in that country; but from attachment to his native land, he declined the request, as he did the offer of Louis XIV. to make him his first astronomer. He built for himself, at Florence, a mansion, on the front of which he inscribed the words, 'Ædes à Deo datæ'; and from respect to the memory of Galilei, he adorned the entrance with the bust of that philosopher. He died Sept. 22, 1703, in the 82nd year of his age, leaving behind him the character of having been a man of simple manners and a faithful friend.

(*Eloge de Viviani*, by Fontenelle, in the 'Histoire de l'Académie des Sciences,' tom 1703.)

VIVIANITE. [Iron.]

VIVIERES. [Vivarian.]

VIZAGAPATAM. [CASCARA, NORTHERN.]

VIZIR, or VEZIR, is the name of the ministers of the sultan of the Turkish empire, and is also given as a title of honour to several other high functionaries, civil as well as military. The word is of Arabic origin, and means literally 'the bearer of a burden'; as 'vazir' designates 'the action of bearing or carrying a burden.' Some write 'vazir,' or 'vazir'; but this is not correct. From 'vazir,' a substantive which expresses the action of supporting a prince in the administration of his empire, is formed 'vazirel,' the dignity or function of a vizir, which we generally call 'vizir.' There are two plurals of vizir, the Turkish plural 'vizirler,' which is the common, and the Arabic plural 'vazirah,' which occurs in imperial decrees, as, for instance, in 'vazirah izami zevil-lifitrah,' 'the illustrious grand vizirs.' The post of a prime minister, who directs state affairs when the sovereign either will not or is prevented from doing it, is a very ancient institution in the East; and the lieutenant of a king was called vizir by the Arabs long before this title was adopted by the Turks-Osmanlis. The first Turkish vizir was the celebrated 'Ali-ed-dio, the son of Osman, founder of the Turkish empire, who was appointed to the post of prime minister by his brother, Sultan Urkhan, in A.H. 725 (A.D. 1325). At first there was only one vizir. But Timur-Tash (Ironstone), a general of Murad I., having gained a great victory over the Turks-Seljuks of Caramania in A.H. 788 (A.D. 1386), his master gave him the title of vizir, and the then vizir, 'Ali Pasha, was created 'vizir-azim,' that is, the great or illustrious vizir. From this time the number of vizirs was gradually augmented: Mohammed II. had seven; Murad III., six; Murad IV., nine; but from the time of Ahmed III. there were only seven vizirs who were real ministers. These vizirs are called vizirs of the cupola, and they form the divan of the grand vizir. The title of vizir is likewise given to the Beyler-Bey, or governors, of Rumelia, Anatolia, Damascus, and Cairo, to the four high judges, the grand equerry, the sirdar, or field-marshal, the chief master of the forests, and to several other high functionaries; and in former times it was given to the silhdar, or armbearer of the sultan, and to the agha of the janissaries, two dignities which are now abolished. Sometimes also this title is conferred upon governors of sanjaks, as was the case with the famous 'Ali Pasha of Janina, after his victories over the French in 1798. The insignia of a vizir are a splendid dress of velvet, embroidered with gold, pearls, and precious stones, a turban with an ornament of diamonds, and a standard, to the top of which are attached three horse-tails, and which is carried before them by an officer: hence the title of pasha of three tails, which is identical with vizir. The dress of the grand vizir is still more magnificent than that of the common vizirs, from whom he is distinguished by several privileges: he receives the solemn visits of all the high functionaries, including the common vizirs; he commands

the centre of the army in battle; and, except the sultan, he is the only person who is saluted with the 'alkish,' a kind of benediction pronounced by those who appear in the presence of the grand vizir. The words of the 'alkish' are 'Allah ömerler be efendimize!' ('God give a long life to our master!'). The public functions of all the vizirs are described under *TURKRY*, pp. 303-4.

(Hammer, *Des Osmannischen Reiches Staatsverfassung*, &c.; *Geschichte des Osmannischen Reiches*; Thornton, *The Turkish Empire*; Kieffer et Bianchi, *Dictionnaire Turc-François*, sub voc. 'Vizir' and 'Alkish'.)

VLACQ, ADRIAN, a Dutch mathematician of the seventeenth century, who distinguished himself by his labours in the computation of logarithms. Being a book-seller or printer, he superintended the printing of the tables which he had composed, as well as of almost the first of those which were computed by the mathematicians of this country.

Logarithms had then been recently invented, and while the employment of them was becoming general in Britain through the labours of Briggs, Gunter, and other indefatigable computers, Vlacq, in Holland, contributed greatly to extend their use and a knowledge of the principles of their construction on the Continent. In 1628 he published at Gouda an edition of the 'Arithmetica Logarithmica' of Briggs, which contained the logarithms of numbers between 1 and 20,000, and also between 90,000 and 100,000, to fourteen places of decimals; but, having computed the logarithms of the 70,000 intermediate numbers, he published at the same place, in folio, a French translation of the above work, including in it the seventy *chiliads*, under the title of 'Arithmétique Logarithmique': all the logarithms are given to ten places of decimals. It appears that part of the edition of the 'Arithmetica Logarithmica,' which had been published by Vlacq, was sold in England, contrary to the intention of the author; for Norwood, in his 'Trigonometria,' which was published in 1631, complains of such sale, and designates it an unfair practice.

Briggs having just before his death completed his great table of logarithmic sines and tangents, his friend Gellibrand wrote for it a preface and an account of the application of the logarithms to the purposes of plane and spherical trigonometry. This work, which was designated 'Trigonometria Britannica,' was printed at Gouda by Vlacq in 1633. In the same year Vlacq printed a work, composed by himself, which is entitled 'Trigonometria Artificialis, sive magnus canon Triangulorum Logarithmicus, ad dena serupula secunda,' &c.; it contains the logarithmic sines and tangents to ten places of figures, with differences, and to these is added Briggs's table of the first 20,000 logarithms with their applications, chiefly extracted from the 'Trigonometria Britannica.'

In 1636 Vlacq published an abridgement of the 'Trigonometria Artificialis,' under the title of 'Tabula Sinuum, Tangentium, et Secantium, et Logarithmorum Sinuum, Tangentium, et Numerorum ab 1 ad 10,000,' in 8vo. These tables have passed through several editions in French and German; and, on the Continent, they continued long to be a manual for persons employed in making trigonometrical computations.

VLAARDINGEN is a market-town in the south part of the province of Holland, in the district of Rotterdam, on the river Maas. It is the rendezvous of the Dutch herring-fleet: the population is about 6500 inhabitants, who subsist by the fisheries.

VLADIMIR (formerly *Poldimir*) was part of the government of Moscow, till by an imperial ukase of 1st of September, 1778, it was formed into a separate government. It lies in the centre of European Russia, between 54° 58' and 55° 11' N. lat., and between 37° 42' and 43° 20' E. long. It is bounded on the north-west by Tver, on the north by Yaroslavl, on the north-east by Costroma, on the east by Nischni-Novgorod, on the south by Riazan, and on the west by Moscow. Its area is 17,500 square miles, divided into thirteen circles. The face of the country is an undulating plain, without mountains, diversified by low hills (none being 500 feet above the level of the sea), by the steep banks of the rivers, and extensive forests; there are also many heaths and morasses.

The principal river is the Oka, which however only traverses the government for a short distance on the south-west. It is joined by the Kiazma, which comes from the P. C., No. 1668.

government of Moscow, crosses this province nearly in the middle, and joins the Oka in Nischni-Novgorod. Its affluent are the Neft, Sudogda, Schitka, Kolokasna, Kamauka, Tesa, and some others. On the whole there are twenty-two large and small rivers, all of which have very pure water, and abound in fish. Among the numerous lakes, the two largest and most remarkable are the Peganowice, in which floating islands are sometimes seen; and the Plestschajewo, which is about 5 miles long and 4½ broad, and is celebrated on account of the nautical exercises of Peter the Great.

The climate is as temperate as in Moscow: the rivers do not freeze till the middle of November, and they thaw in March. The winter however is very cold; the summer very hot; the spring and autumn variable, with no alternation of snow, rain, and fine weather: night-frosts do not cease till May, and return at the end of September. Intermitting fevers are endemic; otherwise the climate is healthy.

Agriculture is the chief occupation of the inhabitants; but though the soil is in some parts fertile when well manured, the heaths, marshes, sandy tracts, and forests cover so great an extent of surface, that the produce of the harvest is not sufficient on an average for the home consumption, and importation from the neighbouring governments is always necessary. Wheat, rye, barley, oats, millet, and peas are cultivated; but little flax and hemp, the soil in most parts not being suitable to them. The gardens produce all kinds of vegetables common in Russia, and most of them are full of apple and cherry trees; amongst the former is the beautiful transparent apple called *Nakiwi*. Here and there are some hop-gardens. The forests, formerly impervious, though still considerable, are greatly thinned and diminished: there are no oaks. Game, except hares and partridges, is rare; but bears, wolves, and lynxes are still met with. Wild berries of various kinds abound. The breed of horned cattle is merely sufficient for the wants of the province, and might be much improved and extended: the breed of horses however is excellent; there are two large studs belonging to the crown, and several belonging to private individuals. The peasants breed plenty of domestic poultry, but do not keep so many bees as in other parts. The fisheries in the lakes and rivers are of little importance; the principal fish are the sturgeon and shad: what is not consumed in the province is sent to Moscow. The minerals are iron, alabaster, good potter's-clay, and freestone.

The country-people, besides their agricultural occupations, spin thread and worsted, and manufacture coarse linen for their own use, for which they have good bleaching-grounds. The chief resource of this province is its manufactures, in which it is second only to that of Moscow. The principal manufactures are those of linen and cotton, leather, iron wares, glass, and crystal. The articles exported are the above-mentioned manufactures, paper, soap, and potashes; and of the natural productions, only fruit, timber, fire-wood, stone for building and millstones, and lime. All goes to Moscow by waggons or sledges: the Oka and the Kiazma, though both navigable, are not much used for the conveyance of goods. The towns of Pereslawl, Gorochawez, and Wiämski derive much profit from the transit and commission trade.

The inhabitants, amounting to 1,400,000, are all Russians of the Greek religion, with the exception of a few converted Mordwins and Tartars, and some Germans and Poles.

With respect to public education, this government is under the University of Moscow. The number of children attending the schools increases every year. In 1836 there was 1 pupil for every 234 inhabitants; at present the proportion of pupils is doubtless much greater.

VLADIMIR, the capital, is situated in the centre of the government, in 56° 17' N. lat. and 40° 20' E. long. It is built on a group of hills which rise in a fertile plain and decline towards the left bank of the Kiazma, which, making a bend, flows under the walls. It is one of the oldest cities in Russia, and from 1157 to 1328 was the residence of the grand-dukes and the capital of Great Russia. With the exception of its numerous churches and stone houses, Vladimir has few traces of its former greatness; there are no vestiges of the palace of the princes, and the Golden Gate has nothing magnificent except its name. The city is still large, but ill built,

and has six gates, terminating the six principal streets. Of the 25 churches, the Cathedral of St. Mary, of which historians give pompous descriptions, to which its present appearance does not at all correspond, and the Cathedral of Demetrius, are remarkable in the history of Russia. There are two convents, an ecclesiastical seminary, and several crown buildings. It is the see of the bishop of Vladimir and Suzdal, who has a palace, and the seat of the public authorities of the government. The inhabitants manufacture silk veils and handkerchiefs, and have some tanneries and soap manufactories; they derive their chief subsistence from the cultivation and sale of fruit, and of garden-vegetables. There are annual fairs, but otherwise little trade.

Pereslavl-Zaleskoe, is situated on the river Trubesch, where it empties itself into lake Plestschjevo. It is an old town, and the houses are almost mean, but the 25 churches give it a striking appearance; there are also several convents which add to the effect. The population is 4000 inhabitants, who manufacture linen, silks, and woollen cloths. They have a profitable transit and commission trade, and have dealings with the Ukraine, Orenburg, and Siberia. The fairs are very well attended.

Murom, with 6500 inhabitants, an ancient town, was once the capital of the Mordvins, and afterwards the residence of Russian princes; it has still 3 convents, 18 stone and 7 wooden churches, and several crown buildings. The inhabitants have some manufactures and considerable trade. The other towns, capitals of the circles, have nothing worthy of particular notice.

(Hassel, *Das Russische Reich in Europa*; Schnitzler, *La Russie, la Finlande, et la Pologne*; Krausenstern, *L'Instruction Publique en Russie*; Stein, *Lehrbuch*, by Hirschelmann.)

VLADIMIR (the First), grand-duke of Russia, surnamed the Great, was the son of Sviatoslav by a slave, or at least a woman of low condition.

His father, meditating the conquest of Bulgaria, divided, in 970, his empire between his two legitimate sons Yaropolk and Oleg. Vladimir was sent to Novgorod, as that unruly place, disdained by the legitimate princes, was considered a government only fit for an illegitimate son.

After Sviatoslav's death, 972, his sons remained at peace for five years, but in 977 Yaropolk, who ruled at Kiev, quarrelled with his younger brother Oleg, and, having slain him in battle, took his share of the paternal heritage. Vladimir, expecting an attack from his brother, fled beyond the sea to the Varangians, i.e. the Scandinavians, and Yaropolk occupied Novgorod by his officer.

Vladimir returned after two years from Scandinavia, with a formidable body of adventures, and was joined by the inhabitants of Novgorod. He formally declared war against his brother, and demanded the hand of Rogneda, daughter of the Varangian Rogvold, prince of Polotsk. Rogneda, who was betrothed to his brother, rejected Vladimir's suit, saying, that she would not marry the son of a slave. Vladimir attacked Polotsk; Rogvold was killed with his two sons, and Rogneda was compelled to marry Vladimir.

Vladimir marched on Kiev, and Yaropolk, perceiving that he was betrayed by his own people, fled from his capital, but being soon afterwards induced to surrender, he was treacherously murdered by his brother's command. Vladimir now became monarch of the empire of his father, which extended from the vicinity of the Baltic to that of the Black Sea. It was however by no means a regularly constituted empire, like that of the Western monarchs of that time. The sovereignty of the grand-dukes of Russia, who had established their capital at Kiev, was limited to a tribute levied on the various Slavonian and Finnish populations spread over the immense tract of land which they considered as subject to their rule. This tribute was levied either by the sovereigns themselves, who travelled for that purpose about the country, or by their delegates; and their authority was respected only where they had a sufficient force to maintain it. Vladimir established a more regular and efficient system of government. He subjected all the populations which had recovered their independence during the preceding reign, and built many towns in order to maintain them in subjection. He also seems to have conceived the idea of cementing his vast and heterogeneous empire by the powerful bond of a reli-

gious centre, and he erected at Kiev the idol of Perun (thunder), the supreme divinity of the Slavonians, and those of the inferior deities, Khors, Dajbog, Stribog, Semargla, and Mokosh. The first three of these deities were Slavonian, and the last two Finnish, a circumstance which seems to imply the notion of uniting the religious worship of the two different races. To these deities were offered human sacrifices, chosen by lot, and the Chronicles relate that two Christian Varangians, father and son, fell victims to that bloody superstition.

Vladimir got rid of his Scandinavian allies by persuading them to pass into the service of the Greek emperor, and endeavoured to effect an amalgamation between the Varangians and Slavonians. He gave continual entertainments to his subjects, and the memory of the splendour of his court is still alive in the popular songs of Russia.

The Chronicles, which extol Vladimir's wisdom and valour, accuse him of great laxity of morals. Besides Rogneda, he had married the widow of his brother Yaropolk, a beautiful Greek nun, who was a captive of their father, and three other wives. He had a great number of concubines who lived in different places; as, for instance, at Vishgorod 300, at Belgorod the same number, at Berestov 200, and no woman in the country was secure from him. If such was really the case, the Chronicles have reason to say that he was fond of women, like Solomon.

Kiev had already for more than a century frequent intercourse with Constantinople, where Vladimir's grandmother Olga was baptized in 955. Her example, although it had not been followed by her son, found many imitators among his subjects, and the trade which was carried on between these two cities had undoubtedly attracted many Greeks to Kiev. It was also natural that missionaries of the Western church should be attracted by the renown of Vladimir from Poland and Germany. The Bulgarians, a Mohammedan nation, inhabiting the banks of the Volga, in the present government of Kazan, and celebrated for their commercial spirit, had, after a short war, concluded a solemn treaty of peace with Vladimir; and the powerful nation of the Khazars, which occupied the country between the Caspian and Black seas northwards to the Caucasus, and bordering on Vladimir's empire, contained many Jews; even the kings had for some time followed the Jewish religion, although at the time of Vladimir they were Christians. This will explain the circumstance that all these religious professions tried to convert Vladimir to their respective creeds. It is said that the polygamy permitted by the Koran and the sensual paradise promised to its disciples had greatly pleased him, but that he would not consent to give up wine. The religion of the Jews, who were exiles from their own country, could not produce a favourable impression upon a warlike prince. The Greek church, which already numbered many converts in Russia, had a great advantage over that of Rome, whose missionaries were strangers in that country, and Vladimir answered their exhortations by saying, "Our ancestors have not known you." When Vladimir consulted his nobles on the same subject, the answer which they gave him was, "If the Greek religion was not good, thy grandmother Olga would not have adopted it."

Besides this circumstance Vladimir had motives of ambition which prompted him to become a convert to the Eastern church. This was a matrimonial alliance with the Imperial house of Constantinople, which was then generally sought by the rulers of the barbarian nations bordering on the empire. In order to insure the success of his object, he began by an attack on the frontiers of the empire, and having besieged the important town of Cherson in the present Crimea, he demanded the hand of the princess Anna, daughter of the emperor Romanus the Second, and sister of the then reigning emperors Constantine and Basilios, and of Theophanis, empress of Otha the Second of Germany. He promised, if his request was granted, to receive baptism with all his subjects, and to become an ally of the empire, which he threatened with war in case of a refusal. His demand was granted; he was baptized with his followers at Cherson, and married the Greek princess in A.D. 988. He immediately applied himself with great zeal to the establishment of Christianity in his dominions; all the idols were destroyed by his orders, and the inhabitants were baptized in crowds. He built churches, established schools, and his exertions were greatly facilitated by the circumstance that there was

already a Slavonian version of the Scriptures by Cyrilus and Methodius [SLAVONIANS], as well as liturgical works in the same language. An ordinance on the ecclesiastical tribunals, taken from the Greek Nomocanon, was published by Vladimir, and he became so strongly penetrated with the spirit of Christian meekness, that he would no longer punish with death even the greatest criminals, and was content to fine them. This ill-judged lenity produced great disorders, and the clergy themselves were obliged to remonstrate against it, and to induce Vladimir to restore public order by capital punishments. He is said to have entirely amended his former licentious manners, and his charity to the poor was unbounded. He divided the government of his empire among his eleven sons, whom he had by several wives, and his stepson Sviatopolk, with whom his murdered brother's widow was pregnant when he married her. After his conversion he had some wars with his neighbours, but they did not produce any consequences; and his reign was chiefly spent in promoting the civilization of his subjects, for which he received ample means from Constantinople, then the only seat of arts and literature in Christian Europe.

The end of his life was disturbed by the growing spirit of liberty at Novgorod. The citizens of Novgorod refused to pay the annual tribute sent by that city to Kiev. His son Yaroslav, who was established by him at Novgorod, took the part of the inhabitants, at least he did it apparently, as some suppose. Vladimir assembled an army in order to coerce his refractory subjects, but he died on his march not far from Kiev, in 1014. His wife Anna died in 1011, as it seems without issue. The Russian church has placed him amongst her saints, and given him a rank equal to that of the apostles.

VLADIMIR MONOMACHOS, grand-duke of Kiev, is one of the most remarkable persons of the middle ages, whose life and writings present an interesting picture of the social state of Russia during the eleventh and twelfth centuries. He is extolled by the Chronicles as a most virtuous prince, and considered by them almost a saint. He was undoubtedly a man of superior character and abilities, but by no means free from the faults of his barbarous age.

Vladimir was born in 1052. He was the son of Vsevolod, the grandson of Vladimir the Great. The division of the empire made by Vladimir's grandfather Yaroslav the Great, in 1054, produced incessant wars among his successors, who continued to subdivide their heritages among their children. By the same arrangement of Yaroslav, the sovereignty over all the other princes belonged to the grand-dukes of Kiev, who succeeded to that dignity, not according to the law of primogeniture, but according to that of seniority, or as being the oldest of all the princes of Russia. This arrangement, customary at that time with all the Slavonian nations, led unavoidably to quarrels among all those who either had any right to or possessed the means of claiming the throne of Kiev. This unfortunate state of Russia was rendered still worse by the appearance of the Polovtze, or Comanes of the Byzantines, a nomadic nation, who arrived from the deserts of Central Asia and encamped in the country extending northward from the shores of the Black Sea and that of Azoff, about the middle of the eleventh century. These nomadic people made continual incursions into the territories of the Russian princes, but were also frequently employed by them as auxiliaries in their internal and foreign wars. Vladimir made his first campaign under his relative Boleslav the Second, or the Dauntless, king of Poland, whom he joined with an auxiliary force in a war against Bohemia in 1076. He afterwards took an active part in the domestic quarrels among the Russian princes, and received from his father, who became grand-duke of Kiev in 1078, the principality of Chernigoff, which was the lawful heritage of his cousin Oleg, having on a former occasion obtained, in an equally illegal manner, that of Smolensk, which was given him by the father of the same Oleg whom he now spoiled. This circumstance created a deadly hatred between the two cousins, established an hereditary feud between their descendants, and entailed for a long time great disasters on the country. Having taken during these wars the town of Minsk, he did not spare 'either man or beast'; and when his cousin Oleg was marching with the Polovtze to recover his principality, Vladimir bribed those barbarians, who carried back the prince

whom they came to assist as a captive, and murdered his brother. He also compelled the legitimate prince of Novgorod to cede it to his son, and to content himself with a small principality. This proves that he was no more scrupulous than his contemporaries in the means of attaining his objects.

Vsevolod died in 1093, but Vladimir, who was the real sovereign during the reign of his father, did not venture to break the law of seniority, and he called to the throne of Kiev his cousin Sviatopolk, prince of Turor, the eldest of the family. Sviatopolk confirmed the possessions usurped by Vladimir during his father's life; but both these princes being defeated by the Polovtze, Oleg, who since his expulsion had lived in exile, chiefly in Greece, returned to the country, and compelled Vladimir to restore Chernigoff and Smolensk to him and his brother. The differences among the princes were settled by a congress held at Lubech and at Kiev, on which occasions Vladimir displayed, in the prosecution of his interests, great diplomatic talents. He also defeated, with the assistance of other princes, the terrible Polovtze on several occasions, by which he secured for some time the country from their devastations, and justly acquired great popularity. In 1112 he became, on the death of Sviatopolk, grand-duke of Kiev, being already sixty years old. He reigned thirteen years till 1125, and he proved himself during this time a really great prince. Internal peace was maintained by his authority, and foreign enemies were repelled with uninterrupted success. New towns were built, old ones improved, and the country enjoyed general peace and prosperity.

His character, his views, and his principles are displayed by his testament, or his last instructions to his children, which also gives an insight into the manners, the state of civilization, and the prevailing opinions of that period.

After having expatiated on the glory of God, chiefly in words taken from the Psalmist, he says: 'O my children! love God! love also mankind! It is neither fast, nor seclusion, nor monastic life which may save you, but good works. Do not forget the poor; feed them and think that all goods belong to God, and are intrusted to you only for a time. Do not conceal treasures in the bowels of the earth, for this is contrary to the Christian religion. Be fathers to the orphans; judge yourselves the widows, and do not permit the stronger to oppress the weaker. Do not take the life either of the innocent or of the guilty: the life and the soul of a Christian are sacred.' He then recommends them to keep their oaths, to respect the clergy, to avoid pride and every kind of profligacy, and continues:—'In your household look yourselves to everything, without relying on your stewards and servants, and the guests will not find fault either with your house or with your dinner. In time of war be active and be an example to your officers. It is not then the time to think of banquets and enjoyment. Repose after having established the nightly watch. Men may suddenly perish, therefore do not lay aside the armour where danger may happen, and mount your horses early. Above all, respect a stranger, be he a great or a common man, a merchant or an ambassador; and if you cannot give him presents, satisfy him with meat and drink, because strangers spread in foreign countries good and bad report of us. Salute every one whom you meet. Love your wives, but give them no power over yourselves. Remember every good thing which you have learnt, and learn what you do not know. My father, having never been abroad, spoke five languages, for which we are praised by foreigners.' This is certainly a curious fact, and which perhaps was not common at that time in western Europe. The languages alluded to were probably the Greek—as the higher clergy, who had the education of the princes, were generally of that nation—the Scandinavian, the Slavonian of Russia, and perhaps the Hungarian and that of the Polovtze, with whom the Russians were in daily intercourse. It is also not unlikely that Latin, which was cultivated by the learned Greeks, was one of the languages alluded to. 'Avoid idleness, it is the mother of all vices. On a journey on horseback, when you have no occupation, instead of indulging in idle thoughts, repeat prayers, at least the shortest and the best of them—'Kyrie eleyson.' Never go to sleep without an earthly prostration; and when you do not feel well, do it three times. Rise before the sun and go early to church. So have done my father and all the good men. After which they held a council with their officers, or judged the

people, or went to hunt; and at midday they slept, because God has assigned the midday hour for repose, not only to man, but also to animals and birds.' It is remarkable that this habit is still prevalent among the common people in Russia. 'Your father lived also in that manner. I have done myself all that I could have ordered a servant to do: in hunting and in war, at day and at night, during the heat of summer and the cold of winter, I have not known any repose. I have never relied on magistrates and officers. I never allowed the poor and the widows to be oppressed by the strong. I superintended myself the church, the Divine service, the household, the stables, the hunt, the hawks, and the falcons.' Having enumerated his various feats of arms, he says, 'I have undertaken eighty-three expeditions, without mentioning many insignificant ones. I have concluded with the Polovtze nineteen treaties. I took prisoners more than a hundred of their best chieftains, whom I released afterwards, and I punished and drowned in rivers more than 200 of them. Who travelled more rapidly than I did? On leaving Chernigoff in the morning, I arrived at Kiev, where my father was, before vespers (a distance of 100 English miles). Being fond of sports, we often hunted wild animals with your grandfather. Amidst thick forests I have bound with my own hands several wild horses at once. I was twice tossed on the horns of a buffalo; a deer struck me with his horns, and an elk trampled me under his feet; a wild boar tore the sword from my side; a bear bit through my saddle, and a wild animal attacked and overthrew the horse which I rode. How many times have I fallen from my horse! I twice broke my head, and many times injured my arms and legs, sparing not my life during my youth. But the Lord has watched over me. And you, my children, do not fear death, nor combat, nor wild animals; but act as men on every occasion which may come from God. When Providence has decreed a man's death, neither his father, nor his mother, nor his brethren may save him.' It is very probable that the observation of the rules of prudence and external piety laid down in these instructions greatly contributed to the establishment of his reputation.

Vladimir was surnamed Monomachos by his mother, a daughter of the emperor Constantine IX., Monomachos. His first wife was Gyda, daughter of Harold, the last Saxon king of England, who had found, after the death of her father, a refuge at the court of Sweden the Second, king of Denmark. Marriages between the Russian princes and those of western Europe, particularly of Scandinavia, were very common during that period. Thus Vladimir's aunts were married to Henri I. of France, and to Harold Hardrade, king of Norway, who perished in 1066, at the battle of Stamford Bridge. The celebrated Danish king Valdemar the First was the son of one of his granddaughters, and probably received his Slavonian name in honour of his ancestor. After the death of Gyda he was twice married, but the Chroniclers do not mention the names of his wives.

The crown used at the coronation of the monarchs of Russia is called the golden cap of Monomachos, and is supposed to have been presented to Vladimir, with the sceptre and some other regalia used on the same occasion, by the Greek emperor Alexius Comnenos, as having belonged to his grandfather Constantine Monomachos. These objects are undoubtedly of Byzantine workmanship, but the history of their origin is considered by many as a modern invention made during the fifteenth century, when Ivan the Third, of Moscow, having married the Greek princess Sophia Palaeologos, assumed the pretensions of a successor to the emperors of the East.

VLIESINGEN. [FLESHING.]

VOANDZEIA, a plant of the natural family of Leguminosae, which has been so named from its Madagascarian name, which is also written Voandzon. It has been formed into a distinct genus by Du Petit Thouars; though formerly called *Glycine subterranea*, it is more closely allied to *Archisch hypogaea*, or the Earth-Nut of the coast of Africa and of Asia. The genus is characterised by having the flowers polygamous. Calyx campanulate. Wings of the papilionaceous flowers horizontal. Stamens diadelphous. Legume subterraneous, roundish, fleshy, one-seeded. The only species of the genus is *V. subterranea*, which is so called in consequence of its peduncles bending down and sinking into the ground, where the pods ripen. It is a tufted creeping herb with yellow flowers; the leaves are radical, trifoliate, on long petioles, the leaflets oblong,

the terminal one being stalked. This plant, interesting from the mode in which it ripens its seed, is celebrated as an article of diet along the western coast of Africa, where it is eaten both in oripe state, and when unripe after being boiled. The plant has been introduced into Surinam and Brazil, it is supposed, by the slaves from the coast of Africa. It is called *mandioke* by the Brazilians.

VOCHYA/C'E.E, or VOCHYSIA/C'E.E, a natural order of plants belonging to Lindley's parietose group of poly-petalous Exogones. The species belonging to this order are trees, with opposite branches, which, when young, are 4-cornered. The leaves are entire, mostly opposite, sometimes towards the extremities of the branches they are alternate, and are supplied with two stipules at their base. The inflorescence is usually terminal, in panicles or racemes, the pedicels bracteate, and the flowers irregular and united. The calyx is either free or slightly adherent to the ovary, with 4 or 5 sepals, and imbricate in aestivation. The sepals are confined at the base; the upper one calcarate, and often large and irregular in form. The petals are unequal, 1, 2, 3, or 5 in number, alternating with the segments of the calyx and inserted into their base. The stamens are from 1 to 5 in number, usually opposite the petals, in some cases alternate, arising from the bottom of the calyx, and for the most part sterile, generally only one being fertile, and bearing a single large ovate 4-celled anther. The ovary is superior or half-inferior, 3-celled; the style and stigma single. The fruit is capsular, being 3-cornered, 3-celled, 3-valved, the valves bending along the middle. The seed is erect and without albumen; the embryo is straight inverted; the cotyledons are convoluted, large, leafy, and plaited; the radicle is short and superior.

De Candolle remarks on this order that it is 'at present but ill-understood; in habit and flower somewhat allied to Guttiferae or Marcgraviaceae, but distinct from both in the stamens being inserted into the calyx; perhaps more directly connected with Combretaceae, on account of the convolute cotyledons and inverted seeds; and even perhaps allied to some Onagraceae, on account of the abortive solitary stamen.' Lindley suggests its affinity to Violaceae, as seen in its irregular flowers, 3-locular ovary, and stipules; and also to Polygalaceae, from which the calcarate flowers and ascending ovules principally distinguish it.

There are about forty species of this family altogether; they are all natives of equinoctial America, where they are found inhabiting ancient forests, the banks of streams, and sometimes the sides of mountains to a very considerable elevation. None of these trees are remarkable for their beauty or for their uses, but the striking irregularity of the structure of their flowers renders them objects of great interest to the botanist. The following synopsis of the genera, the descriptions of which are from Don, will indicate the more important variations in the structure of the floral organs of these plants.

Section I.—Ovary free. Calyx 5-parted.

1. *Callisthene* (after Callisthenes, an ancient philosopher). Upper sepal drawn out into a large spur at the base. Petal 1, obcordate. Stamen 1, without any rudiments of sterile ones. Valves of the capsule without a dissepiment; cells 1-2 seeded.

2. *Amphiocheia* (after Amphiocheia, an Athenian, who wrote on agriculture). Upper sepal drawn out into a short spur at the base. Petal 1, obcordate. Fertile stamen 1, usually without any rudiments of sterile ones. Valves of capsules bent so much as to form dissepiments; cells 1-2 seeded.

3. *Pochyria* (from *Pochyo*, a Gaiana name for some of the species). Upper sepal drawn out into a long spur. Petals 3, middle one the largest. Stamens 3, lateral ones sterile. Valves of capsule opening in the middle. Seed solitary in the cells, winged.

4. *Salvertia*. Upper lobe of calyx furnished with a spur at the base. Petals 5, 2 upper ones very narrow. Stamens 3, lateral ones sterile. Valves of capsule opening in the middle; cells 2-seeded.

5. *Qualea* (a Gaiana name for some species). Upper sepal furnished with a spur at the base. Petals mostly 1, rarely 2. Stamens mostly 1, sometimes 2. Valves of capsule opening in the middle. Seeds winged.

Section II.—Ovary adnate to the calyx. Calyx 4-parted.

6. *Eriama*. One of the lobes of the calyx furnished with

a spur at the base. Petal 1. Stamens 5, 4 sterile and 1 fertile.

Doubtful genera.

7. *Lozonnia*. Calyx with a ventricose tube and a 5-parted permanent limb. Petals wanting. Disk quadrangular, filling the bottom of the calyx. Stamen 1, small, inserted under the ovary. Capsule trigonal, 3-celled, 3-valved. Seeds 6. Stigmas 3, small, capitate.

8. *Agardhina* (after Charles Agardh, a distinguished Swedish botanist, author of a 'Synopsis Algarum, &c.'). Calyx of 3 sepals. Petals 5, convolute. Stamen 1, bearing a large 2-celled anther. Style 1. Fruit a drupe, oval, 3-celled, 3-valved.

9. *Schweiggeria* (after J. F. Schweigger, author of 'Flora Erlangenensis'). Calyx of 3 sepals. Petals 3, one of which is spurred. Stamen 1. Pistil none.

Some of the species of *Quinea* and *Salverbia* bear flowers which give out a delicious odour. A species of *Callisthene* has also been observed to secrete a resinous fluid, which has not been analyzed.

VOET, GISEBERT, the father, and Paul and Daniel, the sons, and John, the grandson, were distinguished members of the University of Utrecht, in the seventeenth century.

Gisbert Voet was born at Heusde on the 3rd of March, 1593; he studied at Leyden, with the character of a young man of great promise; and having taken orders, discharged the functions of minister in his native town till 1634. In that year he was appointed professor of theology and Oriental languages in the seminary of Utrecht, which was converted into a university two years later. Voet became the zealous advocate of the doctrines adopted by the Synod of Dort, nor did his controversial predilections confine themselves to this narrow field. He attacked vehemently the philosophy of Descartes, whom he designated alternately an atheist and a Jesuit, and whom he even went the length of accusing before the civil magistrate. His controversies with Cocceius, professor at Leyden, divided the Dutch theologians into Voetians and Cocceians. In short no polemical adversary came amiss to him: Roman Catholic, philosopher, Arminian—he was ready to break a lance with any man who did not subscribe to the Calvinistic creed. He had on his arms at once Desmarets, Wolszen, Regius, Schoockius, Dumoulin, Oesteren, &c. The incessant excitement of controversy appears to have agreed with him, for he lived to the advanced age of 97, outliving by several years all the other members of the Synod of Dort. A full list of his numerous publications, chiefly works of polemical theology, is given by Gaspar Burman, in his 'Trajectum Eruditum' the principal are: 'Selectae Disputationes Theologicae,' 5 vols. 4to., Utrecht and Amsterdam, 1648-69; and 'Politica Ecclesiastica,' 4 vols. 4to., Amsterdam, 1683-76.

Paul Voet was also born at Heusde, on the 7th of June, 1593. He taught, at different times, logic, metaphysics, Greek, and civil law in the University of Utrecht. He published in 1654 a 'Harmony of the Gospels'; and in 1655-57, 'Theologia Naturalis reformata.' Of his juridical works the most valuable, at least that which has carried with it the greatest authority, is the treatise 'De Statutis corumque Concursu.' His other legal publications are: 'De Duellis Licitis et Illicitis,' Utrecht, 1646; 'De Usu Juris Civilis et Canonici in Belgio Unito,' Utrecht, 1657; 'Disquisitio Juridica de Mobilibus et Immobiliis,' Utrecht, 1666; 'Commentarius ad Institutiones Juris,' Gorum, 1668. It is in part owing to the time at which he lived, rendering his works the text-books of the young Scotch lawyers previous to the commencement of the present century. Paul Voet published, in Dutch, a history of the family of Braderode, which has been translated into French; some controversial pamphlets defending his father; and notes on Mosæus, Callimachus, and Herodias.

DANIEL VOET, son of Gisbert, and brother of Paul, was born at Heusde on the 31st of December, 1629, and died at Utrecht on the 3rd of October, 1660. He was professor of philosophy at Utrecht. He published several textbooks: his 'Meletemata Philosophica,' and his 'Physiologia, sive de Rerum Natura Libri vi.,' appeared at Amsterdam the year after his death, and were republished, with notes by Vries, in 1698.

JOHN VOET, the son of Paul, was born at Utrecht on the

3rd of October, 1647. He was professor of law at Herborn afterwards at Utrecht, and ultimately at Leyden, where he died on the 11th of September, 1714. His most esteemed work is his 'Commentarius in Pandectas,' published at Leyden in 1698, in 2 folio volumes. In 1670 he published a tract 'De Jure Militari'; in 1673 another, 'De Familia ereiscunda'; and in 1683, at Leyden, a 'Compendium Juris.' He too, as well as his father, took the field in defence of Gisbert, the founder of the family.

JOHN EUSAEUS VOET, inspector of the octrois at the Hague, and a Dutch physician, died there in 1778. He is mentioned with praise as a poet in Vries's history of Dutch poetry. His poems are lyrical in their form, and rather mystical in their contents. It does not appear that he belonged to the same family as the theologian, the jurists, and the philosopher.

VOGEL, THEODOR, a botanist of great promise, who perished in the expedition to the Niger, in the year 1841. He early devoted himself to the study of botany, and was a student at the University of Berlin, where he took his degree of doctor of philosophy. One of his earliest contributions to botanical science was a paper published, conjointly with Dr. Schleiden, on the development of albumen in leguminous plants. This paper bears the high character of all the later labours of Dr. Schleiden, and at the same time affords evidence that Vogel belonged to that school of physiological botanists who, from their minute knowledge of structure, are doing so much at the present day for the advancement of scientific botany. In a subsequent paper, entitled a 'Monograph of the Genus Cassia,' Vogel displayed his intimate knowledge of structure, as well as his powers of analysis, in unravelling the intricacies of that difficult genus of plants. In 1840, when it was determined to fit out an expedition to Africa, Captain Washington visited Germany for the sake of gaining co-operation, and Vogel was there recommended to him as a botanist likely to be of great service in the expedition. Vogel, who was then at Bonn, in the university of which place he had been appointed a teacher of botany, no sooner had the offer made him than he anxiously embraced it as affording him an opportunity of pursuing his favourite science in an unexplored region. After having visited England, where his knowledge of botany excited in the minds of those who knew him the warmest interest for his prosperous return, he sailed with the expedition for Africa, in July, 1841. The disastrous events of that ill-fated expedition are well known. Vogel was an early sufferer from the fever which carried off the majority of those who sailed, and although he recovered so far as to be able to reach Fernando Po, he sunk there from the effects of dysentery about six months after the time he had sailed from this country. He made the best use of the little time that he had health to collect plants, whilst on the coast of Africa, and his death seems to have been hastened by his anxiety to arrange and study them whilst in a convalescent state at Fernando Po. The results of these labours have not yet appeared. He was buried by the side of Captain Bird Allen, another of the unfortunate victims of this expedition.

VOGHERA, PROVINCIA DI, a Province of the Sardinian States, bounded on the north by the Po, which divides it from the province of Mortara and also from Austrian Lombardy, east by the duchy of Parma and Piacenza, south by the provinces of Tortona and Bobbio, and west by the province of Tortona. Its length from east to west is about 20 miles, and its breadth is about 15 miles. It lies mostly in the plain of the Po, but the southern part of the province stretches over the northern slope of the Ligurian Apennines, from which the Stiffora and other torrents descend and cross the plain to join the Po. The population of the province of Voghera is about 92,000, distributed among 77 communes. The country produces much silk. (Serrastori, *Statistica*.) The head town, Voghera (Vicus Iria), originated in a suburb of the ancient town of Iria, which in the course of time superseded the town. Voghera was for a long time a dependency of Tortona, and a fief belonging to the family Del Pozzo. Charles Emmanuel III., king of Sardinia, purchased Voghera, and made it the capital of a province. Voghera has 11,000 inhabitants; it is an uninteresting-looking town; the only building in it worthy of notice is the collegiate church, which is of good architecture. Voghera is in a plain on the high road from Turin to Piacenza, Parma, and Mo-

Jattar voce di testa, which means head voice. To these the Italians add another, which joins the two registers, and which somewhat partakes of the character of both; it is named the *mezzo-falso*, or middle falsetto. The extreme upper notes of the falsetto are by some termed the *flautino*, or flute register, but this appears to be an unnecessary subdivision. The following table exhibits at a view the voices and their registers:—

Bass . . .	Chest			
Baritone . .	Chest			
Tenor . . .	Chest . .	Mezzo-Falso.	Falsetto	
Contralto .	Chest . .	Mezzo-Falso.	Falsetto	
Mezzo-Soprano .	Chest . .	Mezzo-Falso.	Falsetto	
Soprano . .	Chest . .	Mezzo-Falso.	Falsetto	Flautino.

In this musical distribution of the registers of the voices there is no falsetto given to the basses. The bass and baritone voices however are both capable of extending their compass by running up into a falsetto, and hence they must each have a mezzo-falso register also. The falsetto is commonly adopted by bass singers to imitate a woman's voice in the opera buffa.

There is also a feigned lower voice by which voices of all kinds are able to descend lower in pitch than in the natural register. The term *basso falso* has been proposed to designate this voice, but the term lower falsetto is more accurate.

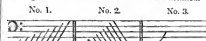
The Quality of the Voice.—Each person's voice has a distinct quality or tone (*timbre* of French authors), by which it is recognised, even when singing in unison with others. The vagueness of the terms which are adopted to describe the qualities of the voice is much to be lamented: they are descriptive, such as nasal, guttural; descriptive by comparison with other sounds, as silvery, flute-like, musical; and metaphorically descriptive, as pure, clear, deep, brilliant, flexible, attractive, mellow, &c. These terms are too lax in their signification to be satisfactory to the philosophical student of sound. Attempts have been made to connect certain qualities of the voice, as fulness with the bass, brilliancy with the soprano, &c., but without success. It is however quite true that those who are accustomed to hear much singing would mostly recognise any voice to be a bass, tenor, &c., although singing in unison with contraltos or sopranos. The essential distinction however between voices, as the bass and tenor, is not the quality, as stated by some physiological writers; for a voice is classed among basses or contraltos, as the case may be, solely in consequence of its compass lying within the limits of the bass or contralto scales.

Each voice has its natural and falsetto qualities, which belong respectively to the natural and falsetto registers. Besides these there is in song an improved quality named pure tone, and in speech a corresponding improved quality named the oratorical tone.

Sung-voice.—The song-note is a musical sound of some fixed pitch in the musical scale. When a clear resonant voice produces a song-note, the accompanying harmonic sound may be heard just as it is with the sound of a vibrating string. The song-sounds of the human voice are arranged in the diatonic, chromatic, and enharmonic scales. [Music.]

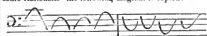
Speech-note.—The speech-note is not a true musical sound, because its pitch varies throughout its duration. These notes are termed slides, accents, and inflexions; and they may be imitated on the violin by sliding a finger up the finger-board while the bow is applied. These notes may have an ascending or descending course in pitch, and sometimes they have both on a syllable. The varying pitch of a speech-note will be illustrated if the reader, with an intense feeling of inquiry utter aloud Hamlet's interrogatory, 'Pale, or red?' This speech-note on the word 'pale' will consist of an upward movement of the voice; while that on 'red' will be a downward movement, and in both words the voice will traverse so wide an interval of pitch as to be conspicuous to ordinary ears; while the cultivated perception of the musician will detect the voice moving through a less interval of pitch while he is uttering the word 'or' of the same sentence. And he who can record in musical notation the sounds which he hears will perceive the musical interval traversed in these vocal movements, and the place also of these speech-notes on the musical staff.

Speech-notes are of two kinds, viz. simple and compound. The simple consist of a single rising or falling movement of the voice. These movements may be of any extent from a semitone up to an octave. These differences of extent give eight simple rising speech-notes, viz. semitone, tone, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, octave, &c. as many simple falling speech-notes, making a total of sixteen distinct simple speech-notes. Mr. Steele accurately represented these notes by diagonal lines on the musical staff. The length of the line indicates the interval or dimension of the note; and its situation on the staff indicates its local pitch, as in the annexed diagram, Nos. 1 and 2, where the eight notes ascending and descending are in accordance with Mr. Steele's notation.



In these notes the sliding movement of the voice is equable, that is, it passes through equal spaces in equal times. The voice however in some notes is retarded in some part of its course, so that it passes through unequal spaces in equal times. Mr. Steele noted this retardation of the voice by slightly curving the diagonal line at the part, as in the above diagram, No. 3. Now the voice may be retarded at the beginning, at the middle, or at the end of a speech-note. And the voice may be accelerated in each of those parts. It will be seen that these modifications of pitch greatly multiply the number of speech-notes. And this number can be again greatly increased by successively giving to each note all the various forms of loudness of voice of which it is capable.

The compound speech-notes consist of both the simple vocal movements combined in a variety of circumflexes. Mr. Steele first noted them on the staff, from whose 'Pro-sodie Rationalis' the following diagram is copied:—



Numerous as are the varieties of circumflexes, they admit of classification, of which the following, partly taken from Dr. Rush, is adopted:—

The number of constituent vocal movements.

1. Simple circumflex consists of two movements.
2. Compound circumflex consists of three movements.
3. Continuous circumflex consists of more than three movements.

The direction of the first vocal movement.

1. Direct circumflex has the first an upward movement.
2. Inverted circumflex has the first a downward movement.

The dimension of the vocal movements.

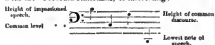
1. Equal circumflex, each movement of equal dimension.
2. Unequal circumflex, each movement of unequal dimension.

In forming a circumflex speech-note, the voice may be retarded or accelerated in parts, as well as move equally through its course. The possible varieties of circumflex are almost infinite, and the number in ordinary use is far beyond what would be anticipated. This will account for the immense variety of sounds which are heard in human utterance, and which has been more a subject of declaration than thoughtful inquiry.

The Compass of the Speech-voice.—Several of the rhetoricians of antiquity speak of the changes of pitch of the voice seldom exceeding a fifth on any one syllable. Observations conducted for twenty years on the leading public speakers of the period have convinced the author of this article of the accuracy of this ancient statement. It is true that higher intervals are used, even up to the octave, but very sparingly, and the fifth itself is of less common occurrence in oratory than the third.

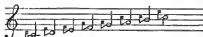
Speech melodies seldom exceed the limits of an octave and a half. Whatever the speaker's key note may be, he seldom rises more than a fifth above it, or descends more than a fifth below it in pitch. A person's key note is generally somewhat below the middle of his compass; which circumstance enables most speakers to ascend an

octave if required for the purpose of expression. The following notation of Mr. Steele's speaking compass, taken from the 'Prosodia Rationalis,' is interesting:—

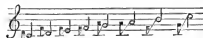


The voice of song (i.e. a song note) has been described as continuing throughout its duration on one level line of pitch. This description was necessary at the outset in order to state the essential distinction between song (musical) sounds and speech sounds.

Close observation however of the song notes of singers, especially in dramatic music, will show that many of the notes are not of uniform pitch, but that the voice rapidly slides through some interval, commonly of a tone, and the song note is produced at its summit. Let the slide be equal to a semiquaver, and the song note a minim, or rather to a minim minus the semiquaver slide, which is stolen from the quantity of the song note: many singers reach the several degrees of the scale by these slides according to the subjoined notation:—



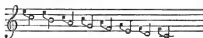
In taking the intervals from a fundamental note, it is not uncommon to hear a rapid slide through the entire interval, producing slide thirds, fourths, &c., and the song note at the summit of the slide, according to the subjoined notation:—



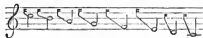
Similar notes often occur in the passionate intonation of the wide intervals of operatic music.

These song notes closely approximate to those speech notes in which the movement of the voice is retarded at the upper part of its ascent; and the approximation is the nearer in proportion to the greater retardation.

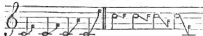
Sometimes the song note is preceded by a rapidly descending slide, which may be of the interval of a tone, as in the subjoined diagram:—



The slide is however frequently heard of greater intervals, especially in the musical expression of high excitement of feeling, as in the subjoined diagram:—



In song a rapid slide is occasionally heard after the song note. The slide may either rise or fall in pitch, and it may be of a tone or of a higher interval. The subjoined diagram is a notation of such notes, with a tone, 3rd, 5th, and 8ve, respectively, ascending and descending:—



Ascending.

Descending.

The after-note of song (Nachschlag of the Germans) being always on the weak part of the measure, the slur from its principal to it produces a slide as above noted. These however are rarely heard.

A slur in song binds two or more notes into one continuous sound by a rapid slide of the voice, and thus approximates to a speech-note. In the following illus-

tration, taken from Callcott's 'Grammar of Music,' p. 63, the effect of the first slur is similar to a circumflex speech-note, of equal intervals and inversed flexure; and the second slur is in effect similar to an unequal inverted circumflex:—



The preceding illustrations are given with a view of indicating, and not of exhausting the subject.

Of RECITATIVE.—The notes of song, of speech, and the mixed notes above described, are all to be heard in recitative. The speech and the mixed notes predominate over the pure notes of song.

Of CHANT.—In chant also are to be heard the notes of song, speech, and the mixed. The rapid part of the chant consists of speech-notes, and the concluding syllables of the elapsular divisions are sung on song and mixed notes.

Of the kinds of Melody in Song, Speech, Recitative, and Chant.

SONG.—A succession of single sounds forms a melody or tune. [MUSIC.] A melody is said to proceed by *degrees* when its successive notes are in proximate degrees of the scale; and a melody proceeds by *skips* when it omits or leaps over one or more degrees of the scale. In general degrees and skips are intermixed, as in the melody of the Easter Hymn, taken from Callcott's 'Grammar':—

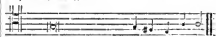


In the incantation scene of the opera of 'Der Freischütz,' Weber has produced an effective melody, consisting of a repetition of the same sound. For the rhythmical arrangement of the sounds in song, see MUSIC, RHYTHM, and PROSODY.

SPEECH.—In speech, as in song, a succession of single sounds constitutes a melody. A speech-melody formed of speech-notes may proceed in all the varieties above described of song. [ELOCUTION.] In vocal music the rhythm of the language bends to that of the music. It is musical rhythmism. In speech-melodies however the rhythmism is that of the language.

RECITATIVE.—Recitative melodies also proceed in all the varieties of song. In accompanied recitative, although the musical rhythmism takes the lead, yet the singer has much latitude, and in a great degree controls the musical rhythmism. In unaccompanied recitative the musical rhythmism entirely yields to the singer's ideas of what is appropriate to the required expression.

CHANT.—Chant melodies also proceed in all the varieties of song. The ordinary melody however consists of a rapid iteration of the same note through a clause to the concluding four or five syllables, which are set in an appropriate succession. The following notation from the Litany, as arranged by the Rev. P. Benson, of Durham Cathedral, is quoted from the Leeds church-service, edited by Mr. Hill, the choir-master:—



Blessed art thou, Lord, our defence, who dost
defence of our brethren, neither take thou
vengeance of our sins; spare us, good Lord,
spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed,
with thy most precious blood, and be not angry

The first note, *sol*, *o*, is rapidly reiterated on each syllable to the last five. The rhythmism is left to the taste and feeling of the chanter. In both recitative and chant the words are more distinctly uttered than in song. This arises from the structure of the notes, which are chiefly either speech-notes or those song-notes which approximate to them, in both of which distinct utterance is infinitely easier than in the notes of song.

Of the Voice as a Natural Language of the Emotions.—The voice, whether it be or be not united with verbal lan-

rouge, is expressive of the feelings. The voice is the language of the feelings, by which they manifest themselves to the ear without previous teaching; and when heard, are recognised and felt without teaching. The scream of terror, the shout of joy, the laugh of satisfaction, the laugh of sarcasm, the laugh of ridicule, are made by man and understood by his fellow-man wherever the one may be born and whatever may be the speech of the other. The voice is a natural, a universal language. Each mental attribute has its voice, which is in relation to that attribute; and whether that attribute forms part of the mind of man or brute, it instantly recognises the voice. The piercing cry of pain, the affrighting scream of terror, the voice of joy, are common to all, and recognised by all. The voices of the feelings, so far as pitch, duration, and loudness are concerned, are capable of notation. Dr. Colombat has attempted the notation of cries arising from various pains; and Dr. Burney has noted the song of several birds. The changes of pitch present the most remarkable changes in the voice; and on these mainly depend the voices of the feelings. The mind adopts changes of pitch to express its condition, and the interval of music is but a means of measuring, and thence imitating, that expression. A higher intensity of feeling increases the interval. Composers know this fact, and avail themselves of it in dramatic music. The pages of Handel, Mozart, Beethoven, Weber, and Rossini are full of illustrations of it. The 'Messiah,' the greatest of all musical compositions, abounds with degrees of intensity of the same feeling.

Music is language; it is tone-language; and besides expressing feeling, it is capable of conveying ideas with a greater or less degree of precision. It is not necessary to be a musician to know the approaching conclusion of a piece of music; nor to know at the end of a section that the end of the piece has not yet arrived, because the melody expresses it. The tone or melody of a question is familiar to us all in common discourse. The melody is imitated in music, of which several instances occur in the 'Messiah.' It must however be remarked that where the language assumes the grammatical form of interrogation, the melody of speech is of a less decided interrogative character. And these are the instances which occur in the 'Messiah.' The first five measures of the air, 'But who may abide the day of his coming?' and the four opening measures of 'Why do the nations so furiously rage together?' are both interrogative, and composed on the same general principle. These examples are quoted not to exhaust the instances, but to illustrate the subject.

The imperative character of the melody on the sentences, 'Lift it up: be not afraid: Behold your God,' in the air, 'O thou that tellest glad tidings to Zion,' will be at once perceived. We have not space to discuss and illustrate fully the conveyance of ideas by tone-language, and merely wish to state sufficient to draw attention to it as an important branch of musical expression. The high province of music is the expression of sentiment, and when it conveys ideas, they are not cold ones, but are warm, bright, and glowing with intensity of feeling. The theories of the conveyance of ideas and of the expression of feeling by music are yet wanting, and can be formed only upon a wide induction of facts selected from the works of those composers who have succeeded in those branches of music. That the minor mode and slow time are appropriate to pathetic subjects, and the major mode with quick time for joyful and vivacious subjects, are facts familiar to all who have studied music, so that ordinary composers are able to give a general cast of feeling; but it is the man of high genius only who can produce a musical whole which is composed of appropriately expressive parts. It is from the works of such men as Purcell, Handel, Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, and Weber that such an induction should be made. In this way the few principles of composition would be increased and true music advanced; but it is beyond the power of principles and written rules in any art to equalize unequal natural abilities.

Music is both an oral and a written language, and as a language it can be acquired by the multitude. Those who can read music (play or sing) are in a position in respect to music, like that in which those who can read verbal language are to verbal language. Those who know the science of music so as to be able to compose music

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correctly are in an analogous position to those who know the grammar of verbal language so as to be able to write the language with grammatical correctness. Now multitudes know enough both of music and of grammar for this purpose; but something more is required to produce good music and a good book. Proper and well connected ideas, with appropriate and regulated feelings on the proposed subject, must exist, and a rhetorical wielding of music and language to convey those ideas and feelings with perspicuity and elegance. These high excellencies are rarely met with in an eminent degree; they are found in the highest excellence in Handel and Shakspeare.

On the Improvement and Preservation of the Voice.—In the improvement of the song-voice the great objects to accomplish are, 1, To improve its quality in sweetness and resonance. 2, To make every note in its compass equally pure. 3, To extend its compass both above and below. 4, To obtain power to produce a prolonged note on each degree of its compass. The accurate intonation of the scales is presupposed, for without that all training is musically useless. To effect these objects various systems of discipline are proposed, but none would be successful without the governing ear and voice of a master. The work however of Signor Crivelli stands in the foremost rank.

For the preservation of the song-voice the two great principles are, 1, To be temperate in all things, as eating, drinking, &c.; and, 2, Daily practice in the scales of music.

In the improvement of the speech-voice, the first great requisite is so to produce voice that it may not be injurious either to the general health or to the throat in particular. 2, To improve its quality in clearness and resonance throughout its compass. 3, To extend its compass both above and below. 4, To produce a prolonged speech-note on each degree of its compass. Hitherto these have not been systematically attempted, and not only have many orators been limited in their success by the defects of their voices, but many have been obliged to discontinue their avocations, especially the clergy, either from the injury to the throat or to the general health which public speaking produced. The primary object of elocutionary science, like that of physical, is to produce the greatest possible effect with the least expenditure of power; but, as in song-training, no system can be successful without the governing ear and voice of a master. The work entitled 'Cull on Public Reading' contains an outline of speech-voice training which has been eminently successful.

For the preservation of the speech-voice, as for the song-voice, temperance in all things is required. 2, Daily practice in the several forms of speech-note. By this means public speaking may become a pleasurable and healthful exercise.

The ancient orators were accustomed to exercise their voices daily in preparatory declamations, and to ascend and descend through the compass of their voices by repeating about 500 lines of verse from memory. The ancients adopted various medicaments and diets as beneficial to the voice, and certain nostrums are recommended at the present day; but let the orator depend more on a proper exercise of his organs, as the singer does on his, and he will be rewarded with cheerfulness and health.

VOID. [VACUUM.]

VOIGTLAND, or VOGTLAND (in Latin, *Terra Advocatorum*), is the land formerly possessed by the officers called Voigte (advocates) of the empire, the predecessors of the present princes and counts of Reuss. Their country comprehended the present circle of Voigtland in the kingdom of Saxony, the bailiwick of Weyda in the grand-duchy of Saxe-Weimar, the possessions of the princes and counts of Reuss, the lordship of Hof, now belonging to Bavaria, and the bailiwick of Ronneburg in the duchy of Saxe-Altenburg. From the eleventh century there were in this country officers called Voigte (*i.e.* advocates) of the Holy Roman empire. They were descended from Count Eckbrecht of Osterode, who lived from 950 to 979, and acquired the possession of Voigtland. All his successors took the name of Henry, and called themselves Voigte and lords of the Holy Roman empire, with the name of their territories, voigte and lord of Plimuen, of Weyda, &c. Henry III. (the Red, 1086-1156) possessed the whole of Voigtland, which on his death was divided

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between his four sons, the founders of the four lines or branches of his house, all of which soon became extinct except that of Plauen, which in 1257 was divided into two lines, the elder and the younger. The latter is the still-flourishing house of Reuss. [REUSS.] Henry the Elder, of the elder line (which became extinct in 1572), voigt of Plauen, received in 1426 from the emperor Sigismund the rank of prince and the burgraviat of Meissen, which however with its dependencies was sold in 1434 by his son Henry II. to the margrave of Meissen. The descendants of Henry sold or mortgaged various portions of these possessions; and at length, in consequence of such a mortgage, the elector Augustus of Saxony, who in 1560 had acquired by purchase the bailiwick of Weyda, Arnshauk, and Ziegenrück, purchased in 1590 the lordships of Plauen, Voigt-berg, and Pausa. They were formed into two circles: that of Neustadt, which was ceded to Prussia by the treaty between Prussia and Saxony concluded at Preburg, May 18, 1815; and the circle of VOITLAND, which remained to Saxony. This circle has an area of 556 square miles and 103,500 inhabitants. It is divided into two bailiwicks—1, Voigtsberg; and, 2, Plauen with Pausa. According to the nature of the country, it is divided into two portions, the mountain and forest region, and the land region. The first is the mountainous and thickly wooded tract on both sides of the Mulda next the circle of the Erzgebirge, which it greatly resembles. The climate is cold and the soil stony; the only kind of grain produced is oats, and the only vegetables are potatoes, the cultivation of which has been much extended of late years. In the other portion, called the Land Region, the surface of the ground is covered with a rich mould, the climate is milder, and the weather and temperature much less variable. The highest mountains are the Schreckenstein and the Rammelsberg, on the frontiers of Bohemia; the principal rivers are the Elster, the Mulda, and the Gölzsch. In the mountainous region agriculture is very limited, but in the valleys the industrious Saxons pursue most branches of agriculture; yet the country is on the whole too mountainous to produce sufficient corn and fruit for the population. Flax alone is raised in sufficient quantity. The circle has a very fine breed of horned cattle and sheep. Game and fish abound, and pearls are found in the Elster. One of the chief productions is timber, of which large quantities are exported. The minerals are copper, iron, alum, lime, and slate. The chief occupation of the inhabitants is the manufacture of linen, cotton, and woollen cloth, and especially of muslin, in which it is said that 30,000 workmen are employed. [PLAUSCH.]

(Hamel, *Erdbeschreibung*, vol. iv.; *Das Königreich Sachsen*; W. von Schlieben; *Das Königreich Sachsen*, in Schütz, *Erdkunde*, vol. xx.; Brockhaus, *Conversations-Lexicon*; K. H. Ludwig Politz, *Das Königreich Sachsen*.)

VOIRON. (FRANCE.)

VOISENON, CLAUDE HENRI FUSÉE DE, was born at the Château de Voisenon, near Melun, on the 8th of January, 1709. He was a younger son, and his delicate constitution rendering him unfit for a military career, his parents made him enter the church.

The future priest made his literary début by addressing in his eleventh year a poetical epistle to Voltaire, who complimented the author in return. A dramatic piece in one act, 'L'Heureux Ressemblance,' which he produced in his twentieth year, meeting with a favourable reception, encouraged him to write for the stage. Three pieces, 'L'Ecole du Monde,' 'L'Ombre de Molière,' and 'Retour de l'Ombre de Molière,' were brought upon the stage by him with varying success. About this time he was involved in a duel with an officer whom he had offended by some joke. Hitherto Voisenon had refused to comply with the wish of his family that he should take orders: the conviction that he was in fault in this quarrel, and had wounded his innocent antagonist, pressed so heavily on his mind, that he entered a seminary.

He was barely ordained, when his relative M. Henriot, bishop of Boulogne, appointed him grand-vicar. On the death of the bishop, in 1741, the see was offered to Voisenon, who declined it on the ground that he who was unable to control himself was unfit to manage a bishopric. Cardinal Fleury, pleased with this disinterestedness, bestowed upon him the abbey of Jardi, in which residence was not required. Voisenon, thus made possessor of a competency,

gave himself up for the rest of his life to the work and its pleasures.

Voltaire introduced him to the Marquise du Châtelet. The wits who frequented the houses of the Comte de Caylus and the actress Quinault Dufresne received him with open arms. The Duc de la Vallière eagerly sought his company. His former success in writing for the stage led his friends to wish that he would resume his pen; but two years elapsed before the entreaties of Mademoiselle Quinault could overcome the misgivings of the ancien grand-vicaire of Boulogne. She triumphed at length, and the 'Mariages assortis,' a comedy in verse, in three acts, was produced at the Italiens in 1744.

From 1744 to 1753 he composed a number of plays, of which 'La Coquette fixée,' which had a run of twenty-three successive nights, was the best. He produced on the stage or in print operas, oratorios, prologue and licentious lyrics, and at least one religious tract. In the midst of his dissolute life Voisenon was haunted incessantly with religious scruples. His naturally weak constitution broke down at last under his libertine indulgences. Apprehensive of death, he made a general confession; his confessor refused him absolution: Voisenon appealed to the pope, and with some difficulty, after paying a thousand crowns, and engaging to repeat his breviary every morning, he was absolved. He kept his promise, but the regularity of his devotion contrasted strangely with the equal regularity of his dissipation.

In 1762 he became a candidate for admission into the Académie: he was elected, and delivered his inaugural address on the 22nd of January, 1763. He attended the meetings of that body with punctuality, and his wit and liveliness made him a favourite. In 1766 he was deputed to do the honours of the Académie to the duke of Brunswick, and in 1768 to the king of Denmark. In 1771 he was the director who admitted M. Roschlaub, bishop of Senlis, and a few days later the prince of Beauveau and the historian Gaillard. On all these occasions he gave free vent to his petulant wit. His face and figure, which have been compared to those of an ape, pointed out his jests, and these solemnities elicited peals of laughter from the audience.

Notwithstanding his effrontery, the Abbé Voisenon lived long without enemies. He was perfectly good-natured, and appears to have acted among his irritable associates the part of a reconciler-general. He lost himself however after the fall of the Duc de Choiseul, who had patronised him, by his servile flattery of Madame du Barry and his ungrateful sarcasms against his former benefactor. Voisenon's friends fell off from him in disgust. The duke of Orleans refused to receive, and the prince of Conti turned his back upon him. He was insulted at the meetings of the Académie. He withdrew to his paternal château, where he died on the 22nd of November, 1775.

Besides his dramatic pieces and fugitive poetry, Voisenon published a number of tales, 'Anecdotes Littéraires,' and 'Fragments Historiques.' Madame de Turpin, whom he was accustomed to call his secretary, was his literary executor. She published the complete works of Voisenon, prefaced by a eulogistic biography, in five 8vo. volumes. Laharpe, who said that these volumes reminded him of a butterfly crushed in a folio, published a selection, in one small volume, in 1800. There is both point and elegance in the wit of Voisenon, though his mind was scarcely vigorous enough for a work of any extent. Notwithstanding his libertinism, he was unostentatiously benevolent, and on some occasions self-denying. His disgraceful conduct towards the Duc de Choiseul may be charitably ascribed to dotage.

(Biographie Universelle.)

VOITURE, VINCENT, a French writer in prose and verse, formerly of great reputation, was a native of Amiens, where he was born in 1568. His father was a wine-merchant, but, besides being a lover of good cheer, was an attendant upon the court, and well known to all the principal people there. Voiture himself was educated at Paris: two poems by him, one in Latin, the other in French, on the assassination of Henry IV., were published in a collection of pieces by members of the College of Calvi, in 1612; the same year appeared his 'Hymnus Virginis, seu Astrææ,' and it was at the College de Boncourt that he made the acquaintance of M. d'Avaux, who afterwards, when he became superintendent of the finances, gave his friend the valuable place of one of his first clerks, making it at the

same time a sincere, the better to suit Voiture's tastes and habits. It is said to have been at the celebrated hotel of Madame de Rambouillet, where he was introduced by M. de Chaudbonne, that his wit and talent were first appreciated: Mademoiselle de Rambouillet is the Madame de Montausier who is so frequently celebrated in his letters and verses. He soon became a distinguished figure at court; and he spent the rest of his life in the society of the great, occasionally visiting foreign countries on some court mission. He appears to have been in England in 1633; one of his published letters in that year is dated from Dover. Before this he had been in Spain, where he was received with great distinction, and where he delighted the literary and fashionable circles of Madrid by penning verses in their own language, of such purity and apparent facility of style, that they were at first universally ascribed to Lope de Vega. From Spain he proceeded to Africa, to satisfy his curiosity by a view of that coast. He is stated to have paid two visits to Rome; and in 1638 he had the honour of being sent to Florence to announce to the grand-duke the birth of the dauphin, afterwards Louis XIV. Among the places he enjoyed at court were those of maître d'hôtel to the king, and introducteur des ambassadeurs to the duke of Orleans. He was elected a member of the French Academy in 1634, and of that of the Umanisti at Rome in 1638. He died in 1648.

With the exception of the early pieces already mentioned, and some stanzas addressed to Gaston of Orleans in 1614, Voiture printed nothing in his lifetime; but his French writings were collected after his death, and published at Paris in a quarto volume in 1650, by his nephew M. Kivene Martin de Pichesse; and they have since been often reprinted. They consist of letters, poems, and a portion of a prose romance entitled 'L'Histoire d'Acidalia et de Zelida.' His Latin verses were first added in an edition of his works published at Paris, in 2 vols. 12mo., in 1723. He is also said to have written easily and correctly in the Italian language, as well as in French and Spanish. In his own day and for a long time after Voiture was universally regarded as the model of grace and spirit in writing; the inclination of more recent criticism has generally been to depreciate him, perhaps unduly. Voiture remarks (*Siècle de Louis XIV.*): that he was the first example in France of what is called a bel-esprit; but that his writings have scarcely any other merit. He admits however that that sort of merit was then extremely rare; and he adds that some of Voiture's verses are very fine, though those deserving to be so styled are but few. The Abbé de Castres (*Siècles Littéraires*) allows that some of his letters may still be read with pleasure, but not the whole continuously. He complains that the wit is too ambitious and monastically elaborate, as well as lavished with such prodigality as to dazzle and fatigue more than to please. The writer's constant affectation, the Abbé conceives, is such as to deprive him of all the charm of nature and variety. On the other hand, our own Pope, in his finished encomium on Voiture, sent along with a copy of his works to his friend Miss Blount, has said—

* His may not my happy nature seem;
Thou'lt therefore have him die, to live in him;

De Castres admits nevertheless that Voiture does not merit all the contempt which it had come to be customary to express for him; and that few writers furnish more examples of fineness and delicacy of thought. Boileau was an ardent admirer of Voiture, and has celebrated him as the great example of elegance of style in the preceding age. He must indeed be regarded as one of the reformers of French poetry—which he had the taste to seek to restore to the simple and cordial style of Marot from the pedantry and affectation into which it had subsequently degenerated; adding at the same time a polish and comparative exactness till then unexampled. He may in this way be considered as the founder of the style which was afterwards carried to perfection by La Fontaine. We had certainly nothing so good of the same kind in English poetry till Prior appeared. In his prose, his wit is often very brilliant and happy, and his diction is probably more flowing and regular than that of any preceding French writer. A conclusion to Voiture's unfinished romance has been written by the Sieur des Barres: it first appeared by itself at Paris in 1677; and it may be seen in an edition of his 'Lettres et autres Œuvres,' 2 vols. 12mo., Amsterdam, 1709, although the

* Biographie Universelle' says it was first published along with Voiture's romance in the Paris edition of 1713. There are at least two English translations of Voiture's Letters: one entitled 'Letters of Affairs, Love, and Courtship,' written to several persons of honour and quality by the exquisite pen of M. de Voiture; Englished by J. D. (i.e. J. Davies, as appears from the dedication), 2 vols. 8vo., London, 1657; the other, entitled 'The Works of Monsieur Voiture, translated by Mr. Dryden, Mr. Dennis, Dr. Drake, Mr. Cromwell, Mr. Cheke, Mr. Brown, Mr. Ozell, Mr. Webster; the third edition, revised and corrected throughout by the last edition printed at Paris; addressed to Miss Blount by Mr. Pope,' 2 vols. 12mo., London, 1733. But this is one of Curll's lying title-pages, and the book contains translations of only a very few of Voiture's poems. Among the translations however is one attributed to Pope, which could scarcely have been written by any one else (Verses occasioned by Mr. Dury's adding n.c. at the end of his name, in imitation of Voiture's verses on Naut-Germain). This translation of the Letters does not seem to be so good as that by Davies. Some of the best of Voiture's poems, preceded by a short sketch of his life, with several curious anecdotes illustrative of his character and habits, may be seen in the 5th volume (pp. 193-256) of the collection entitled 'Recueil des plus belles Pièces des Poëtes Français,' 6 tomes, 12mo., Paris, 1752. So lately as in 1806 there was published at Paris, in 2 vols. 12mo., a collection entitled 'Lettres Choisies de Voiture, Balauc, Montreuil, Pellisson, et Boursault.' The letters are preceded by a preliminary discourse and a biographical account of the writers; both anonymous, but known to be, the former by M. Vincent Camponen, the latter by M. Auger; and several both of his Letters and Poems are given in a 12mo. volume, entitled 'Œuvres Choisies de Marot, Malherbe, Voiture, et Segrais,' Paris, 1810. See also the 'Liste Alphabétique des Auteurs,' prefixed to Kiehelet's Dictionnaire; and Baillet, 'Jugemens des Savans,' iv. 248-250.

VOLANUS, ANDREAS, a Polish Protestant author, who acquired great celebrity by his controversy with the Jesuits, and by whom he was attacked with the most bitter violence. He was born in 1530, in the province of Posen, but lived chiefly at Vilna, where he was pastor of the Reformed church, and where he died in 1610, at the age of eighty. Besides his controversy with the Jesuits, he wrote against the Socinians, and had theological disputations with the Lutherans, in which he displayed great talent and learning, but failed in his object, which was to bring about a union between the Augustan and the Helvetic confessions in Poland. Besides a great number of controversial works which he published, and which had in their time a great run in the country, as well as abroad, Volanus is advantageously known as a political writer by his work 'De Libertate Politici seu Civili,' Cracov, 1582.

VOLATILE OILS, &c. [Oils.]

VOLCANO. The situations on the globe where subterranean fires have made or found channels to the surface of the land or to the bed of the sea, are termed volcanoes. A volcano is merely the channel of upward communication from the subterranean fires; the mountain in which the volcano acts, and the extensive mounds and masses of ashes, lava, &c. which surround it, are the effect and the measure of the expansive mechanical forces which are relieved by the pouring forth of the streams of melted rocks, the showers of ashes, torrents of water, and jets of steam and gases which constitute the eruptions. By considering the nature of these solid, liquid, and gaseous substances, and the circumstances of their ejection, some progress may be made towards a chemical theory of the nature and origin of the subterranean fires; but to gain a proper notion of the mechanical fore-set in action during volcanic excitement we must enter upon a larger inquiry:—the connection of earthquakes and volcanic eruptions, the relations of one volcanic district with another, especially as to coincidence or reciprocity in the times of their violent activity or remarkable repose; and the history not only of volcanic phenomena which are now in progress or have formerly happened in particular situations, but the general history of the effects of the disturbance of the internal heat during all geological periods and over all parts of the globe.

Has this extensive inquiry been followed out so completely and methodically as to justify a belief that the true

theory of volcanoes is reduced, as several other branches of the great theory of nature have been, to a plain process of induction? That many geologists suppose so is evident from the decision with which their general speculations are advanced; but the student who desires to possess clear and systematic inferences without being troubled with contending hypotheses will find it necessary to class the phenomena as if the inquiry were very far from completion. The following views may aid his researches into this large and interesting subject.

SUCCESSION OF VOLCANIC PHENOMENA.

A complete history of any one volcano, by showing us its origin, its alternations of rest and activity, its progress to decay and its final extinction, would furnish a sufficient basis for a general theory of volcanic action: for the analogies among all burning mountains, as to form, structure, composition, and associated phenomena, are such as to warrant the application of a few general laws and one theory to them all. But we know not completely the succession of phenomena which have happened in any one volcano. We have indeed examples in abundance of new islands and new mountains being raised in our own days and giving forth flames: we have the history of Vesuvius as an intermitting volcano for nearly eighteen hundred, and that of *Ætna* for above two thousand three hundred years; and we may contemplate on the banks of the Rhine, in Hungary, and in Auvergne, the aspect of a country from which the subterranean fires appear to have withdrawn their forces before the origin of history. The birth, continued activity, decay, and extinction of volcanoes are phenomena seen in separate parts of the earth's surface, and require unity and consistence only by being rightly combined into a correct general view of volcanic action.

Earthquakes.—Previous to volcanic eruptions generally, whether these happen in old craters or burst up in new situations, earthquakes prevail, sometimes for a considerable period, in the vicinity of the volcano, and extend their terrors to considerable distances from it. Near to the centre of future violence springs have been known to fail and others to burst forth, and unusual noises have been heard. Previous to the year 1538 the Neapolitan shore had been disturbed by earthquakes for two years; and these symptoms of subterranean disturbance were succeeded by the rising of the Monte Nuovo (over the ancient site of the Lærine Lake) in the space of forty-eight hours.

Among the effects of great earthquakes are fissures in the crust of the earth, both in volcanic regions and in distant situations. In 1811 and 1812 the movements of the ground in the Valley of the Mississippi and in Caracas caused vast depressions and elevations, some of which remained so as permanently to affect the drainage and change the form of the surface. Some of the numerous fissures produced in Calabria by the earthquake of 1793 assumed a radiating form, and it is conjectured by Mr. Lyell that in these situations the ground was permanently raised. In 1669 the flanks of *Ætna* were fissured, and through the opening the Monte Rossi was raised, by ejections of ashes, &c., to the height of 450 feet. In 1759 the new volcano of Jorullo was formed on the plains west of Mexico, first by the swelling up of the ground, according to the account of Humboldt, 'in the shape of a bladder,' and then by the accumulation of ejected materials, into a mountain 1695 feet high.

By these instances, taken from situations far from other volcanoes (Jorullo), at points in the vicinity of active and extinct volcanoes (the Monte Nuovo), and on the slopes of a frequently burning cone (the Monte Rossi), it appears that generally the earliest observable fact in the history of volcanic phenomena is the opening of the ground—

a. Along a line of fissure. b. In a system of intersecting fissures. c. Or in a general tumefaction, precisely as happens among the effects of ordinary earthquakes. Such openings, when happening on land, constitute subaerial volcanoes; and when occurring in the bed of the sea they produce submarine volcanoes.

Volcanic action thus appears a local consequence of earthquakes, which are themselves the effect of a disturbance of the conditions of equilibrium among the masses which compose the globe for some depth from its surface. To determine a cause for such disturbances, and by con-

sequence the true nature of earthquakes, is the great step to a general theory of volcanoes.

Eruptions.—When by some movement of the ground a channel is opened from the interior to the surface of the earth, a paroxysm of volcanic excitement follows, and an eruption happens through the new opening. There may be a slow outpouring of melted rock, pressed upwards against gravity by some internal force (as steam); or a violent upburst of clouds of scoræ and ashes, mixed with larger stones; or a torrent of the same materials mixed with water, and constituting mud; or volumes of steam and gases of different sorts. But these are exactly the products, singly or in combination, which are delivered by long-established vents, and, as far as we can judge, the same have been yielded by volcanoes which probably became extinct before the historic æra of the human race; moreover, the volcanoes of all regions agree generally in this respect. Evidently, therefore, the condition of the interior parts of the earth, which are under the influence of volcanic excitement, is of a general and continuous nature, and must be supposed capable of interpretation by examination of the products and the circumstances of their extrusion.

Mass of Volcanic Products.—Now the first thing which arrests the attention in regard to the circumstances which accompany the products of volcanic eruptions, is the enormous mass of materials ejected at particular points. In 48 hours, in 1538, the Monte Nuovo, 440 feet high and 8000 feet in circumference, was thrown up in a place which may be regarded as a new vent of the Neapolitan volcanic region; in 1759 a new vent was opened west of Mexico, a new mountain (Jorullo) was thrown up to the height of 1695 feet, and an area of three or four miles was swelled up like a bladder. Between July and August, in 1811, the island of Sciæca had been raised from the sea-bed, 100 fathoms deep, to a height of 107 feet above the sea, with a circumference of 3240 feet; in September its height was 100 to 200 feet, and its circumference 2300. In the winter of 1831-2 the whole vast heap of ashes had been dispersed by the waves, and nothing now remains of this short-lived volcano but a dangerous shoal. The lava currents from many volcanoes are of the same gigantic proportions. In 1757 Vesuvius poured forth 33,567,456 cubic feet; in 1794, 46,098,766 cubic feet; and *Ætna*, in 1669, gave forth 93,938,950 cubic feet, which would make a considerable hill: for it would cover a space of ground one-quarter of a mile across, with a conical mound 180 feet high. The accumulated effects of two years' eruptions of Siæpian Jokul, in Iceland, appear to have filled valleys and lakes and broad plains with floods of melted rock. The lava is said to have flowed in one direction 50 and in another 40 miles, with breadths of 15 and 7 miles respectively, and with a depth averaging about 100 feet, but in places reaching 600 feet. If these data have any claim to be regarded as fair approximations (they are so regarded by Mr. Lyell and other writers), the mass of lava poured out in two years by this modern volcano exceeds a hundredfold that of the Plutonic rocks which appear in the chain of the Malvern Hills. It would cover all the coal-fields of the British Islands with a plateau of basaltic rock 20 feet thick, or bury London under a mountain rivaling the cone of Tenerife. The volume of muddy and watery eruptions from volcanoes can seldom be accurately measured. Humboldt speaks of mud eruptions, called 'Moya,' as frequent in the volcanic system of the Andes, and they are abundant enough to fill valleys and stop the channels of rivers.

From such data as can be collected there appears no sign of any general decay in the magnitude of the volcanic eruptions taken generally, though in respect to any particular volcano the contrary may be inferred.

Eruptive Forces.—If the quantity of matter ejected by volcanoes be taken as a measure of the amount of unbalanced pressure which required and obtained relief, the force with which it was ejected may be regarded as a measure of the intensity of this pressure. Accurate observations on this point are needed. If, as recorded by Sir W. Hamilton, stones were thrown so high above Vesuvius as to occupy 11 seconds of time in falling to the level of the crater, this gives an upward velocity of 350 feet in a second at the level of the crater, and a height of about 2000 feet; but the mountain being above 3000 feet high, we must estimate the pressure at the level of the sea as

competent to sustain a column of matter of the ordinary weight of lava (say twice and a half that of water) nearly a mile in height. This would equal the pressure of between 300 and 400 atmospheres.

Lava which had flowed in 1798, was traced by Humboldt to the summit of the Peak of Teneriffe, and must therefore have been sustained (unless the lava were, as is probable, of a lighter kind) by double the pressure. These pressures appear great, but in no degree improbable if judged by the well-known effects of steam. A temperature of 800° Fahr. would give the steam pressure for a height 2000 feet above the cone of Vesuvius; and so rapidly does this power augment with additional heat, that less than 1000° Fahr. may be sufficient to give steam a force equal to balance the whole column of lava in the Peak of Teneriffe. Now these are temperatures which appear to fall within the observed heats of some of the lava currents, for these have been found to melt silver and to perform heating effects greater than those of red-hot iron. Steam-power, generated by the admission of water to the hot interior parts of the earth, appears entirely adequate to the 'eruptive forces' actually witnessed in volcanoes. It is much in favour of this being really the agency employed, that we find in explosive eruptions such considerable bodies of aqueous vapour erupted during most parts of the paroxysm; that some eruptions have yielded little else than steam, and others chiefly hot water. Moreover, on considering attentively the distribution of volcanoes over the globe, we find the active volcanoes most frequently by the side of the sea, or by other considerable bodies of water; and the extinct volcanoes in the vicinity of ancient lakes, or desiccated branches of the ancient ocean.

The general type of a volcanic eruption appears to be as follows:—The ground is rocked by frequent earthquakes; special movements and noises happen in and about the volcanic mountain; clouds of steam rise from the crater, followed and mixed with showers of ashes and scorie driven up by the exploding vapour and expanding gases; the tube of the crater becomes filled by melted matter, which undulates upward and downward with the irregular pressure of the steam and gases; these burst in large bubbles through it, scattering it into granular dust and ashes, till the lava overtops or breaks through the loose conical walls of the crater, and flows abundantly, so as partially or wholly to relieve for a time the unbalanced internal pressure.

Volcanic Products.—The substances thrown out during volcanic eruptions, whether stony, liquid, or gaseous, disclose more or less completely the nature and condition of the interior masses of the globe. The lava or melted rock is generally referable to a very small number of aggregations, in which felspar, augite (or hornblende), and oxide of iron are the most important ingredients, the mass being modified by additional minerals, as leucite, idocrase, olivine, garnet, epidote, stibite, heulandite, and many others. Uranium, copper, lead, arsenic, manganese, and sulphur also occur in various proportions. The same substances compose the ashes and scorie, the most prolific repositories of the rarer minerals being always in cavities of the lava or scorific aggregations.

In these particulars modern lava will bear comparison with ancient Plutonic rocks, for they are composed of similar mineral aggregates, modified by many of the same rarer crystallizations, which mostly occur in the cavities of their mass. The difference of most importance between Plutonic rocks (granite, &c.) and volcanic rocks (trachyte, &c.) is in the degree of their consolidation; and this difference appears quite intelligible by a comparison of the various appearance and character of lava which has cooled and become solid under different circumstances. Lava cooled in air under slight pressure is often cellular; cooled under the pressure of water (as in the case of the current which passed through Torre del Greco into the sea), it is more compact; much distended by gases and steam, it becomes vesicular pumice. We may therefore believe that lavas which remain and grow solid under great pressure about the internal base of the volcano are of a more dense nature than those which come to the surface, and may thus closely resemble, or be even identical with, some of the older Plutonic rocks, which thus regarded, and from other evidence, appear to be in fact *unrupted lavas*.

Besides abundance of water, the liquid products of volcanoes contain rarely sulphuric and muriatic acids; and among the substances of most interest in aiding to complete the theory of the chemical actions, are sublimations of common salt, and muriate of ammonia. The origin of these where the volcanoes are situated by the seaside cannot be doubtful. Boracic acid is another product of this kind, occurring in the crater of volcanoes. (Daubeny.)

The gaseous products of volcanoes are important in the investigation of the chemical theory of the igneous action. Besides the clouds of vapour of water (so abundant in eruptions, and so often productive of local rains), chlorine, azote, sulphuretted hydrogen, sulphurous acid, and carbonic acid, are the most common. The evolution of sulphuretted hydrogen (depositing sulphur), continues under various circumstances after other signs of activity have ceased in particular volcanic regions; and even after the craters have fallen in and become full of water, mineral springs, and springs rich in carbonic acid, flow with little variation for centuries, while azotized waters, rising to the surface along the lines of fissures more ancient than any known volcanic systems, demonstrate the almost interminably slow process by which subterranean heat is excluded from the surface of the earth.

Chemical Hypothesis of Volcanic Action.—The nature of these various products, and the order in which they successively make their appearance, have been the basis for speculations as to the chemical processes going on in the interior of volcanic regions. Sir H. Davy's discovery of the metallic bases of the earths and alkalis, and of the extraordinary aptness for oxygen of several of these bases (potassium, sodium, &c.), suggested to that great chemical philosopher a new and ingenious hypothesis of volcanic action. Water admitted to some of the metallic bodies alluded to is instantly decomposed, and its oxygen absorbed, with an immediate and very remarkable evolution of heat and light, while the metals become earths or alkalis. The substances most abundant in volcanic products contain these earths, and these alkalis, viz. potash, soda, lime, silica, alumina, &c., in various combinations, evidently the result of successive crystallizations from a fluid mass. In this hypothesis it is assumed that the interior portions of the earth consist in part of the metallic bases of the earths and alkalis; that water is from time to time admitted to these, that violent combustion and great heat follow, that the oxides generated are melted together, constituting lava, while the hydrogen, and some of the water undecomposed, go off to form new combinations with sulphur, chlorine, carbonic acid, &c., which are liberated from previous states by the heat and the various chemical agencies set in activity. The power which raises the lava, and throws out the clouds of ashes and scorie, is the undecomposed and confined steam.

Whoever looks carefully at this hypothesis will find in it much that is admirable, and little that is open to strong objection, if it be regarded merely as a *theory of the eruption of volcanoes*, not as a theory of the changes in the condition of the interior parts of the globe of which volcanic action is one of the visible exponents.

It is some recommendation of this view that it seems to unite itself with a general and not improbable speculation regarding the origin of the more ancient, Plutonic rocks, which certainly must be supposed to have passed through a very similar series of changes to those which lava has undergone. Those rocks have the same bases as lava; it is the natural result of chemical reasoning, that the elements which are now combined in them existed at some earlier time in a separate state; the oxidized and melted granite crust of the earth is formed by the union of these elements, and, according to the hypothesis of Davy,* the new rocks which volcanoes yield are produced by a somewhat similar process of oxidation and fusion.

But this hypothesis was nevertheless neglected by its author for reasons which do not appear to have been fully stated by himself. It was taken up by Dr. Daubeny, and has been maintained by him with much perseverance and ingenuity of research as a sufficient 'Chemical Theory of Volcanoes.' We may call it the 'Hypothesis of Subterranean Oxidation,' and develop it, according to Dr. Daubeny, as follows:—

Below the surface, at a depth of a few miles, the interior

* Phil. Trans. 1838.

of the earth is assumed to contain the earthy and alkaline metalloids, iron and other metals, sulphur and sulphuretted salts. Slow combustion happening amongst them, even under the continents, by slight additions of moisture and air, generates particular gases (nitrogen, carbonic acid, sulphuretted hydrogen, &c.); these rise and combine with springs which issue along lines of natural fissures, or are discovered in artificial wells, often giving to them a temperature higher than that of the country where they occur. Under the sea or large bodies of water, and especially along lines of sea-coast (where fissures may be supposed more numerous than elsewhere), water may be admitted to the interior more easily and in greater quantity, and may occasion phenomena of the same order, accompanied by other effects more powerful, rapid, and characteristic, until the process ceases for a while by the choking of the passages which admitted the water.

The water, decomposed by contact with the metalloids, yields its oxygen to them; the hydrogen is liberated, but not allowed to escape in great quantity alone, for it readily, under the influence of the heat, combines with sulphur into sulphuretted hydrogen, or, with the oxygen of atmospheric air (if any be present), reconstitutes water. Nitrogen is thus liberated, and may be conceived to pass off partly free, partly combined with hydrogen, so as to constitute ammonia, which again unites with chlorine (derived from the sea-water), and constitutes sal-ammoniac. While oxygen (derived from atmospheric air) is plentiful in the volcanic channels, the hydrogen will not unite with sulphur, which accordingly combines with oxygen into sulphurous acid. When the oxygen is consumed, sulphuretted hydrogen is formed in abundance, and predominates towards the close of the eruption, and even, by the aid of the residual internal heat operating on sulphur, is evolved for centuries after the volcanic violence is spent.

The evolution of chlorine is easily traced to a double decomposition of sea-salt; carbonic acid is supposed to rise from calcined limestone rocks; and specular iron-ore (fer oligiste) is a product of sublimation. Thus, in the opinion of Dr. Daubeny, all the main phenomena concomitant upon volcanic action seem to admit of explanation if we suppose, first, sea-water, and afterwards atmospheric air, admitted in considerable masses of metals, metalloids, sulphur, &c., the basis of the whole speculation being the abundant decomposition of water at a moderate depth below the surface of the earth. The views of Dr. Daubeny have been controverted by very eminent writers (as Dr. Davy, Prof. Bischof, and others) on particular points; but we are not aware of any attempt upon other assumptions quite so satisfactory as this of Dr. Daubeny to explain generally the chemical products of volcanic eruptions in the order of their occurrence.

Perhaps therefore we may concede to this hypothesis the probability that in the interior of the earth the metalloids exist in quantity sufficient to cause an abundant decomposition of water, and thus originate a given series of chemical changes such as are witnessed in volcanic eruptions. But before we accept it as a general explanation of volcanic disturbances, other classes of data than those furnished by chemical analysis must be brought into the reasoning.

An important circumstance in the general theory of volcanoes is the connection and reciprocal activity which exists underground between volcanic regions entirely separated on the surface, as between Sicily and Naples; between the Mediterranean volcanic region, taken generally, and the region of extinct (or long suspended) volcanic action in Asia. To this we must add another and larger series of facts regarding the extent and distribution of volcanic action on the surface.

Volcanic Regions and their Connection.—Volcanic regions, if estimated by the area over which the lava and ashes have been dispersed, constitute but a small portion (perhaps less than $\frac{1}{10}$ part) of the surface of the globe; but in a survey of these regions we must include not only the active vents and extinct craters, but also large intermediate spaces where there is abundant evidence that the subterranean fire is at work continuously, for the ground is convulsed from time to time by earthquakes; gaseous vapours, especially carbonic acid gas, are disengaged plentifully from the soil; springs often issue at a very high temperature, and their waters are usually impregnated with the same mineral matters as are discharged by vol-

canoes during eruptions. (Lyell, *Princ. of Geology*, book ii., ch. ix.)

To describe these districts would be entirely foreign to the purpose of this essay, but we may by a simple classification show how much of the grandest features of physical geography is due to volcanic disturbance.

European Volcanic Districts.—The Icelandic volcanoes, remarkable for abundant lava streams; the Azores, amongst which new islands have been thrown up; Sicily, including *Ætna* and the vanished island of *Sciaccia*; the Lipari Isles, with *Stromboli* always burning; the Neapolitan tract, including *Vesuvius*; *Ischia* and the *Ponza* Isles; *Santorini* and some neighbouring islets. The above are all considered as active volcanic centres, and have been subject to eruptions in historical times. The extinct volcanic systems of Europe are the *trachytic* domes in the centre of France (*Auvergne*, the *Vivars*, &c.), the *Eifel* country, the *Seven Mountains*, and other *trachytic* and *basaltic* parts along the *Rhine*; the *Westerwald*, *Vogelsgelände*, *Rhinberg*, *Kaiserstuhl*, and many other scattered *basaltic* hills in the middle of Germany; Hungary, *Transylvania*, both remarkably rich in *trachytes* and *peristones*; the *Gleichenberg* in *Syria*. In Italy, the *Euganean* hills and other smaller points appear in the north of Italy; while between *Rome* and *Naples* large ancient craters occur, and connect *Mount Albano* with *Vesuvius*. (*Daubeny*.)

African Volcanic Districts.—These are chiefly in the islands, which are nearly all volcanic, though, as in *St. Helena*, the action has long been extinct; or, as in the *Canary* Isles, the localities once devastated now enjoy immunity through the great safety-valve of *Teneriffe*. (*Von Buch*.) On the continent the traces of volcanic action appear in the mountainous tracts adjoining the *Red Sea* and in the chain of the *Atlas*.

Asiatic Volcanic Districts.—Mixed active and extinct volcanic mountains occur about the *Persian Gulf*, the *Red Sea*, and the *Dead Sea*, in the vicinity of *Suwayra*, in the *Caucasus* (especially in *Mount Ararat*), and in the *Elbura* Mountains, including *Demavend*. These are, or appear, detached points of more or less decayed, though once powerful action, fed by inland seas. On the southern and eastern shores of Asia the subterranean energies are still unshaken, and constitute a long chain of lofty islands and promontories from *Barren Island* in the *Bay of Bengal*, through the length of *Sumatra* and *Java*, by *Bally*, *Sumbawa*, *Flores*, *Celebes*, *Sangir*, *Mindanao*, *Fugu*, *Luçon*, *Formosa*, *Loohoon*, *Japan*, the *Kurilian* Isles, the magnificent mountains of *Kamchatka* examined by *Erman*, and the line of the *Alutian* Isles, to *Alaschka*, on the western coast of *North America*.

American Volcanic Districts.—The *Rocky Mountains* show many marks of ancient volcanic action, and serve incompletely to connect the long Asiatic line just described with another enormous volcanic system running through *California* and *Mexico*, interrupted at the isthmus of *Darien*, but continued through *Pasto*, *Popayan*, *Quito*, *Peru*, and *Chili*, to *Tierra del Fuego*. This mighty range of mountains is everywhere parallel to the sea, being only crossed by the line of Mexican volcanoes, which includes the new mountain of *Jorullo*, and passes perhaps from the *West Indies* to the *Revillagigedo* Isles. The volcanic vents are unequally distributed along the great *Cordillera*: one in *California*, five in *Mexico*, and above twenty between this and the isthmus of *Darien*. South of this point the volcanoes are few, but mostly of prodigious grandeur and frequent activity, the fire issuing from one or other of the mountains, which, according to *Humboldt* and *Darwin*, are all parts of one grand swollen-up mass—supporting *Cotopaxi*, *Antisana*, *Tunguragua*, and other huge cones. Only one active volcano occurs in *Peru*, but nineteen are active at frequent intervals in *Chili*, and one (*Villarrica*) burns almost uninterruptedly. Most of the *West Indian* Islands are volcanic, or partly volcanic and partly calcareous, the limestone being mostly due to the growth of corals, perhaps on the craters or round the slopes of volcanic mounds. A similar view appears applicable to the numerous groups of islands in the *Pacific Ocean*, some of which, as the *Ladrone* Isles and *Hawaii*, are lofty and active volcanoes.

In general the *Banda* Isles, *New Guinea*, *New Britain*, the *New Hebrides*, *Norfolk Island* and *St. Philip*, the *Friendly*, the *Society*, and the *Sandwich* Islands are prin-

pally of volcanic origin. The low lagoon islands, described by Mr. Stutchbury (*Journal of the Bristol Institution*) as deriving this form from the growth of coral, have been thought to be so many points of volcanic mounds, but it has been suggested by Darwin (*Geol. Proceedings*) that they are points of subsided land, on which the zoophyta attached themselves. Western Australia contains basaltic and other volcanic accumulations.

The philosophic investigator of the volcanic system of the Canaries (Von Buch) has arranged the groups of volcanoes, which have thus been briefly sketched, into two systems. 1, Central Volcanic Systems, where the vents are grouped round some principal cone, as *Ettna*, or arranged in an expanded area, as Iceland. 2, Linear Volcanic Systems, as the grand chain of *Asintio* Isles and the lofty range of the *Andes*; and this view is perhaps of the more importance, because it is applicable to the ancient Plutonic rocks, which, from other considerations, we have inferred to be of the nature of unerupted lava. Thus the *Serinitic line* of the Malvern Hills may be contrasted with the scattered groups of traps about Charnwood Forest and the country north of the Cheviot Hills.

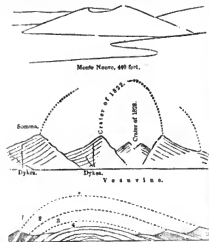
In the one case the crust of the earth has yielded to pressure and has been broken in many places near a certain point; in the other it has yielded along a certain line of weakness in the rocks. Von Buch imagined that the central volcanic systems, like those of the Mont d'Or and the Plomb du Cantal in France, had been originally formed by an uplifting of the ground in a rudely dome-shaped elevation (*Erhebungs-erster*); while along the linear volcanoes a great fault had occurred. Exactly similar suppositions have been employed for the more ancient examples of unerupted Plutonic rocks; but in each case there is a part certain, viz. the fracture along the line, and a part disputable, viz. the upheaval in a dome. Mr. Lyell is indisposed to admit in any case the origin of a volcanic vent by upheaval in a dome-like figure; he even dissents from the opinion or narration of Humboldt already mentioned respecting Jorullo, and from the conclusion of De Beaumont and Dufrenoy regarding the Mont d'Or and the Plomb du Cantal. This is a point which would be of little consequence, but for the interest justly attached to any inference concerning the origin of volcanic phenomena. That there have been some rudely dome-shaped elevations in the older strata, in connection with disturbances of the interior of the globe, is evident to any one who has studied the strata in the vicinity of Woolhope, described by Mr. Murchison, of which the subjoined cut gives a cross-section. That the structure of such strati-

fied domes of elevation is entirely different from that of a volcanic cone of eruption is evident by contrasting with the former figure the section across *Vesuvius* and the profile of the crateriform *Monte Nuovo*. Some further information on this head appears under the article *STRATIFICATION*, and upon the whole it is certain that in respect of a volcanic mountain or region, whose internal structure is sufficiently exposed, there are characteristic marks by which the existence of 'craters of elevation' can be affirmatively proved, if any such craters exist. Von Buch, De Beaumont, Professor Forbes, and others agree in ascribing this origin to some of the mountains in central France, and apparently on sufficient evidence. It is however not a phenomenon admitting of frequent citation. Now the districts thus classed together are not only related by geographical proximity, but have some real subterranean as well as apparent superficial connection. Humboldt and Darwin speak confidently of the great volcanic regions of the *Andes* as one grand system of subterranean activity; though the manifestations of this at the surface offer local peculiarities, both as to time and circumstances. Mr. Darwin has been led by the investigation of the volcanoes and earthquakes of the Cordilleras of the *Andes* to regard them all as depending primarily on the disturbance of a vast internal sea of melted rock spread below a large part of South America.

Other conclusions, equally on a large scale, which have been drawn by M. de Beaumont from other classes of phenomena, have a direct bearing on this subject. M. de Beaumont has inferred that the principal mountain-ranges throughout the world have their several geological dates determinable by comparing the positions of the disturbed and the undisturbed strata in and around them: that to each great period of fractures in the earth's crust belongs a certain prevalent direction in which those fractures happened; and though this view may be subject to particular objections and restrictions, there is this great truth in it, that the several systematic fractures which it professes to refer to one certain geological date have each an assignable date. This date being assigned, we find that the earth's crust has in ancient geological times been broken by lines of fracture or bent into flexures, 10, 50, 100, or several hundred miles long, and this often (there are many examples in the British Isles) with no unusual exhibition of really volcanic rock on the line, and even with little appearance of unerupted granite or sienite. These great fractures traverse nearly all regions, with no special reference to active or extinct volcanoes, and it is clear that they are due to a general cause, which has been in operation through all past geological periods, and which produced effects exactly comparable in kind, if greater in degree, to those now performed by modern earthquakes. But if we consider the account of the effects of the great Lisbon earthquake in 1755, which extended over Europe, changing momentarily the level of the land, raising waves 60 feet high at Cadiz, and 18 feet at Madeira, and sensible disturbance in the West Indies and Loch Fyne; or the narratives of the Chilean earthquakes in 1822 and 1835, the former of which raised the sea-shore for 100 miles, and the latter rent and shattered the entire provinces of Canqueros and Concepcion in every direction—it will remain very doubtful in our minds whether the internal power to which earthquakes owe their force has really decreased, or the violence of the earthquake been moderated and relieved by the intermitting action of volcanoes. Mr. Darwin speaks confidently of earthquakes and volcanic eruptions in South America as parts of the same phenomenon, now one and then the other, or both together, but at different points, relieving the pressure on the 'internal sea of molten rock'; and this view, which is the largest, appears at the same time the simplest, and best founded, of all the postulates for a general theory of volcanoes.

This able writer has indeed by a simple inference brought us at once to the basis of this theory. He has inferred that the primary shock of an earthquake is caused by a violent rending of the strata, which on the coast of Chili and Peru seems generally to occur at the bottom of the neighbouring sea.

Here then we take our basis of a general theory of volcanic actions. The earth's crust is subject to fractures, and has always been subject to fractures on a great scale: below the surface of the earth is now, and was in ancient geological periods, an internal sea of molten rock; this sea



1, Line of the Asymmetrical Elevation; 2, Line of the Wrench (Limestone); 3, Line of the Woolhope (Limestone); 4, Line of the Carboniferous sandstone.

is agitated and thrown bodily from its place by the rending of the strata: a *reef of translation* (not an ordinary undulation) is generated in the liquid mass, which passes rapidly onwards and moves the land on its crest, in a given direction; this is the earthquake. A portion of the melted rock is forced by the general pressure into cavities of the rocks, or spread out in irregular sheets on the bed of the sea; these are the dykes and interposed beds of Plutonic rock: to some part of the internal hot fluid water finds access, and the steam which is generated and confined supports local columns of melted rock, in particular fissures of the earth's crust, till the lava finds vent and flows to the surface, or is driven up in dust and scorix by the violent extrication of the vapour; this is the local volcanic action. As to the composition of that internal sea of melted rock, we may admit it to contain unoxidized metalloids, if by this means we can better explain the peculiar chemical nature of the products which come to the surface; and thus we find at last only one condition remaining to be satisfied, viz. the condition of a continual and progressive destruction of the equilibrium of the internal masses of the earth, which causes the violent rending of the strata antecedent to earthquakes and volcanoes. On this point we need not enlarge. The general progress of geological and physical science has rendered it very probable that the disturbance of the equilibrium of the earth's internal masses, which has at so many geological epochs been exalted to an intensity equal to sink and raise hundreds of miles square, and to fold into complicated contortions the seemingly solid crust of the globe, is due simply to a slow change and gradual diminution of the earth's internal heat. Great fractures, Plutonic rocks, and volcanic accumulations are of all geological ages; but as no existing land is, in respect of a very large part of its surface, of very recent date, and volcanic cones of loose materials cannot withstand the wasting action of the sea, it is no wonder that the antiquity of volcanoes, if judged only by the relation of volcanic products visible on the land to the stratified crust of the earth, appears much inferior to that of the Plutonic rocks, which were formed among the strata of every age, under circumstances which admitted of their being preserved. But if we more closely study this matter, and compare marine volcanic sediments, such as have been spread by the waves round the base of Seiceae or Sabrina, with the 'trappen' sandstones described by Mr. Murchison interposed amongst the Silurian strata, we shall perceive that local volcanic excitement consequent on general changes in the internal condition of the earth is a phenomenon of all geological periods.

(The reader may consult Daubeny *On Volcanoes*; Lyell, *Principles of Geology*; Darwin, *Geological Proceedings*, &c.; De la Beche, *Geological Manual*; Caldwell, in *Philosophical Transactions*; Humboldt's *Travels and Treatise on Rocks*; Von Buch *On the Canary Islands*; De Beaumont and Dufrenoy *On Auvergne*; Deudant, *Hungary*; D'Aubuisson's *Geology*; Bischof *On Mineral Waters*; Rogers, 'On the Apalachian Chain,' in *Reports of Brit. Assoc.*, 1842; Mitchell, 'On Earthquakes,' *Phil. Trans.*, 1760.)

VOLGA, THE, called by the Tartars *Erlak*, that is, 'the bountiful,' is the longest river, and, with the exception of the Danube, has the largest volume of water of any river in Europe; and its entire course is within the Russian empire. Geographers differ considerably respecting the length of its course. Hassel states it as about 1900 miles; Hirschelmann and others as 2000; and Schubert 2300. It rises in 57° N. lat., on the frontier of the governments of Tver and Novgorod, near the village of Wochina-Werschow, issuing from a small lake formed by several springs, and it flows through the lakes of Oselok, Plara, and Volga, which it quits about 90 miles above Tver. Near Outechok it receives the Selicharowka, which issues from lake Seeliger, and attains the breadth of 150 feet; at Rshew-Vladimirov it becomes navigable for small boats, and at Tver, where it is 700 feet broad, for large barges. Having traversed the government of Tver in an easterly direction, it turns to the north-east to Yaroslavl, then south-eastwards to Kostroma and to Nischni-Novgorod, where it receives the Oka; thence to Casan, where, having been joined by the Kama, it becomes 1000 yards broad, and having passed Simbirsk, Saratow, and Astrachan, it divides into eight branches, which enclose 70 islands, and discharges itself by

65 mouths into the Caspian Sea, to which it is computed to bring, says Stein, 1,000,000,000 cubic feet of water in an hour. The rivers which join it, with the exception of the Oka, before it reaches Casan, are of no great magnitude; but the Kama, which joins it at Casan, after a course of 1000 miles, makes a vast accession to its waters.

The Volga is of the utmost importance for the facility which it affords to the trade of the interior of the empire, and also to its foreign commerce; the Russian government having, by a judicious system of canal navigation, so connected the various navigable rivers, that the Polar Sea communicates with the Caspian by a navigation of 4000 miles on the Dwina, the Volga, and canals; and thus goods may be sent by water from St. Petersburg to Selenginsk, in the government of Irkutsk, in Siberia (about the same distance), with only a short interruption beyond Yakutsk.

The banks of the Volga are extremely fertile, even tho' yet uncultivated parts; and there is no other part of Russia where so much oak timber grows as in the vicinity of this river. The navigation of the Volga is much obstructed, in the dry season of the year, by shallows and islands; but in May and June the melting of the snow and ice swells its waters, and often causes extensive inundations. At this season its depth is so increased that large ships can pass over the sand-banks and low islands (which are then completely under water), and descend it in safety from Tver to Astrachan. The Volga, especially from Astrachan to the Caspian, is more abundant in fish than perhaps any other river in the world. Immense numbers penetrate the several mouths of the Volga, and many thousand small vessels are employed in the fisheries. The fish taken in the largest quantities are sturgeon, carp, and pike of extraordinary size. Caviar is made of the roe of one species of sturgeon, and isinglass from the skin and entrails of another, which is called by the Russians *Beluga*. Seals also come from the Caspian into the mouths of the Volga, where they are taken.

(Hassel, *Das Russische Reich in Europa*; Stein's *Handbuch*, by Hirschelmann; Brockhaus, *Conversations Lexicon*; Stein's *Lexicon*.)

VOLGSK. [SARATOW.]

VOLHYNIA (in Polish, *Wolynsk*), a government of West Russia, comprehends the ancient Polish province of that name, which was taken from Poland in 1793 and 1795, and some portions of the ancient palatinate of Kiev. It is one of the few governments of Russia which have retained the provincial name, and are not called after a town. It lies between 49° 40' and 52° N. lat. and 23° 40' and 29° 24' E. long. It is bounded on the north-west by Grodno, on the north by Minsk, on the east by Kiev, and on the south by Podolia, and on the west by Galicia and Poland. Its area is 28,300 square miles, divided into twelve circles.

The country is an elevated level extending at the foot of the Carpathian chain. The northern and larger portion has no mountains, but on the northern frontier there are extensive peat moors and morasses, and where there are hills they are clothed with the finest forests, chiefly of pine, though there are some which consist entirely of oaks, beeches, and limes. The southern portion is undulating, and has two small mountain-ridges which enter it from Podolia and decline towards the centre of the province. These chains of mountains, or rather hills, for their highest points are not 300 feet above the level of the sea, are covered with forests, and are to be considered as the extreme offshoots of the Carpathians on this side. In the southern district they rise to the plateau called, by Eichwald, Awratyn, which he considers as the highest part of Volhynia, to which some give an elevation of 1000 feet. This plateau extends from Awratyn to Bieloserka (from the north to the south-west) for about one degree; but its breadth is small; its importance however, says Eichwald, may be judged of when we know that it forms the watershed between the Baltic and the Euxine: the rivers that rise on its northern declivity flow to the Baltic, and those rising on the south declivity, to the Euxine; the latter are the more considerable, but there is no great river in the government. The largest lakes are in the vicinity of Syak; but even these are of small importance, and rather resemble large ponds, of which there are great numbers. There are several mineral-springs, of which however no

use is made. The climate resembles that of Southern Germany, and the seasons are the same, only that the winter is rather more severe, and the night frosts protracted to a later period, so that the rivers are every year frozen. Epidemic diseases are rare, and there are no prevalent endemics except the *Plica Polonica*; but a murrain often prevails among the cattle, and swarms of locusts periodically desolate extensive tracts.

Productions, Agriculture, Manufactures, and Trade.—Vollynia is one of the most fertile provinces of the Russian empire, and there is perhaps no other in which agriculture is so general and so flourishing; ample harvests constantly reward the labour of the farmer; a general failure of the crops scarcely occurs twice or thrice in a century; and partial or local failures have no influence, since, notwithstanding the great consumption for the people, the cattle, and the distilleries, there is still a large annual surplus. But it is not to be inferred that the people are good farmers; they do not manure and till their fields any better than the Poles in general; their farming implements are equally rude, and the only advantage they have over them is perhaps that their cattle are better fed. The rich crops of grain are to be attributed to the fertile soil. In the northern border, where there are many marshes, there are the most luxuriant pastures, in which the grass is so high as almost to hide the smaller cattle (sheep and goats) that feed in them. Hassel says that in ordinary years the land yields tenfold. Besides rye, barley of several kinds, oats, millet (which thrives especially in the heavy marsh-lands), the farmers cultivate several species of wheat of the finest quality, which is heavier and more farinaceous than that produced in any other part of Poland (meaning Poland in its ancient extent). The annual produce is about four and in some years five millions of chetwerts: the surplus, after deducting the seed-corn for the following year and that consumed in the province, is seldom much less than a million of chetwerts, and sometimes more. Flax and hemp are grown in great abundance, and here and there rapeseed, tobacco, and pulse, but only for home consumption: linseed, hempseed, and oil are exported. Horticulture is not much attended to; however all the ordinary vegetables are cultivated in the gardens, and in those of the nobles all such kinds of vegetables as are produced in Germany. In some parts mustard, saffron, and capsaicum are grown; hops are generally cultivated, tobacco in the gardens, and in the fields and meadows the people gather chamomile, creeping panic-grass (*Panicum dactylon*, *Moune de Pologne*), and wild asparagus. Most kinds of fruits would suit the climate, but the better kinds are seen only in the gardens of the nobles: the peasants have apples, pears, cherries, and plums, from which they obtain liqueurs and brandy; but they are of inferior kinds.

The forests, especially in the north and north-eastern parts, are very extensive; they are partly of firs, partly of other trees. Great quantities of timber and fire-wood are conveyed to the Dnieper, partly by rafts, partly by land-carriage; the forests also furnish much pitch, tar, charcoal, and potash. The wild animals found in them are stags, elks, fallow-deer, wild boars, hares, squirrels, martens, polecats, weasels, beavers, and otters, a few bears, lynxes, and wild-cats, and many wolves and foxes. It is said that the European bison is still occasionally seen in the north-western forests. [BROOK.] Wild berries of various kinds abound, and truffles and mushrooms are commonly met with.

The rich pastures are very favourable to the breeding of cattle. The Vollynian oxen are fine animals, and great numbers are exported. The management of the dairy is not well understood, and the butter and cheese produced are scarcely sufficient. The horse, when proper attention is paid to it, is larger and stronger than the other Polish horses, though of the same breed; the studs of the nobility furnish horses for the heavy cavalry, but the horses of the peasants and poor Jews are in general far inferior. The sheep are of the Polish or German breed, and some rich landowners have introduced merinos with great advantage. The farmer has fewer goats than swine; the poultry is of the ordinary kinds; they have very great numbers of bees, and the honey is celebrated for its good quality. The rivers furnish abundance of fish, and on all the estates there are regular carp-ponds.

The only mineral is bog-iron: there are saltpetre, stone for building, and millstones, all which are exported; potters' clay, porcelain clay, and limestone.

Though Vollynia is naturally an agricultural country, it is further advanced in many branches of manufacturing industry than any other of the dismembered Polish provinces. Not only do the women in the villages knit, spin, and make coarse linen and woollen cloth, while the men prepare potash, pitch, tar, and charcoal, but the number of manufactures, properly so called, which in 1808 was 67, and in 1834 (according to Schnitzler) 211, is now (1843) nearly 300. The principal articles are linen, leather, woollen-cloths, earthenware, porcelain, and paper.

Vollynia is not favourably situated for commerce, as it has no large navigable rivers; but the Dnieper is near enough to afford an easy communication with Odessa. The articles exported are the natural productions, which have been already enumerated, and some manufactured goods. The cattle, horses, honey, and wax find a ready market in Austria and Poland, whither they are conveyed by the Jews, who have the whole trade of the province in their hands. There are great fairs at Dubno and Ostrog.

The population consists of—1. Russians, who are the majority, almost all the peasants being of that branch, which, though evidently Russian, cannot well be comprehended either in the Great or Little Russians. 2. Poles, comprising the nobles and most of the citizens. 3. Jews, of whom there are above 40,000. Disseminated among those three nations there are some Great Russians, Germans, Moldavians, Tartars, and gypsies. The great majority belong to the Russian-Greek Church, and are under the bishop of Vollynia, who has 1570 churches, including 12 cathedrals, in his diocese; his residence is at Zitomir. The Roman Catholics have a bishop of their own at Luck, 94 churches, and several convents. The United Greeks have some convents, and the Jews their synagogues. Public education is more general than in many other governments of the Russian empire, but the number of schools and scholars cannot be stated with any degree of accuracy. The principal towns are—Schitomir (in Polish, Zitomierz), the capital of the government, situated on the river Teterow. Before it came under the dominion of Russia it was an insignificant place, with less than 2000 inhabitants. It has now 8500, or, according to some accounts, 11,500, who have a considerable trade in woollen-cloths, linen, silks, calicoes, leather, wax, and honey, and Moldavian and Hungarian wines, with the adjoining provinces. Berdykiew, an ugly ill-built town, is one of the most considerable in the country; it has several churches, and a large fortified Carmelite convent. The population, which we have set down at 9000 [RUSSIA], is stated in a recent Russian official journal to be now between 30,000 and 40,000, of whom a great proportion are Jews; there are several respectable Christian merchants, who carry on a considerable trade in the productions of the country. Jaslau, with 5000 inhabitants, is built like most ancient Polish towns, but is not so dull; it has four Greek churches and one Roman Catholic church, a monastery, and a synagogue. The inhabitants have some manufactures, six annual fairs, and a brisk trade in the produce and manufactures of the country. Ostrog, on the Wellja, consists of the old and the new towns; it contains an ancient castle, several Greek and Roman Catholic churches, a Basilian convent and school. The inhabitants, of whom many are Jews, carry on a considerable trade; the annual fairs are well attended. Ostrog is celebrated as having very early possessed a Russian press, where the first complete Bible in the Russian language was printed in 1581. Kremenetz (in Polish, Krzemieniec) is situated at the foot of a high mountain, on which there is a castle or citadel. It has several Greek churches, a monastery, a school, and 8000 inhabitants. It was besieged and taken by the Mongols in 1240.

(Broekhaus, *Conversations Lexicon*; Schnitzler, *La Russie, la Pologne, et la Finlande*; Hassel, *Das Russische Reich in Europa*; Stein, *Statistisches Lexicon*.)

VOLKAMERIA, a genus of the natural family of Verbenaceae, so called in honour of John George Volkamer, a physician of Nürnberg, who published the *Flora Noribergensis*, in 1700. To this genus a great number of Asiatic plants have been referred by different botanists, but these are now considered to be strictly species of *Cleodendron*.

deon. The genus now contains only a single West Indian species, *V. aculeata*, which is one of the most common plants in the low lands of Jamaica, in a dry gravelly soil, and is abundant in most of the other islands, growing to the height of 5 or 6 feet, with oblong acute, quite entire leaves, with spines from the rudiments of the petioles. The flowers come out from the side of the stalk, five or six on the same peduncle, almost in form of an umbel, in shape somewhat like those of the common *jasmine*, but with a curved tube.

VOLKONSKOITE, a mineral containing oxide of chromium. Occurs amorphous. Fracture conchoidal or uneven. Very soft; feels smooth. Colour fine grass green. Dull; assumes a polish when rubbed by the fingers. When heated in a glass tube, loses water, and becomes of a brown colour; by calcination loses about one-third of its weight, and becomes of a dark brown colour.

It was found in Mount Jesmieski, in the government of Perm, Siberia; occurs in thin veins and nests.

Analysis by Berthier:—

Silica	27.2
* Green Oxide of Chromium	34.0
Peroxide of Iron	7.2
Magnesia	7.2
Water	23.2

98.8

VOLKOV, PHEDOR GRIGORIEVITCH, the founder of the Russian theatre, and son of a merchant of Kostroma, was born February 2nd, 1729. He lost his father while young, and his mother married again, but her second husband, Polishkin, a merchant at Yaroslavl, proved a kind stepfather to her children. He was more particularly attached to Phedor, her eldest son, and sent him to the *Zaikomaspeksky* Academy at Moscow to learn mathematics and German, and prepare himself for theological studies; but there Volkov was thrown in the way of pursuits very different and far more congenial with his disposition. It was the practice at that seminary for the scholars to get up dramatic recitations and performances, acting sometimes religious pieces or mysteries, and sometimes comedies taken from Molière. Except that he displayed general cleverness, we are not told what progress he made in his other learning, but in the dramatic art he was no sooner a scholar than he showed himself to be a master, and also made rapid proficiency in painting, music, singing, and other accomplishments of that kind. The idea of his studying theology was now given up, while that of his taking to the stage as a profession did not suggest itself either to him or his friends, because there was then no such profession—no public stage in Russia. He was therefore placed by his stepfather, in 1746, in the counting-house of a merchant at St. Petersburg, with whom he soon became a favourite, and who took him to see the Italian operas at the court theatre. To say that Volkov was delighted would but coldly express the rapturous enthusiasm with which he was seized; nor was it at all abated when he afterwards saw some of Sumarokov's pieces performed or recited by the pupils of the 'Cadet Corps.' One of his first objects was to become acquainted with some of the actors of the Court Theatre, to make himself master of Italian, and to obtain a thorough insight into all the business of the stage, with its machinery and various appurtenances. Not least of all it is to his credit that though he was thus engrossed by his theatrical passion, he did not, distasteful as they were to him, neglect his counting-house duties, or the affairs which his stepfather had entrusted to his management.

Whatever it might have cost him at the time, for this he was amply rewarded by the affectionate reception with which he was greeted by his worthy stepfather Polishkin and his whole family on his return to Yaroslavl. Instead of being lectured for his theatrical passion, he was permitted to get up a theatrical performance, after he had sufficiently trained his brothers and some of their acquaintance, and a barn had been converted into a stage with 'real scenes.' All Yaroslavl was invited, and all Yaroslavl went away in raptures—which were more than mere compliments, for some of the principal inhabitants immediately set on foot a subscription to erect a permanent theatre, of which Volkov was appointed architect, de-

corator, scene-painter, machinist, manager, director of the orchestra, purveyor of novelties, and dramatic writer. This was the first Russian theatre, the progenitor of those magnificent and colossal edifices of which that country can now boast.

It was not long before the fame of the Yaroslavl theatre reached St. Petersburg, and the empress Elizabeth wished to witness a performance by the Yaroslavl actors on her own private stage. They accordingly repaired to Petersburg, and played before the empress Sumarokov's drama of 'Sinav and Truvor.' Their success was complete, and the whole company of youthful actors was retained, although several of them were placed in the 'Cadet Corps,' in order to perfect their education, and some were sent abroad to study the dramatic art and improve their talents.

In 1756 Volkov was ordered to proceed to Moscow, and establish a theatre in that capital; which commission he executed with so much zeal and ability, that within the course of two years the stage was there put upon a very respectable footing both in point of talent and of scenic representation. Standing high in the favour of the empress, he enjoyed that of the court, and afterwards of her successor Catherine II., who would have conferred on him the rank of nobility, had he not declined that distinction for himself, begging that it might be transferred to his married brother Gabriel. But he did not enjoy Catherine's favour very long, for at the time of her coronation at Moscow, on which occasion he was charged with the superintending the arrangements of some part of the public festivities, he caught a cold that was succeeded by inflammatory fever, which carried him off, April 4th, 1763.

Volkov is said to have translated several pieces for the stage, and also to have written some original ones; but as none of them have been preserved, or if in existence have not yet been brought to light, his fame as a dramatist is only traditional. He also made a collection of the biblical dramas of St. Demetrius, metropolitan of Rostov (1651-1709), which he presented to Catherine, who bestowed them on Prince Orlov, who was a great admirer of literary relics and antiquities; but what afterwards became of the manuscripts is not known. (*Entsiklopedicheskiy Lektsion*.)

VOLKHOW, RIVER. [RUSSIAN EMPIRE.]

VOLNEY, CONSTANTIN-FRANÇOIS CHASSEBOEUF, COMTE DE, was born 3rd February, 1757, at Craon in Anjou, where his father was a distinguished advocate. He was educated at the colleges of Anenis and Angers. At this time, and till he reached his twenty-fourth year, he bore the name of Boisgrais, invented by his father, to whom the ancestral Chasseboeuf had always been matter of annoyance. His father's wish was that he should study the law; and with this view he came up to Paris in his seventeenth year, having already a small income of 1100 livres (about 45*l.*) of his own, left him by his mother; but he soon exchanged the study of the law for that of medicine; and eventually, on succeeding to a further independent revenue of 6000 livres (240*l.*), he gave up the thought of following any profession. He now, in 1783, set out for the East. After shutting himself up for eight months in an Egyptian convent to study the Arabic language, he spent above two years more in traversing Lower Egypt and Syria; and on his return to France in 1787 he published, in 2 vols. 8vo., his account of the physical and political condition of these countries, and of their geography and antiquities, under the title of 'Voyage en Syrie et en Egypte pendant les années 1783, 84, et 85.' The first edition of Larcher's translation of and commentary on Herodotus had been published at Paris the year before, and had probably done something to awaken a general interest about the subject of Volney's book. Volney also, with the advantages of personal observation, with very considerable learning, and with more acuteness than Larcher, came to support the same view of the trustworthiness of Herodotus which that writer had enforced. On the whole Volney's was universally received as at once by far the most graphic and spirited, and the most exact and complete description of Egypt and Syria which had yet appeared. A third edition of the work, with considerable additions, appeared in 1800; and there is an English translation of it in 2 vols. 8vo. It was followed the next year by a short tract on the war then carrying on between Turkey and Russia ('*Considérations sur la Guerre des*

Russes et des Turcs'), remarkable for its anticipation of the seizure of Egypt by the French, attempted ten years later; and also for the indiscretion or unusual frankness with which certain facts and questions of the diplomacy of the day were discussed in it; so that it was christened by the wits 'Inconsidérations sur la Guerre,' &c. This tract was reprinted in the 1800 edition of the 'Voyage,' and again by itself in 1808. Volney, who had some sanguine notions upon new modes of farming, which he wished to have an opportunity of trying on a property he proposed purchasing in Corsica, now got himself appointed by the French government director of the agriculture and commerce of that recently acquired island; but being elected deputy of the tiers état to the National Assembly for the *sénéchaussée* of Anjou, he remained for the present in France to take part in the great events about to be transacted there; and he soon after resigned his government office. In the Constituent Assembly, and afterwards in the Convention, of which he was also a member, Volney acted generally with the party of the Girondins, assisting the onward movement till the establishment of the reign of terror in 1793; when, like many of his associates, he began to think that matters had been carried too far; but having a weak voice, he was no orator, and his personal influence in the House was inconsiderable. His history accordingly still continues to be principally that of his literary career. It appears that in 1788 he had commenced at Rennes a paper called 'La Sentinelle.' In 1790 he gave in to the Académie des Inscriptions an essay for a proposed prize on the subject of the Chronology of the Twelve Centuries preceding the invasion of Greece by Xerxes. Although he had no competitor, the prize was not awarded to him; but the essay was afterwards published by Naigeon in the 'Encyclopédie Méthodique.' In September, 1791, he presented to the National Assembly his famous 'Ruines, ou Méditations sur les Révolutions des Empires,' the work in which he first announced those peculiar views as to the symbolical character of the Christian and other religions (similar, as has been observed, to those developed by Dupuis in his 'Origine des Cultes,' probably known to Volney, though not yet published), to which his name principally owes its popular notoriety. There are numerous French editions of the 'Ruines,' and there is also a wretched English translation of the work, which has been often printed. It contains many striking and ingenious views and some eloquent writing, though extravagant and absurd in its leading principles. Soon after it appeared Volney retired to Corsica to cultivate a property which he had purchased there; but the insurrection headed by Paoli compelled him to leave the island in the spring of 1793. It was during this visit to Corsica that he first became acquainted with Napoleon Bonaparte, then an officer of artillery. On his return to Paris he published, in the 'Moniteur' of the 20th and 31st of March, a 'Précis de l'Etat de la Corse.' In 1793 he published his well-known brochure, (generally printed with his 'Ruines'), entitled 'La Loi Naturelle, ou Catéchisme du Citoyen Français,' or, otherwise, 'Principes Physiques de la Morale,' a title which sufficiently explains its spirit and object. It is a clear and comprehensive exposition of such a system of ethics as can be reared on the theory of materialism. Volney was now sent to prison by Robespierre as a royalist, and remained in confinement for about ten months; he regained his liberty on the overthrow of Robespierre by what is called the revolution of the 9th Thermidor (27th July, 1794). Soon after he was appointed professor of history in the newly established Ecole Normale; and here for about a year he delighted crowded audiences by his brilliant lectures, which were taken down as they were delivered, and have been several times printed. In 1795 he drew up, at the request of the *véritable*, a series of 'Questions de Statistique à l'Usage des Voyageurs,' which were reprinted in 1813. This year also he published the first of his works on a subject which for the rest of his life engaged much of his attention, a tract entitled 'Simplification des Langues Orientales, ou Méthode nouvelle et facile d'apprendre les Langues Arabe, Persane, et Turque, avec des Caractères Européens.' His notions upon this subject were opposed by Langlès, Silvestre de Sacy, and other Orientalists; but he never himself relinquished them; and he had the satisfaction, a few years after this, of having an important testimony borne at least to the learning and ingenuity he had shown in explaining and applying them, by the Asiatic Society at

Caleutta, which in 1798 elected him one of its honorary members.

The Ecole Normale was suppressed in 1795; upon which Volney proceeded to the United States of America. He was well received by Washington, then president; but his residence became less comfortable after the commencement, in 1797, of the presidency of John Adams, whom he is said to have offended by some severe things he had said of his work on the 'Constitution of the United States'; and in the spring of 1798 he quitted America and returned to France. While residing in New England he had been attacked by Priestley in his 'Observations on the Progress of Infidelity'; and he replied in a pungent letter, which he caused to be translated into English and sent to the press. During his absence he had been elected a member of the Institute. Ever since they became acquainted in Corsica, Volney and Bonaparte had been good friends; it is said that it was by Volney's advice that Bonaparte was dissuaded from going, in the beginning of 1794, to offer his services as a military man to Turkey or Russia; and Volney is supposed to have had, soon after his return from America, a share in the contrivance and preparation of the revolution of the 18th Brumaire (9th of November, 1799), which placed Bonaparte at the head of affairs. Bonaparte wished him to be one of his colleagues in the consulate; but he refused both that and the ministry of the interior, and would only consent to be nominated to a seat in the senate. From this date an alienation began to take place between the two; their first open difference was on the subject of the church, the restoration of which as one of the establishments of the state Volney conceived to be a very foolish proceeding; but their notions upon all other matters also ran in opposite directions. When Bonaparte assumed the imperial title, Volney offered the resignation of his senatorial dignity; he was prevailed upon to retain his seat, but he seldom attended after this, and when he did he joined the small minority of the body which Napoleon contemptuously called the 'idéologues,' 'hommes spéculatifs,' and other such names. He subsequently however accepted the titles of count and commandant of the Legion of Honour. In 1803 he published, in 2 vols. 8vo., his 'Tableau du Climat et du Sol des Etats-Unis d'Amérique,' a work which sustained the reputation he had acquired by his 'Travels in Egypt and Syria,' though it is now of no value. His next work was a 'Rapport fait à l'Académie Celtique sur l'Ouvrage *Rumo de M. le Professeur Pallas, Vocabulaire comparé des Langues de toute la Terre*,' which appeared in 1805. In 1808 he recast his 'Essay on the Chronology of the Early Ages,' and republished it under the title of 'Supplément à l'Héródote de Larcher.' This is a tract of only 80 pages, in which he fixes the date (825 a.c.) of the great solar eclipse stated to have been foretold by Thales (ALYATTES; THALES); and also that of the capture of Sardis and fall of the Lydian kingdom (557 a.c.). That and another work, entitled 'Chronologie d'Héródote,' which he published the following year, involved Volney in a controversy with Larcher, whom he had attacked with much asperity, provoked perhaps in part by the complete change of opinion as to religion which Larcher, formerly as decided an infidel as himself, had avowed in the second edition of his 'Herodotus,' published a few years before. Volney however suppressed most of the personalities originally contained in these two works when he reprinted them in 2 vols. 8vo., in 1814, along with an examination of the antiquities of Persia, India, and Babylon, under the title of 'Recherches Nouvelles sur l'Histoire Ancienne.' In 1810 Volney married his cousin, formerly Mademoiselle de Chasseboeuf, between whom and himself there had existed an early attachment, but who had married while her lover was abroad, and was now a widow. Upon this occasion he removed from the small house in the Rue de la Rochefoucauld, in which he had resided since his return from America, to a fashionable mansion, with a large garden, which he bought in the Rue de Vaugirard. Volney was one of the senators who voted in favour of the decree passed 2nd April, 1814, for the deposition of Bonaparte; and on the 4th of June following he was elevated to the peerage by Louis XVIII. It may be conceived from all this that his early political ardour had now considerably abated. But he showed that some of his old opinions were still the same as ever by a pam-

phlet, entitled 'Histoire de Samuel, Inventeur du Sacre des Rois,' which he published in 1819, when preparations were making for the coronation of Louis at Rheims, and in which he treated the character of Samuel and of the Hebrew Scriptures in general with equal freedom. It is said that Louis himself, when in private used to profess a very easy liberalism, both in religion and in politics, read this inquiry with not a little relish. Volney's last publication appeared the same year, a tract which he dedicated to the Asiatic Society, entitled 'L'Alphabet Européen appliqué aux Langues Asiatiques.' He also read to the Academy, in 1819, a 'Discours sur l'Etude Philosophique des Langues;' and the collection of his 'Œuvres Complètes,' published in 8 vols. 1820-1821, contains two letters to M. le Comte Lantjunaïs, 'Sur l'Antiquité de l'Alphabet Phénicien,' dated also in that year. The last work he prepared for the press was an octavo volume, entitled 'L'Hebreu simplifié,' which appeared immediately after his death. All his acknowledged writings have now been mentioned except a paper entitled 'Vues Nouvelles sur l'Enseignement des Langues Orientales,' and another entitled 'Etat Physique de la Corse,' both printed in the eighth volume of his collected works. But he was also a considerable contributor anonymously to the 'Moniteur' and the 'Revue Encyclopédique.'

Volney died on the 23rd of April, 1820. The above facts are chiefly abstracted from an excellent though somewhat partial memoir of him, in the 'Biographie Universelle,' by M. Durozoi.

VOLKGA, an extensive government of European Russia, extends from 58° 30' to 64° 40' N. lat., and from 38° 23' to 59° 40' E. long. It is bounded on the north by Archangel, on the north-east by Tobolsk, on the south-east by Perm and Viatska, on the south by Costroma, on the south-west by Yaroslav, on the west by Novgorod, and on the north-west by Olonetz, comprising an area of 161,000 square miles.

Face of the Country, Soil, and Climate.—The surface of this government is an immense plain, which extends on the east to the Ural Mountains, and is only traversed by a lateral branch of that chain, which crosses the north-eastern part: it contains vast forests, extensive morasses, and some lakes. The soil is very various: there are clay, loam, marl, much peat, and extensive sandy heaths; but there are large tracts in which the surface is covered with a rich mould, and in most parts the soil is susceptible of cultivation. The most fertile part is the south-west.

Besides the Ural and its north-western offshoot, which runs along the bank of the Petchora, there is here and there a hill, which is called a mountain. The north-eastern chain, here called Pojaes-Kamennoi, or the Stony Girdle, evidently forms the watershed between the Dwina and the Petchora. It is thickly wooded, about seven miles broad, and continues to rise as it runs to the north.

The principal rivers are:—1. The Dwina, which is formed by the union of the Jug and the Sachona. It receives afterwards the Wytshегда, a considerable river which rises at the foot of a branch of the Ural Mountains, and is joined by the Sysola, the Wym, and the Keltma. 2. The Vaga, which issues from a morass, where it is already above 1200 feet in breadth, and is navigable in the spring by small vessels. It joins the Dwina in the government of Archangel. 3. The Petchora, which rises in the Ural Mountains at the point where the governments of Volodga, Tobolsk, and Perm meet: it is from 14 to 20 feet deep, and is navigable throughout the summer. This province has also a canal, called the North Catherine Canal, begun in 1786 and completed in 1817. It is 12 miles in length. It unites two rivers, both called Keltma, one a tributary of the Wytshегда, and the other of the Kama, a tributary of the Volga, by which the Wytshегда communicates with the Kama, or the Dwina, and the Frozen Ocean with the Caspian.

The most considerable lakes are:—1. The Kubenskoe, which receives the Kubana and twenty other small rivers, and from which one branch of the Sachona issues. The island of Kamennoi is on this lake. 2. The two lakes called Pitonskoi, are very deep. 3. Lake Sander, 10 miles long and 3 broad, the waters of which are said to heal wounds and ulcers. 4. Lake Kondas. There are numerous morasses in this government, some of which are 25 to 45 miles in circumference.

The Climate is colder than at St. Petersburg, which is

three-quarters of a degree more to the north than the capital, Volodga, but it is very salubrious: it however varies considerably in different parts of the province. Thus the greatest heat is of longer continuance in Volodga than beyond the Dwina; and whereas at Usting and Jurenak the mercury is often frozen for three days together, it is not frozen at Volodga for more than a few hours: the winter is much longer in the north-eastern than in the south-western portion. The rivers generally freeze between the 13th and the 24th of November, and thaw between the 19th of April and the 10th of May. In spring there are late frosts and intervals of cold weather; in summer many gloomy, foggy, and rainy days, and often night-frosts. The autumn is frequently serene and bright. In August the leaves fall from the trees, and the birds of passage take their departure.

Agriculture; Industry; Trade.—Agriculture requires the utmost care, and the ground must be well manured. The corn that succeeds the best is rye, which yields five or six-fold; whereas barley and oats yield only threefold. Flax and hemp are extensively cultivated; and likewise some hops, peas, and beans. In the south-western circles the produce is sufficient for the home consumption; but towards the north and north-east it gradually diminishes, and a considerable quantity must be imported. No fruit is grown in the north-east, but cabbages, turnips, and garlic thrive; and in the south-west the gardens produce not only most of the vegetables common in Russia, but also apples and cherries. The immense forests constitute the wealth of the province, and furnish a great part of the inhabitants with occupation and the means of subsistence. The trees attain a great height, and the forests produce berries of various kinds in great abundance. The eluce is very profitable, and furnishes many valuable articles both for the inland and foreign trade. The wild animals are elk, reindeer, ermines, martens, weasels, squirrels, hares, gluttons, bears, wolves, lynxes, foxes and wild-cats, various kinds of birds and water-fowl, among which are twelve species of ducks. Horses, oxen, sheep, goats, and swine are numerous. The small cattle are of the best kind in the western, the larger in the eastern half of the province. The rich pastures east of the Dwina and the many salt-springs are so favourable to the cattle, and the breed both of horses and oxen is so good, that great numbers of them are sold at high prices at St. Petersburg and Moscow. The inhabitants have no poultry except the common barn-door fowl, and bees are seen only occasionally in the southern circles. Though the province is so well watered, fish are scarce, and considerable quantities of herrings, salmon, and stockfish are imported from Archangel, sturgeons from the Volga, and other fish from Novgorod.

The Minerals are iron, copper, granite, freestone, quartz, felspar, whetstones, limestone, and salt. The salt-springs are very important, and supply almost the whole consumption of the province.

Manufactures and Trade.—There are few manufactories in this government, but the number is gradually increasing. There are manufactories of woollen cloth, linen, glass, iron-ware, and paper. There are also brandy distilleries, tanneries, and manufactories of candles, which are highly esteemed all over Russia. The commerce of the province is not unimportant. Volodga may be regarded as the centre of the trade of Siberia with Archangel, being situated on the great road between them, and there is a very active trade, which is carried on in the summer on the rivers, and in the winter on sledges. The principal trading towns are Volodga, Totma, and Usting. The several annual fairs are very well attended.

The population of this government, amounting to 830,000 inhabitants, consists of Russians, who are the majority; of Syriennes, who are a remnant of the ancient Finnish inhabitants; and of some Samoides who lead a wandering life in the inhospitable deserts of the north-east, on the banks of the Petchora. The Syriennes, who have embraced the Greek religion, differ from the Russians only in speaking their own dialect, and by their stupidity, indolence, and uncleanliness. Education is in a backward state; the schools are few, but some progress has been made in the foundation of new schools, and in increasing the number of teachers and scholars.

Volodga, the seat of government, and the see of the bishop, is situated in 59° 12' N. lat. and 40° 10'

E. long, on both sides of the river Vologda. It is an open town, consisting of two principal parts, each of which is divided into four quarters. The public buildings and institutions are—51 churches, six of which are of stone; 1 monks' convent; 1 nunnery; 1 theological seminary for 600 priests; 1 gymnasium; a district school; several charitable institutions; and many buildings and magazines belonging to the crown. The inhabitants, 14,000 in number, manufacture linen, silks, leather, scaling-wax, white-lead, colours, vitrol, and have very extensive tanneries and candle manufactories; they likewise make very superior articles in gold, silver, enamel, and lacquered ware. Their commercial connections are very extensive. The merchants trade with St. Petersburg and Archangel, to which they send hemp, tallow, Russia leather, linen, candles, linseed, bristles, salted and frozen fish; they receive in return colonial and other foreign merchandise, with which they carry on a profitable retail trade. They likewise trade direct with China and the Aleutian islands, to which they send Russian productions and manufactures, and receive in return furs and all sorts of Chinese articles. They are also connected with British and Hanseatic merchants. The city is surrounded with gardens, which produce good vegetables and some fruit.

Totma, on the Suchona, consists of three broad streets, has 17 churches, 3 convents, several magazines, and 3000 inhabitants, among whom are many artisans and intelligent merchants, who have not only a very profitable retail trade, but also a considerable commerce with Archangel and Siberia. The salt-works produce annually from 30,000 to 40,000 poods of salt.

Ustiug-Velikii has been described in a separate article. [USTIUG-VELIKII.]

(Hassel, *Das Russische Reich in Europa*; Schnitzler, *La Russie, la Pologne, et la Finlande*; Stein, *Geog. Lexicon*; Stein's *Handbuch*, edited by Hirschelmann.)

VOLOGESSES. (PASTRIK.)

VOLPATO, GIOVANNI, a distinguished Italian engraver, born at Bassano in 1738. He was first employed in tapestry embroidery, an art which he learnt from his mother; but he at the same time occasionally occupied himself with engraving, which he acquired without instruction, and he published some prints under the assumed name of Renard. The success of these prints was sufficient to induce him to adopt engraving as a profession, and he accordingly fixed himself in Venice, where he became the pupil of the celebrated Bartolozzi. Volpato engraved many good prints after several Venetian masters, but his best works were engraved after Raphael and other masters at Rome, where he finally settled. He was employed as its principal engraver by a society of dilettanti which undertook to re-engrave all the works of Raphael in the Vatican. Volpato engraved on a large scale seven of the great works of Raphael in the so-called stanze; an eighth, 'The Mass of Bolsena,' was engraved by his pupil and son-in-law Raphael Morgenth. The prints were published coloured as well as plain, and are a very valuable set of engravings. He published in the same style the Farnese gallery by Annibal Carracci; and many other celebrated works of the great Italian masters. He published also many coloured landscape etchings of Roman views, &c., in partnership with P. du Cros. Another of his great works is a set of fourteen views of the galleries of the Museo Clementino, with all its works of art. He engraved also two prophets and two sibyls from those of Michael Angelo in the Sistine Chapel. His prints are remarkably numerous considering their scale and the style in which they are executed. Huber, who wrote before the death of Volpato, enumerates, as his principal works, 168 engravings. He and his son-in-law Morgenth were the best engravers in Italy at the end of the eighteenth century. Volpato died at Rome in 1803.

(Huber, *Manuel des Amateurs*, &c.; Heller, *Praktisches Handbuch für Kupferstecher*.)

VOLTA, ALESSANDRO, was born at Como, in 1745, of a noble family, and was educated in that city; in 1774 he was appointed professor of natural philosophy in the University of Pavia; and while he held that chair he made the discoveries which have immortalized his name.

It appears that in his youth he had a taste for letters; and among his effusions is a poem, in Italian, on Saumure's journey to Mont Blanc: he also composed one in Latin, which treats of the principal phenomena of chemistry.

This taste did not however continue, and the bent of his mind was afterwards decidedly in favour of the sciences connected with electricity.

In 1777 Volta made an excursion into Switzerland, and three years afterwards he travelled through Tuscany. During the latter journey he observed and drew up a description of the flame which appears to issue from the ground about 40 miles from Florence, on the road to Bologna. In 1782 he travelled through Germany and Holland, and made a visit to England, where he became known to Sir Joseph Banks and the most distinguished philosophers of the country: he returned through France, and he is said to have then introduced into Lombardy the culture of the potato, which he had observed in Saxony.

When Bonaparte entered Italy, in 1796, Volta was one of the persons appointed by his fellow-citizens to solicit the protection of that general, who afterwards took every opportunity of conferring honour upon him. He caused him to be named a deputy from the University of Pavia to a congress which was held at Lyon for the purpose of electing a president of the Italian republic; and in 1801 he invited him to Paris in order that he might repeat before the members of the Institute his experiments with the *pila* which he had invented. On this occasion that learned body presented Volta with a gold medal and elected him one of its foreign associates. Bonaparte also made him a member of the Legion of Honour, and conferred on him the order of the Iron Crown, with the titles of count and senator of the kingdom of Italy. He had been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of London in 1791.

In 1804 Volta was allowed to resign his professorship; and, giving up his studies, he spent the rest of his life at his native town, Como. Here he was seized with a fever, which, after an illness of only two days, terminated fatally on the 5th of March, 1826.

He married in 1794, and by his wife he had three children, whose education he himself superintended. His life was one of uniform piety, and he died sincerely lamented by every friend of science; particularly by his fellow-citizens, who struck a medal and erected a monument to his memory.

In proof of the inclination of Volta in favour of the physical sciences it may be observed, that when he was only eighteen years of age he corresponded with the Abbé Nollet on the subject of electrical phenomena, and that six years afterwards (1769) he addressed to Beccaria a dissertation in Latin, entitled 'De Vi Attractiva ignis Electrici.'

In 1775, while pursuing some experiments on the non-conducting property of wood when impregnated with oil, he was led to the construction of his 'electrophorus,' an instrument consisting of two circular plates of metal having between them one of resin: the upper plate was furnished with an insulating handle of glass, by which it was to be raised from the plate of resin; and the latter being excited by friction, the whole constituted a kind of electrical machine. An account of it was given in Rosier's 'Journal de Physique' for 1776; and Dr. Ingenhouz afterwards explained its principles on the Franklin theory of positive and negative electricity. (*Phil. Trans.* 1778.)

The efforts of Volta to improve the electrophorus led him in 1782 to the discovery of the instrument which he designated an electrical condenser. This is, rather, a variation of the former instrument, a plate of marble or varnished wood being substituted for the resin between the conductors. A wire being brought to the upper conductor from the object in which a faint degree of electricity exists, after a time the conductor, on being lifted up by the glass handle, is found to have received from the object a considerable quantity of electricity. An account of this instrument was given by Volta himself, in the 'Philosophical Transactions' for the same year (vol. 72); and it is there stated that he had succeeded in ascertaining by it the existence of negative electricity in the vapour of water, in the smoke of burning coals, and in the gas produced by a solution of iron in weak sulphuric acid. With this instrument Volta employed an electrometer consisting of two pieces of straw suspended in a glass jar, from the stopper; these diverged from each other on bringing an electrified body in contact with a ball of metal connected with the stopper; and by means of a graduated scale, the intensity of the electricity was measured.

In 1777 Volta invented the elegant apparatus which is called the hydrogen lamp; it is constituted by a stream of hydrogen gas which is made to issue through a small aperture by means of the pressure of a column of water, and the gas is fired by the spark from an electrophorus placed below it. About the same time he discovered a process for determining the proportions between the two gases, oxygen and azote, which constitute common atmospheric air; this is accomplished by introducing a given quantity of hydrogen gas into a glass tube with a certain quantity of atmospheric air, and firing it by the electrical spark: the quantity of oxygen was indicated by the diminution of the volume. He also invented the instrument which has been called the electrical pistol.

But the discovery by which the name of Volta is chiefly distinguished is that of the development of electricity in metallic bodies. A series of experiments judiciously devised and skilfully conducted led him to the knowledge of this principle, the applications of which have since produced such important consequences.

Galvani had given the name of animal electricity to the power which caused spontaneous convulsions in the limbs of frogs when the divided nerves were connected by a metallic wire [GALVANI]; but Volta observing that the effects were far greater when the connecting medium consisted of two different kinds of metal, inferred from thence that the principle of excitation existed in the metals, and not in the nerves of the animal; and he assumed that, by their contact, there was developed a small quantity of the electrical fluid, which, being transmitted through the organs of the frog, produced the convulsive movements. These discoveries Volta communicated to the Royal Society of London in two letters addressed to Mr. Cavallo, which were published in the 'Philosophical Transactions' for 1793; and in the following year he had the honour of receiving the Copley medal, in gold, which was awarded to him by the Society. In the first letter it is stated that when different metals are placed near each other, with a saline liquid between them, there is produced a disturbance of electrical equilibrium, one metal giving a portion of its natural electricity to the other, so that the latter becomes positively, and the former negatively electrical; the use of the liquid being to transfer the electricity from one metal to the other. But in the second letter Volta states that he considers all conductors of electricity to be divided into two classes, one dry and the other moist; and he assumes that electricity is excited when two conductors of either of these classes are in contact with one of the other class: an idea apparently at variance with that of the supposed actions of unlike metals on one another.

Repeated experiments, followed up during seven years, led Volta at length to the invention of what is designated an electrical battery: it consisted of a series of cups disposed in the circumference of a circle; each cup contained a saline liquid, in which were placed, on their edges, a plate of zinc and one of silver; and the upper edge of the silver plate in each cup was connected by a wire with that of the zinc plate in the next. This apparatus, which was called a 'corona,' was superseded by one formed on the same principle with respect to the alternations of metal plates, which is called the galvanic or Voltian pile. [GALVANI.] Volta's account of his researches concerning the development of electricity by the pile was sent to the Royal Society in the year 1800; but, in consequence of the war between Great Britain and France, one portion of the account could not be sent till some months after the first had been received; and, in the interval, the pile was constructed, and many experiments were made with it in this country. The paper appeared however in the 'Philosophical Transactions' for that year (vol. 90), in the form of two letters addressed to Sir Joseph Banks.

It is remarkable that Volta, during the remainder of his life, confined his experiments with the pile to such as concern its action on the animal body, and he does not appear to have made any use of it as an instrument of chemical analysis; even the decomposition of water by it was first effected by Messrs. Nicholson and Carlisle. He always maintained the opinion that an electrical process took place in the pile, and that a chemical action was merely incidental; while the English experimentalists in general considered the latter as essential to the production of the effects, and to arise from the oxidation of the metals by the saline liquid: they found that the pile does not act

when pure water is interposed between the plates, and that its action ceases when the apparatus does not continue to receive a supply of oxygen. The latest researches have shown that the effects of the pile are partly electrical and electro-magnetical, and partly chemical: to the former class are referred muscular contractions and the deviations of magnetized needles; and to the latter the decompositions of material substances. It may be observed here, that Volta supposed the heart and the other involuntary muscles to be incapable of being excited by galvanic action—an opinion which has been found to be erroneous.

By the faculty of skilfully combining experiments, and a profound sagacity in perceiving the consequences which might be deduced from them, Volta was enabled to make many important discoveries; but it is remarkable that he often held unfounded opinions of the causes of the phenomena, and he does not appear to have pursued any of his researches so far as to arrive at mathematical precision in his results. Thus he erroneously ascribed the properties of his electrophorus and condenser to the effects of an electrical atmosphere which he supposed to exist about the surfaces of bodies; and he deceived himself in considering his electrometer to be capable of measuring with accuracy the intensity of electricity in bodies; when, for this purpose, it was in reality far inferior to the torsion balance of Coulomb. By a series of experiments he succeeded in discovering the influence of conductors on the preservation and transmission of electricity; but it was reserved for the last-mentioned philosopher to determine by experiment and by mathematical analysis the exact laws of the dissipation of electricity from bodies in contact with air, its density in spheres of different magnitudes and also at different parts of an imperfectly insulating body, and the influence of points in facilitating its transmission. An inattention to accuracy of investigation is considered as the cause that Volta lost the opportunity of discovering the true cause of the development of electricity in the evaporation of water, which is the most important circumstance in the electrical phenomena of the atmosphere.

A collection of the works of Volta, dedicated to Ferdinand III., grand-duke of Tuscany, was published, in 1810, at Florence, under the title, 'Collezione delle Opere,' &c., in 5 vols. 8vo.

VOLTAGEGRAPHY. An important application of a physical principle having been made since this Cyclopaedia was too far advanced to admit of its being described under a more appropriate title, the present is from necessity coined for the purpose.

Under the article VOLTAGE will be found an account of the principle of what are termed *batteries*, or arrangements for generating and sustaining electro-chemical currents. If the wire connected with the zinc element of a compound battery have a plate or surface of any conducting substance attached to it, moulded into any form, or having any design or pattern cut upon it, while the other wire terminate in a copper plate of equal surface with the former, both being placed near and parallel to each other, but not in contact, and be immersed in a saturated solution of sulphate of copper, this solution will undergo decomposition, and the metallic copper will be slowly and equally deposited on the plate, and will form an exact counterpart or cast of the form or pattern. It is the power thus obtained of copying in metals deposited by electrolytic action any form or pattern which is made the negative surface of a voltaic circuit which constitutes what we have termed *voltagegraphy*: and it now remains to explain briefly by an example the mode of manipulation to be employed.

Let the object to be copied be a small *bas-relief* of about six inches by four, executed in a material such as marble, ivory, or plaster of Paris, which will admit of a wax mould being taken from it by the usual processes: to do this, the original, if of the last-named material, must be well oiled at its surface, to prevent the wax adhering to it; but the oil must be allowed time thoroughly to soak into the plaster: the wax, which should be of the finest white kind, must be poured on, well melted, and the plaster should be previously warmed to prevent the wax being suddenly cooled by the contact before the whole surface is covered with it: when perfectly cold, the mould may be detached from the original without injury to either. That this mould may be employed as the conducting-plate of a voltaic circuit, its

surface must be rendered conducting, which the wax itself is not: for this purpose the surface is covered over with the finest powdered plumbago*, equally and lightly rubbed in by means of a camel-hair pencil; and it must be distinctly understood that the success of the operation entirely depends on the surface of this mould being perfectly and equally covered in every part of its face only with the plumbago, the back and edges remaining as they were.

A vessel of any convenient form, capable of holding the mould and a copper plate of the same size at half an inch from it, so that they may be quite immersed in the solution of sulphate of copper, must be prepared: it is better if the mould and plate be vertical in the vessel; and further, this must not be made of any metal: earthenware, or wood lined with cement to make it water-tight, are preferable. The copper plate must have a wire soldered to its upper edge, for the purpose of connecting it with that of the battery, both plates of which should consequently be provided with what are termed *binding-wires*,† to allow of these connections being made and broken at pleasure. The wax mould must also be connected with the zinc element of the battery by an intermediate wire, and care must be taken that this wire be in perfect contact at the point of union with the conducting surface on the wax mould; while it obviously must not be so connected as to injure that surface or disfigure it: the plumbago accordingly must be accumulated round the part where the wire is put into the edge of the mould, and continued to the front in a narrow well-defined band.

The mould and the plate being placed parallel and very near to each other, face to face, but not in contact, they must be retained in that position in any convenient manner; but care must again be taken in so doing that there is no contact by any conductor made between them. The vessel may then be filled with the saturated solution of the sulphate of copper and the wires connected with the battery, the precise size and form of which are immaterial. The whole must now be left undisturbed from twenty-four to thirty-six hours, at the end of which time, the mould, being detached from the battery and withdrawn, will be found covered over with pure bright metallic copper, rough on the outer surface; but when separated from the wax by gently heating it, will, if the operation has been successful, present a perfect copy of the bas-relief, every line of which, to the most delicate markings, will be found transferred to the metal with more precision and delicacy than could have been produced by a cast made with the copper in a state of fusion. Perhaps few facts connected with the laws of aggregation of homogeneous matter are more striking than the one under consideration, and few facts indirectly afford a more remarkable instance of the chemical divisibility of matter. The infinite gradations of tint produced on a silvered surface coated with vapour of iodine, and acted on by light, in the process called the Daguerreotype, can be copied with the most perfect accuracy by voltatography; and it must be remembered that these gradations solely depend on variations in the molecular arrangement of a coating of mercury, with which the silver has been amalgamated, by exposing it to the vapour of that metal, too thin to be measured, and defying microscopic power to detect.

In order to admit of the copper during its deposition arranging itself so as to assume a malleable or true metallic texture, it is necessary that the electrolytic action be not too rapid; accordingly the battery should be weak in its action: in short, every part of the process requires the most scrupulous care and nicety to ensure perfect success, which can only be acquired by practice. Among other precautions which should be mentioned is that of not reversing the connections, if at any time during the process they should be broken; to allow of the progress of the work being ascertained; for if this should be done, the current being reversed, the copper previously deposited on the mould will be re-absorbed. And in order to keep up the equable and constant deposit which is necessary to ensure homogeneity in the metallic deposit, the liquid solution, both in the vessel containing the mould and in

the battery, must be kept constantly stirred by the addition of fresh solid crystals of sulphate of copper: but in putting these into the former vessel, care must be taken not to let the crystals touch the mould; and indeed the fluid in this vessel should not be disturbed if possible during the process, which is easily insured by placing a sufficient quantity of the salt in the vessel before the commencement of the operation.

The modifications in the mode of manipulation, rendered necessary by the nature of the object to be copied, are too numerous to be even alluded to, as well as the essential variations when another metal, as silver or gold, is to be deposited; but it must be here observed that it is only those metals which are perfectly malleable that can be employed in the process, such as silver, gold, and copper, and that far surpasses the others in adaptation to this purpose.

In conclusion it must be mentioned that if the process of voltatography were only capable of affording amusement in copying medals, seals, and similar objects, although well deserving notice, it would not have found a place in this work; but already there are factories established in Birmingham and elsewhere where the process is employed, economically, as we are informed (1843), in plating articles of considerable size, and as yet the practical application of the art is in its infancy. The process has been also most successfully employed to produce copies of valuable and expensive copper-plates, from which copies impressions may be taken as from the original plate, and not distinguishable from them; and thus the luxury of fine works of art is brought within the attainment of large numbers formerly debarred from it by the cost of elaborate engravings.

A most curious instance of the extensive applicability of the art of voltatography is the fact of calico having been printed by means of it. The linen, steeped in proper liquids, is made to pass between rollers, one of which has patterns formed in it of different metals inserted into its substance, and connected with the zinc of a battery: the other roller is a simple metallic conductor: the current between these surfaces produces different colours by the difference in their action on the common fluid, and thus the pattern is imparted to the calico. If as yet this process is rude, we think there are the elements in it of a valuable improvement of an important branch of manufactures.

VOLTAIRE, FRANÇOIS-MARIE AROUET DE, was born at Châténay, near Soaux, on the 20th of February, 1694. His baptism was deferred to the 22nd of November in the same year, on account of his feeble health. His father François Arouet was Trésorier de la Chambre des Comptes, and his mother Marguerite Daumart belonged to a noble family of Poitou. Voltaire was the younger of two sons. He was educated at the college of Louis le Grand, then under the direction of the Jesuits. His character must have already developed itself, if the story is true that Father Lejay, one of his instructors, predicted that he would be the Coryphæus of deism in France. On leaving college he was introduced by his godfather, the Abbé Châteauneuf, to Ninon de l'Enclos, who was much pleased with his lively manners, and bequeathed him a legacy of two thousand francs for the purchase of books. The abbé also introduced him to that brilliant society in Paris, consisting of the Duc de Sully, the prince of Conti, the grand-prior of Vendôme, the abbé de Chaulieu and others, whose conversation confirmed the youth in those loose principles which he had already imbibed. But he was not entirely engrossed by the pleasures of Paris: he had already sketched his tragedy of *Œdipe*, and in 1712 he was an unsuccessful candidate for a poetical prize which was awarded by the French Academy. In order to detach him from the society of Paris, his father sent Voltaire, in 1713, with the marquis de Châteauneuf, who was ambassador in Holland. Here he fell in love with a daughter of Madame Danoy, an intriguing woman, who had left France for Holland to escape from her husband, and had embraced the Protestant religion. It is not clearly stated why the mother disapproved of the mutual affection of her daughter and Voltaire, but she complained to the ambassador, and printed the correspondence of the two lovers. Voltaire was sent back to France, and with difficulty reconciled to his father, who complained of the libertinism of his younger son as much as of the Jansenist opinions of the elder.

* Fine carbon is the best conductor, and to the metals, and indeed superior to some of them.

† These already consist of a piece of brass perforated in two directions: through one hole the wire is passed, while the other is tapered to receive a thumb-screw, the end of which, pressing on the wire, establishes an intimate connection between the surface of the wire and the plate of the battery, to which the brass piece must be soldered.

Voltaire was now placed with a procureur, but the practice of the law was intolerable to a man of his tastes and temperament, and he soon left it. A friend of the family, M. de Caumartin, obtained his father's consent to take Voltaire with him to Saint-Auge. Here he met with the father of M. de Caumartin, who had been familiar with the court of Henri IV. and the distinguished persons of that king's reign. Voltaire was delighted with his anecdotes and conversation, out of which grew the idea of the 'Henriade.' He returned to Paris with his project of an epic poem, and his next step was into the Bastille. Louis XIV. had just died, and his memory was attacked by numerous satirical verses. Voltaire, who was then twenty-two years of age, was well enough known to be suspected as the author of some of these verses, and without further evidence he was imprisoned. In his confinement he sketched his poem of the 'Henriade,' under the title of 'La Ligue,' and completed his tragedy of 'Œdipe.' He was soon released by the Regent Duke of Orleans, who was satisfied of his innocence. It is said that about this time he took the name of Voltaire. The tragedy of 'Œdipe' was played in 1718, and was successful, but the author was first compelled by the judgment of the actors to insert a frigid love episode in the 'Œdipe,' in compliance with the taste of the times. In this, his earliest work that is worthy of his reputation, Voltaire commenced that war against the priesthood which he maintained with unabating perseverance to his dying day. The two following verses have been quoted as the manifestation of that hostility to the ministers of religion which became his ruling passion:—

* Non prêtres au sort pas ce qu'un vain peuple pense;
Notre crédulité fait leurs âmes enchaîner.

In 1721 Voltaire accompanied Madame de Rupelmonde to Holland, and on the way visited Jean Baptiste Rousseau, who was then at Brussels. Voltaire took the opinion of Rousseau on his poem of the 'Ligue,' and read to him the 'Épître à Uranie.' Rousseau repaid the compliment by reciting his 'Ode to Posterity,' which Voltaire told him would never reach its address. This story may not be true, but it is at least characteristic of Voltaire. They parted bitter enemies; and from that time Voltaire was the object of Rousseau's implacable hatred.

In 1724 the play of 'Marianne' appeared, and shortly after the 'Henriade,' under the title of 'La Ligue,' but without the author's consent. The poem had been read by Voltaire to his friends, in order to have the benefit of their criticism, and an imperfect copy of it had been surreptitiously obtained by the Abbé Desfontaines, and printed with some additional verses. The author however could not obtain permission to print it himself, for there were various passages which gave offence to the priesthood. This is the statement in the 'Biographie Universelle,' but it is said in Marmontel's preface to the 'Henriade,' that the first edition of it was printed at London in 1723, and that as Voltaire could not see it through the press, it is full of blunders and transpositions, and also contains considerable blanks (lacunes). It is not suggested that this edition was surreptitious, though it may have been.

A personal adventure, the particulars of which are unimportant in a general sketch like this, led to a quarrel with his friend the Duc de Sully, and shortly after to a second visit to the Bastille, where Voltaire was confined some months. On being released, he was ordered to leave the country, and he came to England, where he found a state of opinion more congenial to his own than in France. The writings of Woolton, Tindal, Collins, and others of the same class, were then in vogue; freethinking opinions were generally diffused; and besides this, the discoveries of Newton and the philosophy of Locke had given an impulse to men's minds in England, which placed this country at that time in a higher position with respect to the rest of Europe than she has ever occupied since. Voltaire had suffered injustice in France from the arbitrary exercise of power; and he had a foretaste of what he might expect from the intolerance of the church. In England he saw a country in which personal liberty was secure, and in which the priesthood had lost the power of persecution. His residence in England, and the society which he saw, exercised a strong influence on him, but it was the religious rather than the political freedom of England which he admired. His notion of liberty was

the liberty of writing against priests and religion. In England he wrote his tragedy of 'Brutus,' and in 1726, according to Marmontel's preface, appeared the first edition of the 'Henriade,' which the author himself superintended. It was printed at London, with a dedication in English, by the author, to Queen Caroline, the wife of George II. The edition bears the date 1728, and not 1730, which is a manifest mistake of Marmontel. The work was published by subscription, and produced the author a considerable sum of money. In England also he sketched the 'Lettres Philosophiques,' called also the 'Lettres sur les Anglais,' which appeared some time after. His residence in England was about three years.

Voltaire returned to Paris, and for some time lived a quiet life, dividing his time between literary labour and commercial speculations, which turned out profitable. He also gained some money in a lottery. In 1730 the celebrated actress Adrienne Lecouvreur died, and the usual rites of sepulture were refused to her because she was an actress. Voltaire wrote some verses on the mode in which she was buried, full of indignant invective, and immediately withdrew to Rouen, pretending that he was going to England, in order to avoid a third visit to the Bastille, which he apprehended. At Rouen he printed his 'History of Charles XII. of Sweden,' for which he had collected materials during his residence in England; and also his 'Lettres Philosophiques.' The publication of the *Lettres* raised a fresh storm, the violence of which seems to have been quite disproportionate to the occasion; they are not the works of Voltaire which even his enemies could most complain of. Voltaire got out of the way in order to avoid a fresh exile, which was denounced against him. His friends however convinced those in authority that the publication of the *Lettres* was owing to the treachery of a binder, and Voltaire obtained permission to return to Paris. But the 'Épître à Uranie,' which had been long in MS., was now printed, and the author was threatened with a fresh prosecution, which he avoided by disingenuously disavowing it, and attributing the work to the Abbé de Chaulieu, who had been dead for some time. To escape all further trouble, Voltaire determined to retire for a time from Paris. His own successful speculations, and what he had inherited from his father and his brother, had given him a handsome fortune. He had also formed a connection with Madame du Châtelet, the wife of the Marquis du Châtelet, a woman, though fond of pleasure, possessing acquisitions which are very unusual in her own sex, and not common in the other. [CHATELLET.] Her studies were geometry and metaphysics, but she could relish poetry and polite literature. She retired with Voltaire to Cirey, on the borders of Champagne and Lorraine, where they led a life of study and retirement, interrupted and varied by an occasional quarrel. At Cirey Voltaire wrote several of his plays, 'Alzire,' 'Mahomet,' 'Mérope,' and others; and he collected materials for the 'Essai sur les Mœurs et l'Esprit des Nations,' which, with all its defects, is one of his best works. Here also he finished his 'Pucelle,' which he had commenced some time before. Several fragments of it had been circulated before he left Paris.

It was in the year 1736, during his residence at Cirey, that a correspondence commenced between Prince Frederick, the son of Frederick William, king of Prussia, and Voltaire; it began by Frederick writing to him to express his admiration, and to solicit the favour of Voltaire's literary counsel. Voltaire's residence at Cirey was not interrupted. He visited Paris, and also on several occasions left France, but his movements are not easily traced. Voltaire was at Brussels with Madame du Châtelet, in 1740, when Frederick William died, and he soon received an invitation from his successor Frederick to visit him. The first meeting of the new king of Prussia and Voltaire took place at a small château near Cleves, and is described by Voltaire in his amusing *Mémoires*. When Frederick was prince-royal, he had written a treatise entitled 'Anti-Machiavel,' which he sent to Voltaire, who was then at Brussels, to correct and get it printed. Voltaire had given it to a Dutch bookseller, but on the accession of Frederick, seeing what his political schemes were, and anticipating, as he says, the invasion of Silesia, he suggested to his majesty that this was not precisely the time for the 'Anti-Machiavel' to appear, and he obtained the king's permission to stop the publication, for which purpose he visited

Holland. But the bookseller's demands were high; and the king, who did not like parting with his money, and was at least not sorry to see his work printed, preferred having it published for nothing to paying anything in order to stop the publication. This is Voltaire's account of the transaction. While Voltaire was in Holland the emperor Charles VI. died, and Frederick began to make preparations for his campaigns. Voltaire visited him at Berlin, but on Frederick's setting out for Silesia, he returned to Brussels. From Brussels he went to Lille, where his tragedy of 'Mahomet' was acted (1741), but though he had at first obtained the permission of the Cardinal de Fleury to have it acted at Paris, the representation was prevented by the intrigues of some zealots, who saw or affected to see in it an irreligious tendency. 'Mahomet' was not acted at Paris till 1751.

On the death of Cardinal de Fleury, in 1743, Voltaire aspired to fill his place in the Académie Française. The King Louis XV., his mistress the duchess of Châteauroux, and the public were in his favour; but Maurepas, the secretary of state, was opposed to him, and successfully intrigued with Boyer, afterwards bishop of Mirepoix, to exclude Voltaire from the Académie. Boyer represented to the king that it would be a scandal for such a profane man as Voltaire to succeed a cardinal; and the king yielded to his representations.

At this crisis France was threatened both by Austria and England, and it was thought prudent to secure the alliance of the king of Prussia. The Duc de Richelieu and the favourite mistress conceived the design of sending Voltaire to him, and the better to conceal the object of the mission, Voltaire made his quarrel with Boyer a pretext for leaving France. The king approved of the scheme, and Voltaire, who was well furnished with money for his journey, set out for Berlin by way of Holland. He was well received by Frederick, who was then living at Potsdam, the kind of life which he continued ever after his accession to the throne, and which Voltaire has depicted so imitatively in his *Mémoires*. His mission was to sound Frederick as to his views, and he succeeded in drawing from him a favourable declaration. Voltaire returned to Paris, having executed his commission better than most diplomatists, as the event showed: in the following spring Frederick made a new treaty with Louis and advanced into Bohemia with one hundred thousand men, while the Austrians were engaged in Alace. But Voltaire was left without his reward. The mistress was vexed that all Voltaire's letters from Berlin had passed through the hands of Madame du Châtelet, instead of her own: she revenged herself by causing the dismissal of M. Amelot, the minister for foreign affairs, from whom Voltaire had received his instructions, and Voltaire's hopes were thus disappointed.

The mistress herself was soon dismissed; and on her death, which followed shortly after, it was necessary for Louis to have a new favourite, and Mademoiselle Poisson, subsequently known as Madame de Pompadour, filled the vacant place. Voltaire was already acquainted with her, and, as he says, was in her confidence. Through her interest he was made one of the forty members of the Académie, in the place of Bouhier (1746); and he was also appointed historiographer of France, and received the place of gentilhomme ordinaire de la chambre du roi. 'I concluded,' says Voltaire, 'that to make the smallest fortune, it was better to say four words to the mistress of a king than to write a hundred volumes.'

During their residence at Cirey, Voltaire and Madame du Châtelet occasionally visited king Stanislaus at his little court of Lunéville, which Voltaire has sketched in his usual happy way. Madame du Châtelet died in the palace of Stanislaus (August, 1749), a few days after having been brought to bed. Voltaire returned to Paris, and resumed his literary labours. King Frederick, who had not been able to induce him to visit Prussia during the lifetime of Madame du Châtelet, now renewed his invitation, and after some hesitation Voltaire went to him in 1750. He had apartments assigned to him at Potsdam, a pension of 20,000 francs, a chamberlain's gold key, and a cross of merit. His duties were to correct his majesty's writings, which was rather an irksome occupation. The professions of Frederick were not sincere; and Voltaire could not always prevent expressions escaping him which were reported to the king, and were far from complimentary. To correct Frederick's French verses without laughing at them was impossible. P. C., No. 1671.

The history of his residence in Prussia is briefly sketched in Voltaire's *Mémoires*. Voltaire at last got away, 'with a promise,' as he says, 'to return, and the firm resolution never to see him again'; his residence in Prussia was three years. On his return, an odd adventure befel him at Frankfurt. He was arrested by a person named Freytag, the resident of the king of Prussia at Frankfurt, who demanded of him, in his barbarous French, 'l'oeuvre de poësie' of the king his master. A few copies of this precious volume of Frederick's poetry had been printed privately and distributed by the king among his favourites: Voltaire had been honoured with one. The poetry had been left behind at Leipzig, and Voltaire was obliged to wait at Frankfurt till it came, when it was delivered up to the resident. Frederick probably feared that Voltaire would make some use of the book of poetry to his prejudice, as it contained many satirical reflections on crowned heads and other persons. Even after the surrender of the book, Voltaire and his niece Madame Denis, who had joined him at Frankfurt, were detained by Freytag on some miserable pretext, and kept prisoner in an hotel for twelve days. He was robbed of part of his property, and compelled to pay the expenses of his detention. At last orders came from Berlin, and Voltaire and his niece were allowed to continue their journey to Mayence. It was not long after this adventure of Frankfurt, while the memory of the treatment which he had received from the king of Prussia was fresh, that Voltaire wrote those *Mémoires* which are disgraceful to himself, and affix infamy on the name of Frederick. It is said that he kept the manuscript by him, but that two copies were made without his knowledge, a statement which is not very credible. Upon his subsequent reconciliation with the king, it is said that he burnt the manuscript; but one of the two copies, thus surreptitiously obtained, was printed among his posthumous works.

After a short time Voltaire fixed himself at Colmar for a few months (1754), while Madame Denis was at Paris for the purpose of ascertaining if he could safely return there. A new trouble now befel him. A Dutch bookseller, who had obtained in some way, but it is not said how, an unfinished MS. of the *Essai sur les Mœurs et l'Esprit des Nations*, published it under the title of 'Abrégé d'Histoire Universelle, par M. de Voltaire.' Some parts which had been purposely suppressed by the Dutch publisher made the work appear an attack on crowned heads and priests. Voltaire got the genuine MS. from Paris, and showed by a comparison of the two MSS., formally drawn up by a notary, that the passages had been suppressed with a malignant design to injure him. This story is in many respects very improbable: Voltaire had never had any scruples about publishing his works under assumed names, or denying the authorship of anything when it suited his purpose; and it is not easy to conjecture how his manuscript should get abroad without his consent, or that the real manuscript should have been left at Paris and that he should be able to recover it. The difficulty is hardly diminished if we assume that Voltaire had possessed two copies of the MS. In fact, the mode in which this MS. fell, as it is said, into the hands of the Dutch publisher is left unexplained.

At length wearied with his rambling, unsettled life, after spending a few years in the territory of Lausanne and in that of Geneva, he bought an estate at Tourney and another at Ferney, both in the Pays de Gex, and he finally settled at Ferney, where he spent the last twenty years of his life in as much tranquillity as his character would allow. He rebuilt the house, laid out gardens, kept a good table, and had crowds of visitors from all parts of Europe. His passion for the stage was unabated. He had a small theatre, in which he sometimes acted himself, and occasionally procured the services of the first actors of the day. He was also a benefactor to the neighbourhood. A little town grew up around him out of a miserable village; new houses were built at his own cost; and he encouraged and produced a body of skilful artisans who became celebrated through all Europe. He even rebuilt the church at his own expense. But his hasty proceedings in this matter brought him into difficulties. He had neglected certain necessary forms in his demolition of the old church, and had ordered a large wooden crucifix, which stood in front of the porch, to be thrown down. He even went so far as to preach a sermon in the church against

thost. Complaint was made to the bishop of the diocese of these irregularities, and Voltaire, in order to quiet matters, went through the ceremony of taking the communion in the church of Ferney; an act of undoubted hypocrisy, which however was not the only one of which he was guilty. In the following year, 1763, the bishop of Annecy had forbidden all priests to confess him, give him absolution, or allow him to take the communion. Upon this Voltaire took to his bed, pretended he was dying, and compelled a Capuchin to administer to him all the offices of the Roman Catholic Church which a true believer could claim. The whole farce was certified on the spot by a notary. The philosophers of Paris, whose anti-religious opinions went beyond those of Voltaire, looked on him with contempt, and all pious Christians were shocked by the hypocritical impiety of an old man who was now upwards of seventy years of age.

During his long residence at Ferney, Voltaire's literary activity was untiring. His enmities against priests and the Christian religion was now grown inveterate; and in the retirement of his old age he poured forth an unceasing torrent of ridicule, invective, and ribaldry against all that believers in revelation hold most sacred, and which those who refuse their belief generally treat with decent respect. His works appeared under various names, and he never scrupled to disavow them when he found it convenient, though such disavows must have been useless, inasmuch as nobody can mistake the authorship of anything that Voltaire has written. The poem of the 'Pucelle,' which he had commenced about 1730, added to the number of his enemies. Its indecency and the ridicule of sacred things shocked all sober people; but it was the satirical allusions to living persons that raised up the most active enmity against the author. It is probable enough, as he says, that he never intended to print it in its original form; but it was well known to his friends, who had copies of some cantos, and parts of it had been recited in various companies. About 1755 it appeared in print at Frankfurt, though with the title of Louvain, and Voltaire disavowed it. As usual, it had been printed from a copy which had been stolen from the author or his friends (*Avertissement des éditeurs de l'édition de Kohl*), a misfortune to which the works of Voltaire seem to have been peculiarly exposed; it is also said that it contained verses which Voltaire had not written, and, what is more probable, other verses which he could not allow to stand, because the circumstances to which these verses alluded were changed. Several other editions appeared without Voltaire's consent; one at London in 1757, and another at Paris in 1769. It was not till 1782 that Voltaire published an edition of the 'Pucelle,' which was very different from all the others, and purged of much that was offensive; it was reprinted in 1774, with some alterations and considerable additions, and this is the text of the 'Pucelle' which now appears in the best editions.

His literary quarrels and his extensive correspondence also furnished the old age of Voltaire with constant employment. He had created a host of enemies, and he had to defend himself against their incessant attacks. He poured upon them invective and ridicule, without measure and without shame. He had generously offered Rousseau an asylum in his house, while he was persecuted for his 'Emile.' Rousseau refused the offer with his usual brutality, and Voltaire repaid him with a torrent of abuse. His correspondence during his residence at Ferney forms a valuable part of his works. He contributed some literary articles to the 'Encyclopédie,' which was then publishing at Paris under the direction of D'Alembert and Diderot. His correspondence with D'Alembert on the 'Encyclopédie' is exceedingly interesting; it assists us in forming some idea of the state of France at that time, in which a so-called philosophic party, inconsiderable in numbers, was opposed to a large majority of ignorant bigots and hypocritical libertines. There was enough of superstition and intolerance to excite the contempt and rouse the indignation of all reflecting men, and in estimating the character of Voltaire it should never be forgotten what the state of society then was. He had become reconciled to his old pupil Frederick, and kept up a correspondence with him, though he forgot to burn the unfortunate's 'Mémoires.' He also corresponded with the empress Catherine II. of Russia, whose letters to Voltaire are some of the most agreeable in the whole collection.

But he had other occupations in his retirement, which show us another and more pleasing side of his character. He heard that a grand-niece of the dramatist Corneille was in distress. She was invited to Ferney, where she received a good, and it is said even a Christian education, though the exact meaning of this expression may be doubtful. To render her in some measure independent of him, Voltaire undertook an edition of her ancestor's plays with notes; and the profits of the undertaking were given to her for her marriage portion. The affair of Calas is well known. This unfortunate old man, who was a Calvinist, was convicted at Toulouse (1762) of murdering his son, and the alleged motive was to prevent him embracing the Roman Catholic faith. The father was broken on the wheel, and the family came to Geneva for refuge. Voltaire received them kindly. He made himself acquainted with the facts of this horrible case, and was convinced that Calas was innocent. He resolved that justice should be done to the unfortunate family, and he never rested till he had accomplished this. His personal exertions, his purse, and his pen were employed in a cause which was worthy of his best powers. If his hatred of fanaticism stimulated his exertions, it must be allowed that his generous feelings also were abundantly proved. The sentence of the parliament of Toulouse was annulled, and the due de Choiseul, who was then in power, made amends to the family of Calas, so far as reparation could be made, out of the public treasury, for the wrongs done to them by an ignorant and bigoted tribunal.

Voltaire was now eighty-four years of age. His niece, Madame Denis, who was weary of her long retirement at Ferney, persuaded him to visit Paris. He arrived there on the 10th of February, 1778, and was received with enthusiasm by all ranks, except by the court and the clergy. A succession of visitors crowded his apartments, and he was kept in a state of constant excitement. A violent hemorrhage came on and threatened his life, and he sought a reconciliation with the church; he said he did not wish his body to be deprived of Christian burial. The Abbé Gauthier obtained from him a declaration that he would die in the Roman Catholic faith, and that he asked pardon of God and the church for his sins. His disorder abated, and he transferred his thoughts from the church to the theatre, where he had been a frequent visitor since his arrival at Paris. On the evening of the day on which he was present at a sitting of the Académie, he attended the sixth representation of his tragedy of 'Irene.' Between the two pieces his bust was placed on the stage and crowned by all the actors. From the theatre he was accompanied to his hotel by crowds, who cheered him loudly, and called out the titles of his principal works, among which the 'Pucelle' was not forgotten. Turning to them, he said, 'You will stifle me with roses.' He was detained at Paris longer than he intended, chiefly owing to the management of his niece, who could not bear to return to the solitude of Ferney; but the delay was fatal. Voltaire's feeble frame was exhausted by this round of excitement; and his literary labours, which he still continued, and the immoderate use of coffee, brought on a stranguity, to which he had been subject. Seeing that his strength was failing, the Abbé Mignot, his nephew, brought to him the curé of St. Sulpice and the Abbé Gauthier. The details of his death-bed are contradictory; he seems to have been exhausted, and only to have wished to die quietly. The Abbé Gauthier signed a paper, in which he declared that he was sent for at the request of Voltaire, but found him too far gone to be confessed. He died on the 30th May, 1778. The curé of St. Sulpice officially refused to inter the body of Voltaire, but at the same time he renounced all his rights in the matter. The body was taken by night to the abbey of Scellières, which Mignot had in commendam, where it was buried, on the production of the reclamation of the curé of St. Sulpice, the certificate of the Abbé Gauthier, and a profession of 'faith Catholic, Apostolic, and Roman,' made by Voltaire about six weeks before his death. The bishop of Troyes, Joseph de Barral, hearing that it was intended to bury Voltaire in the abbey of Scellières, issued an order, dated the 2nd June, 1778, to the prior, by which he forbade the interment. The order came too late, for the funeral was over; but the prior lost his place. The letter of the prior, in reply to the bishop, states all the circumstances of the funeral, and the grounds on which he considered the body

entitled to Christian burial. The bones of Voltaire remained undisturbed till the Revolution, when they were brought back to Paris and interred in the Pantheon.

The works of Voltaire are thus arranged in the edition of Lequien, Paris, 1820, 70 volumes, 8vo., of which the last volume consists of a copious index. 'Vie de Voltaire par le Marquis de Condorcet, Mémoires,' &c., vol. i.; 'Théâtre,' vols. ii.-ix., containing his tragedies and comedies; 'Discours sur la Tragédie,' addressed to Lord Bolingbroke; the translation of Shakspeare's 'Julius Cæsar,' &c.; 'La Henriade,' vol. x., with the prefaces of the king of Prussia and Marmontel; 'Pucelle,' vol. xi.; 'Poésies,' vols. xii.-xiv., containing his odes and his miscellaneous poems, which are very numerous; 'Essais sur les Mœurs,' vols. xv.-xviii.; 'Siècle de Louis XIV.' vols. xix. xx.; 'Siècle de Louis XV.' vol. xxi.; 'Histoire de Charles XII.' vol. xxii.; 'Histoire de Russie,' vol. xxiii.; 'Annales de l'Empire,' vol. xxiv.; 'Histoire du Parlement,' vol. xxv.; 'Mélanges Historiques,' vols. xxvi., xxvii.; 'Politiques et Législation,' vols. xxviii., xxix., of which the latter contains a full account of the affair of Calas; 'Physique,' vol. xxx., which contains his physical writings, which were composed during his intimacy with Madame du Châtelet. Among these is his 'Eléments de la Philosophie de Newton,' dedicated to Madame du Châtelet. At the time when this work was written almost all the French philosophers were Cartesians; Maupertuis and Clairaut, both of whom were then very young, were exceptions; 'Philosophie,' vols. xxxi.-xxxiv., containing his metaphysical writings; 'La Bible expliquée,' &c. His attacks on Christianity are not expressed with decency, and he is guilty of gross perversion of facts. His judgment of the philosophical writings of others is neither exact nor profound. He calls Spinoza an atheist, which he was not. Voltaire, though a deist, professed a great horror of atheism; and in reading all his philosophical and anti-religious works, it is necessary to bear this in mind. It is a great mistake to confound him with the professed atheists of his day, whom he hated, or at least affected to hate, and who viewed his deism with contempt. 'Dialogues,' vol. xxxv.; 'Dictionnaire Philosophique,' vols. xxxvi.-xli., a work which shows his extensive and discursive reading, his fertility of invention, and his inveterate prejudices; 'Romans,' xlii., xliii., which are among his most amusing works, though in many respects far from being unexceptionable; 'Fables,' vol. xlv., containing, among other things, 'Les Questions sur les Miracles,' 10 letters, the first of which appeared in 1765, and after the essay of Hume. There is nothing new in the objections of Voltaire, which are in substance that God governs by unchangeable laws, and that we cannot suppose that he permits any deviations from them. (This subject is discussed in the article MIRACLES.) 'Mélanges Littéraires,' vols. xlii., xliii.; 'Commentaires sur Corneille,' vols. xliiii., xliii.; 'Correspondance avec le Roi de Prusse,' vols. i.-lii.; the first letter is from the Prince-Royal, dated Berlin, 8th August, 1736; the last in this collection is from Voltaire, dated Paris, 1st of April, 1778, about two months before his death. 'Correspondance avec l'Impératrice de Russie Catherine II.' vol. liii.; 'Correspondance avec D'Alembert,' vols. liv. lv.; these three volumes are perhaps the most amusing part of his correspondence. 'Correspondance Générale,' vols. lvi.-lxix.; containing letters to and from a great number of persons of rank and literary distinction.

To estimate the character of Voltaire correctly, and his influence on the age in which he lived, would furnish materials for a large volume. He has been the subject of almost unqualified panegyric and of unqualified abuse, but he deserves neither. Education, temperament, and circumstances placed him in opposition to established institutions; his labours were directed to destroy, not to reform or rebuild. No man saw more clearly the vicious and absurd parts of existing institutions; but he could not appreciate the value of that which had been tested by experience. He had no veneration for antiquity. His habit of viewing the ridiculous side of things became so strong as to close his eyes to palpable truths. He was the great Corymbus of deism, and he fulfilled the prophecy of his precursor. It is not true, as it has been sometimes said, that his object was solely to root out superstition and to annihilate the power of the church. His panegyrist Condorcet distinctly states that

his avowed object was to destroy Christianity, and his sceptical writings render such avowal unnecessary: this is their manifest design. He had no deep convictions, except we allow to be such his belief that a man could not perpetrate the crime that Calas was charged with, and a vague indefinite notion that human nature was better than priests and bigots supposed it to be. He had not the simplicity and sincerity of character that belong to truly great minds, and he was apparently incapable of friendship or of strong attachment, though some instances are alleged in which he retained his friendships to the close of his life. His moral character partook of the vices of the age to which he belonged; his intellectual was above it. The faults of his character pervade his writings. As a poet, he fails to move the passions strongly, nor does he touch the more delicate sympathies of our nature. His dramatic writings are defective as dramas, if we measure them by our standard of excellence. He had studied Shakspeare, and he allowed him some merit, but he preferred Corneille; and some of the most undoubted characteristics of Shakspeare's great dramatic art appeared to the poet of the age of Louis XV. merely the traits of a barbaric age. Yet his dramatic conception is often just and vigorous; many of his scenes have great artistic merit, and he abounds in lofty truths and generous sentiments. But an affectation of philosophy is the fault of all his writings; he would always be inculcating what he considered to be great truths, and thus we have Voltaire always before us. It is an essential of dramatic art that the author shall never appear; but in all his writings Voltaire is always apparent.

The 'Henriade' of Voltaire is still the only French epic. The subject is the siege of Paris, which was commenced by Henri III., and Henri of Navarre, afterwards Henri IV., who finally entered the city. The action is confined to Paris and the field of Ivry, which decided the fortunes of Henri IV. It has accordingly an historical basis, and the main events are made conformable to historic truth; its poetic part consists of fictions intended to aid the development of the action, and of allusions, which are feeble aids, such as the journey of Discord to Rome, and the Temple of Love. Its machinery is neither original nor grand, and it is deficient in striking events. It contains a love episode, the amours of Henri and La belle Gabrielle, which might as well have been a separate poem for any connection it has with the main subject. The 'Henriade' has been variously judged even by French critics, and the rest of Europe has pronounced on the whole an unfavourable opinion. The author worked much and long upon it; for he had the ambition of raising a monument which should stand by the side of the epic poems of Greece and Italy. To deny it all merit would be absurd; it contains many fine and vigorous passages, but of all the longer works of Voltaire it is perhaps that which, to a foreigner at least, is the most tedious, except the 'Guerre Civile de Genève,' the dullest of all his productions.

His 'Pucelle d'Orléans' has been already mentioned. The subject, if one can describe such a subject in a few words, is Jeanne d'Arc, the Maid of Orléans. The poem commences with the loves of King Charles VII. and Agnes Sorel, and the siege of Orléans by the English. Jeanne is armed by St. Dionysius, and goes to King Charles at Tours. The poem concludes, after many adventures, with the triumph of Charles. Voltaire aimed to rival Ariosto, but it is universally agreed that he has not approached him. Even in its present form the 'Pucelle' is one of the most licentious poems of modern times, for the corrections of the author principally related to the satirical allusions. All things serious and sacred are treated with ridicule. The poet riots in his licence, and seems to exult in his contempt of decencies and religion. Proprieties of time, place, and circumstance—all are disregarded; the 'Pucelle' is the reflection of Voltaire in his most lively and most extravagant mood. The poem has great merits in detail; the versification is easy, and many of the descriptions are beautiful; the exordiums of each canto are justly admired. But the 'Pucelle' has fixed a stain on the moral character of Voltaire, for which all its beauties cannot atone.

The fertility and facility of Voltaire were unequalled. His great and discursive reading supplied him with an infinite variety of matter, which he moulded into every variety of form. His satire and his sarcasm, and his sneer, were always ready and always effective. He seldom rises to eloquence, because he is not impassioned and sincere.

But he never sinks into triviality; he is never tiresome; he is always lively and amusing. Clearness and precision characterise all his writings. When he is superficial, which is often the case, it is rather for want of taking pains to examine his subject with sufficient care, than from want of power to comprehend it. We must except the cases where his passions were concerned, and where prejudices had become inveterate. Passion filled him with malice and bitterness, and prejudice made him blind. His historical writings and essays have great merit. He sketched with rapidity and force: he selected what was pertinent and characteristic; he omitted what was trivial and useless. He set the example of a better handling of the materials of history: he was judiciously sceptical, though sometimes, from deficient knowledge and prejudice, unwisely incredulous. He had no exact knowledge of antiquity, or even of the middle ages; yet his criticism sometimes sheds a ray of light where the dullness of mere learning has left nothing but darkness. His writings contributed greatly to the amendment of the penal law of France, and to the destruction of many absurd prejudices. That they tended to destroy also many of those notions on which society reposes for its safety, is not and cannot be denied. The prodigious activity and unwearied industry of Voltaire, his long and brilliant career of literary success, and the influence which he exercised on his own generation and that which immediately followed, have made him one of the most conspicuous personages of the eighteenth century. He has still many readers, and probably will always have some. His best writings please by the mere charm of form, independent of the matter, and they are stamped with the impress which genius alone can give. The influence of his opinions is probably not great at present. He is not the writer for all ages: he belonged to his own age, and that is passed.

(*Vie de Voltaire*, par M. le Marquis de Condorcet; *Mémoires pour servir à la Vie de M. de Voltaire*, écrits par lui-même; *Éloge de Voltaire*, par M. de la Harpe; *Bibliographie Universelle*, art. 'Voltaire'; *Œuvres Complètes de Voltaire*, Paris, 1820, 70 vols. 8vo.)

VOLTAISM. The leading facts and principles of electrical science have been given in the several articles **ELECTRICITY**; **ELECTRO-CHEMISTRY**; **GALVANISM**; **MAGNETISM**; &c.; but so rapid is our progress in this branch of knowledge, that the present title has been retained to allow this subject being further elucidated: for this purpose the general phenomena of Voltaic or electro-chemical action will be recapitulated.

If two flat pieces or plates, one of zinc, the other of copper or platinum, be immersed, without touching each other, in diluted sulphuric acid, chemical action, as it is termed, will take place between the zinc and fluid; the water of the latter undergoing decomposition, its oxygen unites with the metal to form a protoxide, while the equivalent of hydrogen is set free, but adheres to the surface of the plate in small bubbles, which gradually coalescing into larger, detach themselves and rise to the surface from their specific levity; the protoxide combines with an equivalent of acid, forming a soluble salt, which, being consequently removed, allows of renewed and continuous action on the metal. In time however the fluid becomes saturated with the sulphate of zinc, which is then thrown down undissolved, and is also deposited on the surface of the plate, acting mechanically to prevent that intimate contact between the pure metal and the water which is essential to chemical action; this obstruction is also in some measure occasioned from the beginning by the adhesion of the bubbles of hydrogen, and consequently that action is gradually retarded and finally ceases. During this time the copper or platinum plate is perfectly inactive, neither of these metals being affected by sulphuric acid, or more properly, owing to the affinity, as it may at present be still called, between those metals and oxygen, being weaker than that which exists between the hydrogen and that element.

Under these circumstances, if a perfect communication be made between the two metals, by causing a wire soldered to the one, to touch that connected with the other, a remarkable change takes place in the phenomenon, the chemical action between the zinc and fluid becomes more energetic, but the hydrogen, instead of being liberated at the surface of that metal, appears solely at that of the other, although not the slightest effect is produced on the

copper or platinum itself; while the connecting wires will be found to exhibit, by their increased temperature and their magnetic state, the usual indications of what is termed, an electrical current passing along them, and, as is well known, an electric spark is visible at the instant of separating the wires, provided the plates be sufficiently large.

It is now generally admitted that all chemical is connected with electrical action, and that they bear a direct relation to each other, that is, a certain constant quantity of electricity is evolved by the decomposition of each equivalent of any compound, though that quantity varies for different bodies; but it is not clearly known whether the electricity is the cause or the effect of the chemical action, they being perfectly contemporaneous and co-existent to all our means of observation. It follows therefore that the quantity of electricity varies with the extent of surfaces between which the action takes place, as well as with the nature of those surfaces; but with the same two metals and fluid this quantity depends solely on the extent of surface, that is, on the size of the zinc-plate.

It has been proved by Professor Daniell that under these circumstances our power of collecting or retaining the electricity evolved from any given surface of metal, depends on the extent of that of the other, or conducting metal, for in the arrangements under consideration the copper or platinum plate simply acts in this capacity, and that this second plate cannot be too large in proportion to the former, to prevent the loss of any of the evolved electricity, which, if it do not meet with a good conductor in its immediate proximity, passes off to some other.* The form of our arrangements puts a limit to this inequality in the extent of surfaces of the generating and conducting metals, but a more important principle still further contracts this limit, which must be briefly adverted to.

All electrical action is most easily and consistently explained as the effects of induction [**POLARITY**], or of an action exerted by matter, itself in a polar state, producing polarity in surrounding matter; what is commonly called an electrical current is, on this hypothesis, the momentaneous destruction and reproduction of polar forces, acting along a chain of particles sufficiently approximated to admit of the intensity of the forces in that line exceeding that produced on contiguous particles in other and lateral directions. In the voltaic circuit the particles of the fluid form a part of the chain through which the induction, originated by the zinc on the fluid, is propagated, the chemical decomposition is connected with or occasioned by this polarity, the hydrogen of one particle of water quitting its equivalent of oxygen to combine with that of the contiguous particle, and so on throughout till the hydrogen of the particles in contact with the conducting plate, having no oxygen wherewith to combine, is liberated at that surface in its gaseous state; the metallic part of the circuit undergoes no chemical change except at the surface in contact with the fluid, where the polar forces produce oxidation of the metal, and consequent decomposition of that fluid.

If this chain of polarized particles be broken, and the interposed matter be a nonconductor, the current is at once arrested, and the chemical action between the zinc and the fluid nearly ceases; but even a diminution in the conducting power of any part of the circuit occasions a diminution or retardation of that action. The fluid of the arrangement is an imperfect conductor, compared with the metallic part, and if the distance between the metals be increased, the increase of the intervening portion of imperfect conducting matter may occasion a cessation of the action, and always diminishes it in an inverse ratio to that distance. Hence the necessity in all forms of voltaic batteries for diminishing as much as possible the quantity of fluid between the metallic elements: consequently the magnitude of the negative or conducting plate cannot be indefinitely increased, if by so doing it becomes necessary, owing to the peculiar form of the arrangement, to increase the distance between the two plates.

Although we are warranted in inferring by analogy that there may be other chemical sources of electro-polar induction than oxidation of a metal, yet at present we are not acquainted with any other that can at all be compared with it in energy; and, of all combinations by which this

* If a large electrical machine were provided with a small conductor, this might become charged, by half a turn of the handle, and most electricity itself internally to the nearest conductors before it could receive a fresh charge.

oxidation may be produced, the most efficient is that of a metal and a solution of a metallic salt, the acid of which has a greater affinity for the former metal than it has for that with which it is combined. If therefore a solution of sulphate of copper be used, instead of the simple diluted sulphuric acid of the arrangement, it becomes far more powerful; but this substitution necessitates a precaution to prevent the deposition on the surface of the zinc plate of the metallic copper liberated by the decomposition, which deposition would otherwise almost instantly take place, and thus, by causing both surfaces to consist of the same metal, polar currents would be produced in opposite directions, which would neutralize each other's action.

The precaution alluded to consists in interposing between the decomposing plate and the metallic solution a substance which, while it admits of the passage of the current, and even that of the pure fluid under the influence of that current (Exposmosis), mechanically intercepts the solid copper; the arrangement of the 'constant battery,' as it is technically termed, for which we are indebted to Professor Daniell, consists of a small rod of amalgamated zinc, that is, of zinc the surface of which is coated over with mercury, placed in a membranous bag, or in a porous earthenware cylinder, filled with dilute sulphuric acid, this cylinder or bag being again placed in a copper one filled with a saturated solution of sulphate of copper; this external copper vessel constitutes the conducting plate, and has the connecting wire soldered to it, while the other wire is attached in any convenient mode to the zinc rod. It must be observed that the membrane or porous cylinder must be perfectly continuous: the least fissure would admit of the passage of the copper to the zinc, and destroy the effect.

As long as the two wires do not touch, this battery is nearly quiescent, except the slight local action which takes place between the zinc and its surrounding fluid;* but when the circuit is completed by making the ends of the wires touch, the action becomes energetic, the solution of the sulphate of copper is decomposed, the reduced metal being deposited on the surface of the copper vessel; it is consequently necessary to keep up the supply by adding from time to time solid sulphate to the solution, so as to keep it always saturated; for it must be distinctly understood as a fundamental principle, that, without continuous chemical decomposition and recombination, no current or circle of electro-polar forces can be maintained.

Let the ends of the two wires, not in contact, be plunged into a liquid compound, such as sulphate of copper in solution, for example, which, being an imperfect conductor, is capable of decomposition; decomposition of it will accordingly take place, and in the same direction as that in which it occurs in the fluid of the battery; that is, the copper of the solution will be determined to or precipitated on the wire connected with the zinc plate, while the other wire will be dissolved, uniting with the free acid to produce a sulphate. It may be asked how it happens that the copper wire is dissolved while the plate of that metal in the battery is not acted on, and what becomes of the hydrogen which was liberated in a free state, when dilute acid alone was employed. This apparent contradiction is explained by an attentive consideration of its passing through the two portions of fluids in opposite directions as regards them. At the zinc plate the action is the same as before, but by virtue of the current-affinity the copper is determined to the conducting plate instead of the hydrogen, which plate therefore remains unacted on; in the other portion of fluid the wire connected with the copper plate becomes the analogue of the zinc, and the water undergoing decomposition at its surface, the oxygen unites with the copper of the wire to form a protoxide, which combines with the free sulphuric acid, while the copper of the sulphate is again determined in the direction of the current, in preference to the hydrogen, to the surface of the other wire.

* The object of amalgamating the zinc rod is to prevent this local action, which arises from the inevitable want of perfect homogeneity in the metal; and the slightest difference in two portions of which will cause them to act as positive and negative elements of a small circuit, and a great number of these causes that set on the zinc which takes place before the great or principal current is completed; the perfect, unobscured power of the necessary apparatus to destroy or neutralize these partial currents, so that if the battery itself would be destroyed if the two plates were connected within the fluid by a perfect conductor, instead of having an imperfect one interposed between them.

This example explains why, during electrolytic decomposition, the elements of a compound are determined in definite directions to one or other pole of the battery: and hence the classification of those elements into electro-positive, or electro-negative, or into Cathions and Anions, according to the nomenclature proposed by Professor Faraday. [ELECTRO-CHEMISTRY.]

When the elements of a voltaic arrangement are single, or when it consists of a pair of plates only, the current, however abundant as regards what may be called quantity, is deficient in tension, or in that quality which pre-eminently characterizes electricity of friction: an increase of tension, as well as of quantity, is obtained by combining two or more single batteries, the copper element of the one being connected with the zinc of the next by a perfect conductor, and so on in continued succession. In constructing such compound arrangements, or batteries, it must not be inferred that the quantity and tension depend simply on the extent of the surface of the plates taken collectively, and on their number; it has been proved by Professors Daniell, Faraday, and others, that the maximum effect is obtained from a given amount of surface and a given number of combinations, when all the plates are exactly equal; and that if one pair of the series is much larger or smaller than the rest, there will be no additional power gained in the first case, and a considerable loss in the second nearly equal to what would have been produced if all the plates had been reduced to the size of the smaller.

The term *tension*, as applied to the property imparted to the voltaic current by compound combinations, is, perhaps, an injudicious one; since it suggests the idea of some resemblance to the quality of frictional electricity alluded to, which, as will be presently stated, is not precisely the case, but that a very decided modification of the active qualities of the current is produced by these combinations is shown by the fact that the decomposition of a fluid electrolyte into its constituent elements cannot be effected by a single pair of plates, however extensive their surface; while this decomposition becomes energetic by means of a combination of four or five small batteries the total surface of the plates of which is far less than that of the single one.

The most energetic form of small constant battery is that suggested by Mr. Grove, the elements of which are amalgamated zinc and sheet platinum, the latter being immersed in concentrated nitrous acid, while the zinc element is plunged in dilute hydrochloric and isolated by porous chambers. The platinum is not acted on, and consequently the plates are lasting, although costly at first. The zinc is of course rapidly destroyed, as it must be in all energetic arrangements, for reasons before given.

In constructing the science of electricity, the mind has, as in other sciences, proceeded from first observed facts to simple generalizations, or *theory*, which have again served as guides to new observations and more comprehensive generalizations. Small as the progress yet made, and slight as our knowledge is, when compared with what remains to be acquired, we are warranted in concluding, from the steady adherence to the principles of inductive philosophy which has long characterized our investigations, that the present *theory* of this science will be an admitted one, and ought to be, of any attempt to explain ultimate causes, and limited to comprising, in general expressions the combined results of past observations, to be tested by its accordance with new ones as they occur. What electricity is, or more correctly speaking, what is the nature of that unknown agent which is the cause of electrical action in the most comprehensive sense of this term, we are utterly, and probably ever shall be, ignorant; but this agent appears to be as inseparable from matter as gravitation, and polarity appears to be the consequence of its presence in an active state. It can be elicited, or brought into this active state, by different causes, and what is remarkable, it presents some striking modifications in its sensible properties, according to the cause which has immediately called it into action; it was these modifications which prevented its recognition when first obtained by chemical action, or by other than mechanical means, and caused it to be denominated galvanism, or voltaism, and yet longer concealed the constant connexion, if not identity, between it and magnetism.

That the ultimate cause of these modified modes of action is identical, we are warranted in inferring from the

identity of the phenomena which they all produce, and from the interchangeable relation of cause and effect that exists between these various sources of electrical excitation; thus we infer that the unknown agent alluded to is the cause of electricity, voltaism, magnetism, and heat, for each of these may be produced, and each in its turn is capable of producing the others. Friction is the source of an electrical action which produces light, heat, chemical action, and magnetism, but chemical action is the most abundant source of this agent, and all these phenomena are produced more freely by it than by the others; nevertheless the presence, even in the least appreciable degree, of any one of them, warrants us in admitting the identity of the cause. Magnetism is always co-existent with the agent alluded to, but under certain conditions of direction of the electrical and magnetic polarities. Whether that agent be elicited by mechanical or chemical action, or by changes of temperature in different metals (THERMO-ELECTRICITY), and conversely by employing magnetism as the immediate exciting cause, chemical action, heat, light, and magnetism itself may be produced. [MAGNETO-ELECTRICITY.]

The most remarkable and obvious of the modifications which have been above alluded to are those which have given rise to the terms *electricity of tension*, and *current-electricity*, the former characterizing frictional or mechanical, the latter chemico-, thermo-, and magneto-electricity; but it is now acknowledged that these terms are only expressive of the highest and lowest degrees of a common property. The spontaneous disruptive discharge which takes place through very imperfect conducting media, such as dry gases, from a body supercharged with frictional electricity, has never yet been produced by the most redundant quantity of chemico-electricity. Contact must be made by some good conductor before the current can pass; although the current will continue for a short time after that contact is again broken, but only through a small intervening space, never exceeding an inch or two, between the anode and cathode, the continuity of the current under these circumstances being indicated by the intense arc of flame between the points terminating the connecting wires of an extensive compound battery; and in the case of thermo- or magneto-electricity it is only at the instant of breaking the contact that the spark appears, indicating the momentary transit through an unappreciable distance of the current, which is instantly arrested when that distance becomes sensible; yet that the electricity from these three sources possesses some tension has been proved by the charge imparted to a Leyden jar from a voltaic battery, and by other indications of the presence of that quality in feeble degrees, both in thermo- and magneto-electrical currents, as for example by the decomposition of solution of iodide of potassium when the anode and cathode are very near to each other.

That power to which the name of induction is given, and which is the consequence of the more comprehensive agency termed polarity, is another and universal characteristic of electrical action. The inductive power of frictional electricity and of magnetism were the earliest observed facts in the science, but it is only within a few years that the same power has been shown to accompany the other sources of excitation, owing to the low degree in which they possess it when compared with the former; but now by means of the multiplier or coil, the inductive power of the current from a single pair of plates may be made manifest, especially by the physiological action called the electrical shock, which thus modified cannot be distinguished from that obtained from a charged Leyden jar.

In conclusion we must briefly notice another source of electricity, namely *vitality*; are we yet warranted in assigning this as another effect of the same agent? This question cannot be answered; all we as yet know is, that animal electricity as exerted at volition by the *Gymnotus*, *Torpedo*, and perhaps other animals, is capable of producing induction, and therefore attraction, heat, light, chemical action, and magnetism, and the physiological action on living bodies, identically in the same manner as the electricity from inorganic sources.

VOLTERRA, the ancient Volaterra, a town of Tuscany, is built on the site of one of the most ancient of the Etruscan cities. Volaterra is first mentioned by Livy (x. 12) under the year a.c. 298, when the people fought bravely against

the consul L. Cornelius Scipio. It became eventually a municipium, and furnished the commissariat with the provisions and stores for the army which Scipio led against Carthage. It was probably after this that they struck money with the elephant and moor's head on the obverse, as commemoratives of Scipio's victory over the Carthaginians. It has been conjectured however that this coin commemorates the defeat of Hannibal, in which many of the Etruscan cities took part. The people of Volaterra, having espoused the party of Marius, were besieged by Sulla two whole years. The city suffered severely from the invasion of the Vandals; and after them it came under the dominion of the Lombards, who were driven out in the eighth century by Charlemagne. In the division of the cities of Tuscany between the empire and the church, Volterra fell to the former, and was governed by the counts, marquises, or officers of the emperors, who often deputed the bishops of the diocese to administer the government. This mode however gave rise to fierce disputes and disorders, in which sometimes the bishops lost their life. Like other cities of Italy, Volterra was torn by the contending factions of the Guelphs and Ghibellines. The former having prevailed, the Volterrani were induced to unite themselves to the Pisan republic. From 1232 to 1531 the history of Volterra is a series of intestine commotions and civil wars, which were common in that period of Italian history.

Volterra is 50 miles from Leghorn, about 40 from Florence, and 30 from Siena. The city, or rather town, is situated on a mountain, the west sides of which are extremely precipitous, and, owing to the soft nature of the material, a species of marl, are continually wearing away and encroaching on the site of the town. From the towering height on which the town stands an extensive tract of barren hilly country is visible, worn with the action of rain on a loose soil into numerous ravines extending almost as far as the eye can reach, and abounding in fossils. It is this circumstance which makes the approach to Volterra so circuitous; the nearer you approach, the farther you seem to recede. On the north and east side, below the precipitous parts on which the town is built, the landscape consists of gentle slopes divided by ravines and covered with olive-trees; beyond these are chains of rugged mountains. On the north, and precisely on these slopes, consisting of tufa-rock covered with a thin coat of earth, are found the numerous sepulchral chambers, called by the Italians 'Ippogevi,' to which Volterra owes its remarkable and unique museum of cinerary urns or sarcophagi. From these urns some knowledge of Etruscan customs may be collected. On the south side of the city there is an extensive view of the Maremma of Volterra; in the distance is Monte Catino, famous for its copper-mines, and in the same direction is seen the smoke arising from a volcano. All the country in that direction produces large quantities of salt, which is monopolized by the government.

A most interesting public museum, but extremely difficult of access, consisting of cinerary sarcophagi, gold ornaments, gems, weights, bronzes, coins, and objects in terracotta, has long been formed in Volterra. Some fragments of walls and columns and an arched gateway of Etruscan workmanship are all that now remain of the ancient constructions. The gate is probably a part of the earliest constructed wall, which probably enclosed only the higher part of the ancient city, forming an acropolis. The other fragments of walls were possibly parts of a later construction, or a second enclosure consequent on the increased prosperity of the city, though from their massive style they must be considered Etruscan. The huge blocks of stone in both instances are uncut. The Etruscan arch is decorated with three human heads; one adorns the key-stone, and two are carved on the springing stone of the arch above the impost; the impost itself retains its mouldings in excellent preservation. A good representation of this gate and the walls is given on one of the cinerary urns in the museum at Volterra. There may have been something mystic about these heads, as we find them represented with the arch on a large gold fibula, or buckle, discovered in one of the sepulchres.

The modern city is walled, and possesses a fortress partly constructed on the site of the ancient Etruscan walls. Within the fortress is a circular tower called the Mastio, which has served as a state prison, notorious in Tuscany for its horrible dungeons, in one of which Lorenzini, the mathematician, was confined from 1682 to

1683, and where also he wrote his treatise on geometry, in twelve books.

Volterra contains also a cathedral, several churches, a theatre, two inns, several palaces, a Monte di Pietà, or public pawnbrokers, an antiquated town-hall, called the Palazzo de' Priori, begun in 1208 and finished in 1257. In this building, on the ground-floor, is the museum of sarcophagi found in the tombs, and above is placed the public library. A gloomy palace, constructed in the tenth century, was the residence of the Capitano di Giustizia, when Volterra was a free and independent city: it afterwards became the residence of the podestà, or mayor. This building has been the theatre of many scenes of violence. In 1472 Paolo Ingheirami, Capitano di Giustizia, and his companions or party, having during an insurrection shut themselves up in the higher tower, which still exists, with its four columns on the top, similar to the Tower of the Traitors at Florence, were there suffocated with the fumes of sulphur and bitumen, and their dead bodies were thrown down into the square below, where they were torn to pieces by their fellow-citizens. (Torini, *Guida per la Città di Volterra*, 1832.) The streets are narrow, and, except the main streets, badly paved; the houses are often of great antiquity, consisting in many instances of towers modernized. The population may be about 5000.

The climate is more temperate than that of Leghorn or Florence.

Volterra, like Chiusi, has been the great depository of cinerary urns. The Etruscans generally burnt the bodies of their dead, and placed the ashes in boxes or sarcophagi of tufa, alabaster, or terra-cotta; the two former, and especially the alabaster, are found in abundance at Volterra. These boxes are formed with a lid, which may be taken off, and are often adorned with bas-reliefs in front; on the lid itself is often represented a recumbent figure, with a paten in one of the hands, or a fan similar to those depicted on small stilette vases. These boxes or urns were ranged round the interior of the 'Ippogei,' or vaults cut out of the solid rock; the vaults are sometimes circular and sometimes square on the plan, and generally consist of one room; small recesses are occasionally found formed in the sides of the vault. The urns were placed on steps rising one above another round the vault, whilst in the centre a column or pilaster was left in the tufa, against which were often placed other cinerary urns. As many as forty and even fifty sarcophagi have been found in one of these caves.

A more particular description of one of these will give some idea of the manner in which the sarcophagi were disposed. The entrance to the vault was down steps cut in the rock, leading to a doorway, which was closed with a large stone. At the entrance was placed an upright stone or cippus, on which is often found an Etruscan inscription.

Many of the urns, independent of their sculpture, have been decorated with gilding and colour, especially in their architectural ornaments. With the urns are found terra-cotta and bronze vases, lamps, candelabra of iron and lead, gold ornaments, and brass utensils, as well as the arms of the warrior.

In the same Ippogei are found urns with both Etruscan and Latin inscriptions, by which it is ascertained to what Roman family some of them eventually belonged. Sarcophagi have also been found of a large size, with the entire skeleton, instead of the burnt ashes. These may be contemporary with the Scipios, as we know from the tomb of Scipio at Rome that the bodies deposited there were not burnt.

The museum at Volterra contains more than four hundred of these urns; forty-four are deposited in the museum at Florence, and a vast number have been dispersed among private museums. In addition to these, a great many were destroyed or allowed to perish during and after the early excavations. Though the urns are principally of alabaster and tufa, yet there are also a few rare examples of terra-cotta. The covers of some of the urns are made in the shape of the roof of a house, having the representation of tiles. The subjects of the bas-reliefs are mostly mythological, and are often designed and executed in a masterly manner. An ancient Etruscan bas-relief of a large size, preserved in the museum, is remarkable for its close resemblance to the figures of the Persians carved on

the frieze brought from Persepolis, and now in the British Museum.

The chief business of the Volterrani is the carving of alabaster; but though they have these singular and beautiful monuments before them, we have never heard of their copying or adapting them to the vast quantities of carved ware with which they supply the markets of Florence, Leghorn, and Pisa.

VOLTERRA, DANIEL DI. [NICCIARELLI.]

VOLTZITE. [ZINC.]

VOLUME. This word, as meaning a part of a book, is derived from the old form of a book, a roll (of parchment). But our language takes from the French a sense of which the Latin knows nothing; and *volume* means bulk, size, or solid content. Thus the volume of a sphere is two-thirds of that of its circumscribed cylinder; the volume of a cone is one-third of that of a cylinder of the same base and altitude, and so on.

Under the various words, PRISM, CYLINDER, CONE, SPHERE, &c. will be found the modes of ascertaining their volumes. The mode of finding the volume which is contained under a given surface is a process of the integral calculus, which it would be useless to attempt describing within any limits we could afford.

VOLUNTARY SETTLEMENT. [SETTLEMENT.]

VOLUTA. [VOLUTINA.]

VOLUTE, a rolling or spiral curve, a name particularly given to the spirals which appear in architectural columns, as ornaments of the capitals. The Ionic volute (figured in COLUMN, p. 384) is that which is of most interest. There has been, we believe, some discussion as to what the form of this curve really was. Whether the architect of a Greek temple employed anything but his eye to give an agreeable form, we do not know; but a mathematician would say beforehand that it would be hardly possible to draw such a number of concentric spirals not interfering with each other as are seen in the diagrams above cited, unless each of them was tolerably near to a logarithmic spiral, in which the tangent always makes the same angle with the radius. We examined with particular attention a cast made at Athens by Professor Donaldson, and found the following result:—Taking the diagram in COLUMN (p. 384), we found that each spiral, as far as C, or thereabouts, was remarkably true to the logarithmic spiral; but that from C the law of the curve changed, and the acute angle made by the tangent with the radius vector began to increase, until it became a right angle at A.

VOLUTELLA. [VOLUTINE.]

VOLUTIDÆ, the name of a family of testaceous gastropodous molluscs, whose shells are prized by collectors above most others for their beauty and rarity; and which, from their numbers and carnivorous habits, are powerful agents in keeping other molluscs and conchifers within due limits.

The genus *Voluta* stands in the last edition of the *Systema Naturæ*, revised by Linnaeus, between the genera *Bulla* and *Buccinum*, with the following definition:—

Animal, a Limax or Slug. *Shell* unilocular, spiral. *Aperture* ecarinate, subfusus. *Columella* or *Pillar* plaited. *No labium* nor umbilicus.

Linnaeus thus subdivides the genus:—

Species:—*Auris* *Moffæ*; *Auris Judeæ*, *tornatilis*; *solidula*; *livida*; *clavus*.

* *Cylindroid* (subcylindrical and emarginate).

Species:—*porphyria*; *oliva*; *ispidula*.

* * * *Ovale* (obovate, effuse, emarginate).

Species:—*dactylota*; *ulmaria*; *monita*; *pericula*; *pallida*; *fabi*; *glabrella*; *reticulata*; *mercatoria*; *rustica*; *paupercula*; *miculicaria*; *concellata*.

* * * * *Fusiform*.

Species:—*tringa*; *corniculata*; *virgo*; *scabricula*; *rufina*; *sanguisuga*; *cuffra*; *morio*; *vulpecula*; *placaria*; *perluza*; *nitra*; *munia*; *vespertilio*; *ebrea*; *turbiellus*; *capitellus*; *ceramica*; *pyrum*; *lypionica*.

* * * * *Ventricose*.

Species:—*æthiopica*; *cymbium*; *oliva*.

In Gmelin's edition the number of species is increased to one hundred and forty-five, and these additions will all bear the test laid down by Linnaeus as characteristic of the genus *Voluta*, for they have all plaits upon the pillar.*

* *Voluta* genus testaceis distinguatur columella platis. (*Syst. Nat.*, ed. 12, p. 1193.)

Lamarck, in his *Animaux sans Vertèbres*, truly observed that the genus *Foliate* of Linnæus, although characterised in a manner sufficiently distinct by the plaits on the pillar of the shell, is far from natural; for it unites shells of different families, which ought to be separated because they do not approximate at all. It comprises, says Lamarck, in fact, shells with an entire aperture, as the *Auricularia*, others with an aperture which is cancellated at the base, as the *Fasciolaria*, and the *Turbinella*, which approach the *Muricea*; others again whose aperture is simply notched at the base, like that of the *Buccina*: this gives an extremely considerable extent to the genus, injurious to the study of species, and defective in regard to the relationship of the component forms.

Mr. Broderip, in his introduction to the monograph of the subgenus *Cymba*, in the *Species Conchyliorum*, remarks, that if any disciple of Linnæus should be disposed to consider the French naturalist somewhat severe, he should remember that, at the time when Lamarck wrote (1822), the number of recent species of *Foliate*, strictly Linnæan, had increased from forty-five to two hundred and eighty-eight, viz. *Foliate*, Lam. 44; *Mitra*, 80; *Marginella*, 22; *Turbinella*, 25; *Columbella*, 18; *Auricularia*, 14; *Cancellaria*, 12; *Tornatella*, 6; *Volvaria*, 5; *Oliva*, 62.

Since the appearance of Lamarck's work, the researches of naturalists have brought to light such numbers to swell the catalogue, that the species of many of these genera had, when Mr. Broderip wrote (1830), increased two-fold and even three-fold; and the last twelve years have added greatly to that amount.

The first effectual reformer of the Linnæan genus *Foliate* was Bruguière, who separated from it all the species which were without a notch at the base. Lamarck carried the reformation further, and separated from it the genera *Mitra*, *Columbella*, *Marginella*, *Cancellaria*, and *Turbinella*, leaving only those shells that constitute his genus *Foliate*, an assemblage of Tracheopoda, all marine, carnivorous, and breathing through the medium of sea-water only; with plaits on the pillar of the shell, and a notch at its base, but destitute of an operculum. Of the genus thus modified, Linnæus recorded seven species only and Lamarck forty-four; the increase since has been great.

Lamarck thus divided his genus *Foliate* :—

a. Shell ventricose, convex (hombée).

Les Gondoliers (Cymbioles).

The species of this section belong mostly to the subgenera *Cymba* and *Melo* of Broderip.

b. Shell oval, spiny or tuberculous.

Muriceæ.

Comprising *Foliate imperialis*, *versipellis*, *mitis*, *niroca*, &c.

c. Shell oval, tuberculous.

Musicales, the Music Shells.

Consisting of *Foliate ebraea*, *musica*, &c.

d. Shell elongated, ventricose, nearly fusiform.

Fusoides.

Consisting of *Foliate magnifica*, *avella*, *pacifica*, *juno*, *leppanica*, &c.

Cuvier observes that the Volutes (*Foliate*, Linn.) vary in the form of the shell and that of the aperture; but are to be recognised by the notch without a canal which terminates it, and by the projecting and oblique plaits on the pillar. The following subdivisions appear in Cuvier's work :—

The Olives (*Oliva*, Brug.).

These are named from the oblong or elliptical form of their shell, whose aperture is narrow, long, notched at the end opposite to the spire, which last is short. The plaits of the pillar are numerous and resembling striae. The whorls are hollowed into a furrow. The shells of this genus do not yield in beauty to those of the *Covvies*.

The animal of *Oliva* has a large foot, whose interior part (in front of the head) is separated by an incision on each side; the tentacles are slender and carry the eyes on the side, about the middle of their length. The proboscis, the siphon, and the penis are long. There is no true operculum. MM. Quoy and Gaimard observed at the posterior part an appendage which is introduced into the furrow of the whorls.

Volvaria, Lam.

These much resemble the Olives in their oblong or cylindrical form; but their aperture is narrow, and its anterior border ascends above the spire, which is excessively

short. One or more plates at the lower part of the pillar. The polish and whiteness of these shells cause their employment as necklaces on some coasts.

The Volutes properly so called (*Foliate*, Lam.).

Cuvier characterises the genus *Foliate*, Lam., as having a shell with an ample aperture, and the columella marked by large plaits, of which that which is farthest from the spire is largest. The spire, he observes, varies much in the extent of its projection.

Some of this genus, continues Cuvier (*Cymbium*, Montf.; *Cymba*, Brod.), have the last whorl ventricose. Their animal has a large, thick, fleshy foot, without an operculum, and on the head a veil, at the sides of which are the tentacles. The proboscis is rather long and its siphon has an appendage on each side of its base. The shells grow to a large size, and many are very beautiful.

Others (*Foliate*, Montf.) have the last whorl conical, narrowing towards the end opposite to the spire. Their animal has not so large a foot as the preceding; their shells are also often very remarkable for the beauty of their colours or the patterns traced thereon.

Marginella, Lam.

With the form of the Volutes properly so called, these have the external lip of the aperture furnished with a *bourrelet*. Their notch is but little marked. According to Adams, their animal, also, has the foot very large, and wants the operculum; it partially covers the shell by raising the lobes of the mantle. The tentacles carry the eyes on the external side of the base.

Columbella, Lam.

The plaits of the pillar are numerous, and the *bourrelet* of the external lip is convex or swollen as it were on its middle. These seem to have no operculum.

Mitra, Lam.

These have the aperture oblong with some large plaits on the pillar; the plaits nearest to the spire are the largest. The spire is generally pointed and elongated: some of the species are beautifully spotted with red on a white ground. Their animal has a small foot; the tentacles, of moderate length, carrying the eyes on the side about the lower third: there is also a siphon of moderate length; but there is often a proboscis longer than the shell.

Cancellaria, Lam.

The last whorl of these is ventricose, the aperture ample and round, and the internal lip forms a plate upon the pillar. Their spire is projecting, pointed, and their surface generally marked with cancellations. (*Règne Animal*.)

In Cuvier's system the Volutes are placed between *Terebellum* and *Buccinum*.

Of the Gastropods now usually arranged under the family *Foliatidæ*, M. de Blainville places *Oliva* next to *Terebellum*. *Ancillaria*, *Mitra*, *Foliate*, and *Marginella* come in succession after *Oliva*. All these genera belong to M. de Blainville's third family, *Angustomata*.

The genus *Oliva* is divided by this zoologist into the following sections :—

A. Oval species, with the spire scarcely projecting.

Example, *Oliva undata*.

B. Species a little more elongated, with the spire more projecting.

Example, *Oliva litterata*.

C. Species still more elongated (elancées), with a very projecting spire.

Example, *Oliva subulata*.

Ancillaria is divided by him into the following sections :—

A. Species with the spire sufficiently elevated and bucciniform.

Example, *Ancillaria buccinoides*.

B. Species with the spire almost null.

Example, *Ancillaria cinnamomea*.

Mitra is thus subdivided :—

A. Species elongated, turriculate, ribbed; the aperture very narrow, long, subcanaliculate, with a plait. (Genus *Minaret*, Montf.)

Example, *Mitra tenuis*.

B. Turriculate species, with large spiral whorls, the aperture effuse anteriorly.

Example, *Mitra episcopalis*.

C. Suboval species, with a shorter spire, ordinarily tuberculous.

Example, *Mitra microzonias*.

D. Oval species, with a very short spire, and ordinarily trellised.

Example, *Mitra dactylus*.

Voluta consists of the following sections:—

A. Elongated and subteruncate species.

Example, *Voluta megallanica*.

B. Oval species more or less tuberculous. (Genus *Turbellulus*, Oken.)

Example, *Voluta imperialis*.

C. Oval species, corniceted or not.

Example, *Voluta fulva* and *Voluta nigra*.

D. Oval, convex, ventricose species. (The *Gondoliers*, *Cymbium*, Montf.)

Example, *Voluta athiopica*.

Marginella is subdivided as follows:—

A. Species with the aperture less long than the shell, and with the spire apparent. (*Marginella*, Lam.)

Example, *Marginella faba*.

B. Species with the aperture as long as the shell, with no spire, and sometimes with it sunk or umbilicated.

Example, *Marginella lineata*.

C. Species which are still more involved; the aperture still narrower and longer; folds on the anterior part of the columellar lip; external lip delicate.

Example, *Mitra monitis*.

M. Rang thus defines the family of *Volutes*, which he makes his eighth family, placing it between the *Enroulées* of Lamarck and the *Sigarietæ*, thus:—

Animal furnished with triangular and flattened tentacles, carrying the eyes on the hinder part of them on the external side.

Shell oblong, with a large aperture, and furnished with plaits on the pillar.

Marine.

Genera *Voluta* and *Cymbium*.

The genus *Voluta* is thus defined:—

Animal oval; the head distinct, furnished with triangular and rather short tentacles, with sessile eyes at their base, placed a little backwards; mouth at the extremity of a thick proboscis furnished with hooked teeth; foot very large and spreading, on all sides, beyond the shell, folding longitudinally in order to re-enter it; branchiæ composed of two pectinations; anus sessile.

Shell oval, rather ventricose, with the spire rather elevated and mammillated; aperture large, longer than it is wide, notched anteriorly; right lip arched; columella excavated, furnished with oblique plaits, the anterior of which are the greatest.

Following the example of Lamarck, M. Rang subdivides the genus into three groups:—1. The *Muriceæ*—*Voluta imperialis*, &c. 2. The *Musculæ*—*Voluta ebraea*, &c. 3. The *Puicidæ*, *Voluta magnifica*, &c.

The genus *Cymbium*, Adams—M. Rang defines thus:—

Animal oval, very convex, hardly capable of re-entering the shell, and spreading beyond it on all sides with its foot, which is very large; head furnished with a veil, whence issue two triangular and flattened tentacles with eyes situated at the external base of those organs, a little towards their external parts; an advanced proboscis with the mouth at its extremity.

Shell oblong oval, very ventricose, rather delicate; spire generally short and mammillated; aperture very large, longer than it is wide, notched anteriorly; right lip arched, trellised; left or columellar lip excavated, furnished with a little anteriorly to its middle with oblique plaits.

M. Rang remarks that this genus approaches closely to the preceding; but, at the same time, he states that he could find no veil in the animal of the *Volutes*, and that of *Cymbium* is evidently provided with it. Upon this ground alone M. Rang separates the genera; for, if the animals were the same, the species of *Cymbium* ought not to form more than a subgenus of *Voluta*. M. Rang further observes that Lamarck reckons fourteen species, a number which, he thinks, ought to be reduced rather than augmented, for the young individuals offer sometimes in their shell characters which disappear with age.

The genera *Mitra*, *Ancillaria*, *Oliva*, *Volucaria*, and *Marginella*, are arranged by M. Rang under the family of *Enroulées*, in company with *Terebra*, *Cypræna*, and *Orula*.

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Mr. Broderip subdivides the genus *Voluta* of Lamarck into *Cymba* (*Cymbium* having been used by Gualtieri to designate the *Argonautæ* long previous to De Montfort's application of the word to a section of *Volutes*), *Melo*, and *Voluta*. *Cymba* has been also used by MM. Quoy and Gaimard as the name for a genus of naked Mollusks. Mr. Broderip notices Lamarck's assertion that it does not appear that any of the *Volutes* are provided with an epidermis, and observes that a careful collection of those testaceans (now in the British Museum) has enabled him to state his belief that few if any of the species of *Cymba*, *Melo*, or *Voluta* are entirely without it. The species of *Cymba* have not only this 'drap marin,' but also the additional protection of a glaze, or vitreous pellicle, secreted by the animal, and more or less extended over the shell. This last is increased as the animal advances in age; and in some species, *Cymba proboscidealis*, *porcina*, *rubiginosa*, &c., forms a complete surcoat, which, in old specimens, has such an appearance as has led more than one uninitiated spectator to inquire whether a thick coating of enamel had not been poured over the shell. (Sowerby's *Genera, Species Conchylorum*.)

Mr. Swainson considers the *Volutidae* to be one of the most interesting and beautiful families of the spiral *Testacea*, whether in regard to the elegance of the shells themselves, or as exhibiting a principle of variation in their structure hardly to be excelled. He remarks that our knowledge of the animals has been much increased by the French zoologists, and the drawings of Goulding. To generalise these discoveries so as to assign some undeviating character to the whole is, he says, almost impossible. The only peculiarity, he observes, appears to be the absence of any operculum: in the majority, he adds, the eyes are sessile, placed at the base of two short tentacula, and as much developed in the typical volutes as they are in the *Strombidæ*; the mouth is probosciform and extensible; and the foot, in the typical group, of enormous size.

'The shells, however,' continues Mr. Swainson, 'present us with more tangible characters. The base is never prolonged; although in some *Mitres* (*Turris*) it is contracted; in all others it is truncated, as in the *Buccininae*, and deeply notched. The truncated base at once separates that family from the *Turbellinae*, as there is no instance of a volute with an elongated channel. The plaits upon the pillar, again, are always at the base—not in the middle only—of the aperture; although in the aberrant groups of *Oliva*, *Ancillaria*, and *Marginella* they assume peculiar modifications. The proportion of the spire to the aperture varies in almost every genus, and is, therefore, but a subordinate character. Numerous as is this family, nearly all the species are confined to warm latitudes, particularly those of the tropics. It is hardly necessary to add that the whole are predaceous, and consequently carnivorous.'

Mr. Swainson then arranges the family into the following five primary groups:—

1. *Volutine*, or typical *Volutes*, having a short spire more or less papillary, and the lower plaits upon the pillar largest; the foot excessively large and enveloping the sides of the shell.

2. *Mitrinae*, or *Mitres*, having the spire always acute, generally longer than the aperture, and the lower plaits smallest; the foot small, not dilated on the sides, and the siphon long.

3. *Olivenæ*, or *Olives*, cylindrical in shape; the aperture linear, and the pillar thickened and confusedly plaited.

4. *Ancillarinae*: the aperture wide, and the base of the pillar alone thickened and striated.

5. *Marginellinae*, or *Date-shells*, having plaits upon the pillar, and crenated teeth on the thickened outer lip; the foot very large, but the mantle not lobed nor reflected.

1. *Volutine*.

Genera:—1. *Voluta*, Linn. Shell large, ventricose; the spire extremely short, very obtuse, and papillary: the terminal whorls, where they exist, being smooth and unsculptured.

This genus is subdivided into five sections, viz:

1. *Turbelliform Type*.

Shell melon-shaped, spire very short, sometimes nearly obsolete. This consists of *Cymba* and *Melo*, Brod.

* but see post, p. 447.

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Examples, *Voluta* (*Cymba*), *Neptuni*, and *Voluta* (*Melo*), *Aethiops*.

2. *Muriciform* Type.

Shell heavy, less ventricose, coronated with cylindrical or vaulted spines; spire more produced.

Example, *Voluta imperialis*.

3. *Sirociform* Type.

Outer lip dilated and angulated above.

Example, *Voluta scopula*.

4. *Acicilliform* Type.

Aperture very wide; spire pointed.

Example, *Voluta angulata*.

5. *Marginedform* Type.

Shell partially polished; ventricose.

Examples, *Voluta magnifica* and *Voluta fulgens*.

2. *Cymbiata*, Sw. Spire more produced, but not more than half as long as the aperture; the terminal whorls regular and sculptured; plaits on the pillar four.

Examples, Type? *Voluta ancilla*; *Voluta vesperilio*; *Vol. pycnia*; *Vol. festiva*?; *Vol. mitis*; *Vol. brasiliensis*.

3. *Harpula*, Sw. Spire developed as in the last, but the tip is generally more slender, and the plaits are numerous.

Examples, *Voluta corallum*, *Vol. obesa*, &c.

4. *Volutilites*, Sw. Spire acutely pointed; plaits generally faint, sometimes obsolete.

Examples, *Volutilites spinosa*, *musicola*, *muricina*, *variegata*, *cithara*, *bucrona*, *crenulata*, *costaria*, *lyra*.

5. *Scaphella*, Sw. Shell smooth, almost polished; outer lip thickened internally; suture ennelled; lower plaits the smallest; apex of the spire various.

Examples, *Voluta fusiformis*, *undulata*, *roseacea*, *zebra*, *junonia*, *stromboides*, and *papilio*.

II. *Mitrina*.

Genera:—*Mitra*. No internal channel or groove at the upper extremity of the aperture; outer lip curved from its two extremities; the base of the aperture not contracted, the interior always smooth; spire lengthened, acute; shell without coronating tubercles, but not polished. Representing the *Voluta* and *Turbinellidae*.

The following subgenera are arranged by Mr. Swainson under this genus:—

1.

Mitra, Sw.

Shell entirely smooth, or with the sutures very slightly crested; aperture very effuse at the base.

Example, *Mitra epicapula*, &c.

2.

Thiarella, Sw.

Shell smooth, with the whorls coronated; the body-whorl less ventricose.

Example, *Thiarella papilio*, &c.

3.

Scabricola, Sw.

Shell rough, with transverse elevated ridges and longitudinal striae; suture not coronated; aperture effuse; outer lip crested.

Example, *Scabricola serpentina*, &c.

4.

Nebularia, Sw.

Shell generally marked with transverse grooves; outer lip contracted above, effuse below; the margin smooth; base of the body-whorl narrowed.

Example, *Nebularia contracta*, &c.

5.

Strigatella, Sw.

Size very small; spire thick, obtuse; outer lip thickened, and often reflected in the middle; aperture smooth.

Example, *Strigatella zebra*, &c.

2. *Tiara*, Sw. Aperture narrow, linear, or of equal breadth throughout; outer lip and base of the body-whorl contracted, the former generally striated; an internal canal at the upper part of the aperture; shell typically turreted, and equally fusiform; representing the *Muricidae* and *Cymbiata*.

The following subgenera come under this genus in Mr. Swainson's arrangement:—

1.

Tiara, Sw.

Shell turreted, fusiform, costated, and semi-coronated; spire and aperture of equal length; internal striae slight or obsolete.

Example, *Tiara virgo*, &c.

2.

Costellaria, Sw.

Unequally fusiform; the spire longer than the aperture, body-whorl slightly ventricose, but suddenly contracted near the base; internal striae distinct; whorls convex, rarely angulated; the ribs reaching to the suture.

Example, *Costellaria rigida*.

3.

Callithea, Sw.

Spire and aperture of nearly equal length; internal channel nearly obsolete; shell with longitudinal linear ribs, crossed with transverse striae and bands; base contracted.

Example, *Callithea sanguinea*, &c.

4.

Cancilla, Sw.

General shape of the last; but the whorls crossed by transverse linear ribs or elevated ridges; internal canal wanting; plaits very oblique; form slender; outer lip thin.

Example, *Cancilla isabella*, &c.

5.

Pusia, Sw.

Size very small; spire thick, obtuse; outer lip thickened, and often reflected; aperture striated, with an internal canal.

Example, *Pusia microzonis*.

3. *Mitrella*, Sw. Small; unequally fusiform; the base obtuse; inner lip, typically, thickened, inflected, and either toothed or tuberculated; plaits on the pillar distinct, the inferior largest; tip of the spire sometimes papillary; aperture without either striae or groove.

Example, *Mitrella monodonta*.

4. *Conelix*, Sw. Small; cylindrical or conic; spire generally short and thick; plaits on the pillar numerous; exterior often decussated.

Example, *Conelix consula*.

5. *Mitrella*, Sw. Rather small; olive-shaped; unequally fusiform; always smooth and polished, and sometimes covered with an epidermis; base obtuse and effuse; spire nearly or quite equal to the aperture; plaits of the pillar few, oblique, and extending beyond the aperture, which is smooth internally.

Example, *Mitrella bicolor*, &c.

III. *Olivina*.

Shell smooth, highly polished; spire very short; the suture channelled; inner lip much thickened; plaits numerous, crowded, extending in the typical genus, the whole length of the aperture.

1. *Lamproduma*, Sw. Mitriform; spire produced, conic; resembling *Mitrella* in shape, but the suture is channelled; the aperture effuse at the base, contracted above; lower half of the pillar with 6-7 plaits.

Example, *Lamproduma volutella*.

2. *Olivia*, Sw. Cylindrical; spire very short, pointed; pillar with numerous slender plaits; aperture narrow; the base not effuse.

Examples, *Olivia maura*.

3. *Scaphula*, Sw. Spire very short, thick, obtuse, and not defined; aperture very wide, with only two or three oblique plaits at the base.

Example, *Scaphula patula*.

4. *Hiatula*, Sw. General shape of *Olivia*, but the upper part of the pillar is not thickened; the lower tumid, and marked with a few oblique plaits; the aperture wide, the base effuse.

Example, *Hiatula Lamarchii*, &c.

5. *Olivella*, Sw. Oliviform; spire (typically) rather produced; the tip acute; inner lip not thickened; outer lip straight; base of the pillar curved inwards, and marked by two strong plaits; upper plaits obsolete, or wanting; aperture effused at the base only.

Example, *Olivella biplicata*.

Mr. Swainson observes that the union of the *Volutilidae* and *Turbinellidae* is so intimately effected by *Olivella biplicata* and *Pseudotrocha plumbea*, that the two plaits on the pillar of the former shell alone separate the two families.

IV.

Acicillariae.

Genus *Ancillaria*, Lam. Shell oliviform, highly polished; aperture very effuse; suture concealed by the

enamel; base with one or two strong grooves, which form a little tooth at the edge of the outer lip; inner lip wanting; base of the pillar thick, vitreous, obliquely striated, and turned outwards.

Mr. Swainson makes the characters of the subfamily and the genus identical, 'as the genera have not been worked out.' For species, see Sowerby's *Species Conchyliorum*.

V.

Marginellinae.

Genera.—1. *Volutella*, Sw. Bulliform; ovate oblong; spire either entirely or almost concealed; pillar with four oblique plaits at the base; aperture not striated; outer lip smooth, thickened; inner lip wanting.

Example, *Volutella bullata*.

2. *Pericula*, Schum. General form of *Volutella*, but the spire always concealed; plaits numerous, and extending nearly over the whole of the pillar; the aperture striated; inner lip thickened, spreading.

Example, *Pericula arctiana*.

3. *Gibberula*, Sw. Suboval; spire slightly prominent; top of the outer lip dilated and gibbous; base of the inner lip with plaits; inner lip broad, spreading.

Example, *Gibberula zonata*.

4. *Marginitella*, Lam. Oval; spire slightly prominent; inner lip very much developed, and forming a tumid rim all round the aperture.

Example, *Marginitella lactea*.

5. *Glabella*, Sw. Volutiform; the spire more or less conic, and well developed; pillar with basal plaits; inner lip obsolete; outer lip thick, toothed, or crested; rarely smooth.

Example, *Glabella rufina*.

The characters above given are Mr. Swainson's; and he places the *Volutidae* between the *Strombidae* and the *Cypræidae*. (*Malacology*.)

Mr. J. E. Gray observes that the family of *Volutes* have a recurved siphon, and only a nick in the front of the mouth of the shell, like some of the other genera (*Harpa*, &c.); but the front of the pillar of the shell is regularly and obliquely plaited. The foot of the animal is very large, partly hiding the shell, and generally deeply notched on each side in front. In general the shell is covered with a distinct pectostraca (epidermis of old authors), as in *Mitra*, *Voluta*, and *Muscula*; but in a few, as *Cymbium* (*Cymba*, Brod.), the animal, when any sand or other matter gets between the shell and the upper surface of the foot, secretes a quantity of shelly matter, and covers the adventitious substance with a glassy coat, so as to prevent the extraneous particles from irritating it. In some, Mr. Gray remarks, as in *Voluta angulata*, one of the sides, and in others, as in *Marginitella*, both sides of the mantle are produced and reflected over the back of the shell, and the shelly matter secreted by these parts covers the outer surface of the shell with a polished coat like the cowries. Only a few species, as *Voluta musica*, and some of the smaller *Mitres*, are provided with a horny operculum, which is entirely deficient in the other kinds. The animals of the genus *Cymbium* are, he says, ovoviviparous; the shell of the newly-born animal is very large, and the apex of the spire of many of these shells is very irregularly twisted. The *Fulpeculae*, according to Mr. Gray, differ from *Mitra* in the outer lip being striated within. The *Imbricariae* are obconic shells, with a linear mouth and many plaits on the pillar. The *Hyalinae*, he remarks in conclusion, differ from the *Marginitellae* in the spire being short and the outer lip only slightly thickened; and the *Periculae* in the outer lip not being thickened externally, and in the inner lip being cross-grooved.

The *Volutidae* form the fourth family of Mr. J. E. Gray's Zoophagous Gastropods (*Ctenobranchiata*), and are placed by him between the *Buccinidae* and the *Cypræidae*. Under this family Mr. Gray arranges the following:

Genera.—*Cymbium*; *Volutella*; *Voluta*; *Mitra*; *Fulpecula*; *Turris*; *Volvaria*; *Imbricaria*; *Marginitella*; *Hyalina*; and *Pericula*. (*Synopsis Brit. Mus.*, 1842.)

We now proceed to lay before the reader some of the forms of this extensive omnivorous group, as far as the limits of this work will allow.

Cymba.

Example, *Cymba neptuni*.

Description.—Shell obovate, tumid, ventricose, of n

Two near to *Hydrobia*.

brownish-red, covered with a strong brown epidermis, over which an enamel-like glaze is extended from the pillar over about a fourth part of the shell, leaving the epidermis of the back uncoated. In full-grown specimens the spire and apex are entirely concealed, and the upper border of the body-whorl, which is crenated and somewhat reflected, overhangs both, so as to form an open somewhat round convexity. Pillar four-plaited.

Locality.—African coasts.

Cymba, of which there are several species, has been found in shallow water on sands and mud.



Cymba neptuni.

a, seen from below, showing the plaits of the pillar; b, seen from above; c, young, seen from above.

Melo.

Example, *Melo ethiopicus*.

Description.—Animal.—General form of the body ind-

eated by that of the shell. The mantle which envelops it is in general rather delicate, except on the borders, especially on the right, where it is a little thickened, but without any trace of cirri or lobules. Below the anterior part a very considerable and very thick respiratory canal, at the posterior root of which is a tentacular appendage. The foot is enormous relatively to its thickness and extent; its form is oval, very convex above, without any trace of a transverse or a longitudinal furrow; it re-enters in great part into the shell by folding longitudinally, and its pedicle of insertion, or columellar fascia, has this direction; it is very thick and large, but less than in the cones; The head forms a considerable mass, flattened and bordered on

its circumference by a sort of veil with thick edges, susceptible, doubtless, of great extension. The tentacles are lateral, very distant from each other, conical, rather elongated, and contractile. The eyes, remarkable for their size, are equally very distant, entirely sessile, and placed behind the tentacles: there was remarked in these organs a white envelope, probably fibrous, through which the black colour of the choroid was observable; the orifice of the pupil was also seen; and an enormous crystalline lens, filling the whole cavity and offering an anterior projection, a little like what is to be seen in the *Sepia*; these seemed to be two small muscles behind. The skin becomes delicate in front of the eye, and forms a rather convex transparent corner. Below the head issues a sort of proboscis, very thick, subcylindrical, with a small aperture and vertically slit. The branchial cavity is, as the form of the shell indicates, extremely extended; it occupies the whole of the last whorl: it was seen to communicate with the ambient fluid by means of a very thick muscular siphon. There were two considerable branchial combs; the right larger than the left, formed by a single row of denticles, whilst the latter consisted of two. Behind is the orifice of the anus, which is rather small, oval, and sessile, and placed in front of an oblique zone of great folds formed by the external projection of the depuratory organ. The individual examined was a male; and on the right side of the neck, or at the anterior part of the pedicle of the foot, the excreting organ of generation was seen in a saricular form, narrow, flattened, and directed from before backwards. (*Uranie*.)

Shell obovate, ventriose, of an orange-cinnamon colour, the spire coronated with thick-set short-vaulted spines; pillar 4-plaited.

Locality.—The African Ocean, Lamarek. East Indian seas. The specimen from which the description in the *Zoologie de l'Uranie* was taken, is stated to have been found at Shark's Bay, Australia.

Melo, many species of which have been described, has been found in shallow water on sands and mud.

Voluts.

Example, *Voluta undulata*.

Description.—Shell ovate-fusiform, smooth, yellowish-white, clouded with fulvous or purple-black spots, ornamented with numerous bay or brown longitudinal undulating flexuous lines; principal plaits on the pillar four; sometimes two smaller additional ones.

Locality.—Coasts of New Holland, Port Western, Bass's Strait, the Island Maria, &c.

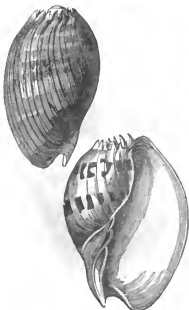
Voluta pacifica.

Description.—Shell ovate-fusiform, anteriorly tuberculiferous, pale yellow or flesh-colour ornamented with brown-spotted bands, and bay vein-like markings; pillar five-plaited.

Locality.—New Zealand. Bay of Islands.



Animal of *Melos ethiopicus*. (*Uranie*.)



Shell of *Melos*.
Back and front view.



Voluta undulata. (Animal and shell.)
Anterior part seen from above.



Voluta undulata. (Animal and Shell.)
The whole seen from below. (Atrulale.)



Shell of *Voluta undulata*, showing the plaits on the pillar.



Voluta pacifica. (Atrulale.)

Voluta vespertilio.
• Description.—Shell turritated, armed with strong dis-

tant acute tubercles, white, yellowish, or reddish, painted with angular flexuous spots; spire muricated, the apex with small tubercles; lip with a sinus above; pillar four-plaited.

Locality.—Indian Sea, Amboyna, Moluccas, &c.



Voluta vespertilio. (Atrulale.)

The varieties of this species are almost endless, both in colour and markings. Some are armed with strong projecting spines, some with tubercles, and others again are smooth.

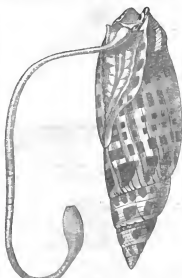
Voluta has been found at depths ranging from seven to fourteen fathoms. The species are very numerous and very beautiful. M. Deshayes gives the number as sixty-two, and notes one species, *Voluta Lamberti*, as found recent and fossil (tertiary).^a This number of recent species is probably below the mark, especially when we consider that, under the name *Voluta*, M. Deshayes in all probability includes the subgenera *Cymba* and *Melo*.

Mitra.

Examples, *Mitra episcopalis*.

Description.—The animal has a narrow foot, compressed and channelled at its root, nearly square and slightly auriculated in front with a marginal furrow, and pointed behind. The head is very small, rounded, with two tentacles, which are scarcely a line and a half in length; the eyes sessile at their base. An enormous proboscis, which is sometimes double the length of the shell.

The respiratory siphon does not project beyond the canal; it is marked with black at the point: the rest of the animal is yellowish. The proboscis is white.



Mitra episcopalis seen from below, with its long proboscis. (J. L. S. de la.)

• Quere, as to this drawing.

The ovary is placed on the side of the liver; the uterus is very large, attached to the rectum, which is above it; its aperture, instead of being terminal, is situated a little within. These two organs are placed, as they are ordinarily, on the right side of the branchial cavity.

The penis of the male is very small, short, and pointed. Length of animal and shell, from two inches to six or eight.

Shell turreted, smooth, white, spotted with bright red; pillar four-plaited; outer lip denticulated at its lower part; epidermis thin.

Locality.—East Indian seas; islands of the South Sea, Tongataboo.



Shell of *Mitra epicarpalis*, showing the plaits on the pillar.

Mitra odusta.

Description.—Shell fusiform turreted, albido-lutescent, ornamented with longitudinal rufous brown spots; the striae transverse, impressed, rather remote, and dotted; the sutures erenulate; the pillar five-plaited.

Locality.—Timor, Vanikoro.

There are at least two varieties.



Mitra odusta seen from below. (*Detrolab.*)

Mitra corrugata.

Description.—Shell ovate-fusiform, longitudinally plicated, transversely rugous, whitish; bands and belts brown; whorls angulated above; the last whorls with a submarginal angle; pillar four-plaited.

Locality.—Indian Ocean, New Guinea.



Mitra corrugata. (*Detrolab.*)

Mitra has been found at depths varying from the surface to seventeen fathoms, on reefs, sandy mud, and sands. The species are all inhabitants of warm countries. The number of recent species recorded by M. Deshayes, in his tables, is one hundred and twelve; and of these *Mitra*

lutescens and *cornea* are stated to have been found both recent and fossil (tertiary).

Oliva.

Animal involved, compressed, with a small head terminated by a proboscis; tentacles approximated, enlarged at their base and subulate at their extremity, carrying the eyes on small convexities about their middle part externally; foot very large, oblong, and slit transversely anteriorly; mantle with a single lateral lobe covering the shell in great part, with two tongue-like processes at the side of the branchial opening, and forming in front a very elongated siphon; a single branchial pectination; male organ very voluminous, on the anterior part of the right side.

Operculum horny, elongated, very small, with a marginal apex.

M. Rang, whose descriptions we have selected, observes that this genus forms a part of a small number of those which prove that the operculum cannot be taken as a character to divide the *PRÆMURRANCULATA* into *Pomastoma* and *Apomastoma*; for if, on account of its presence, the olives should be arranged in the first of these divisions, the result would be to separate at a distance from each other mollusks which it would be impossible to separate, not only on account of their organization, but also on account of the general characters of their shell. Notwithstanding the absence of an operculum, it is necessary to keep the *Harp*-shells near the *Buccina*, and *Littorina* near *Phasianella*.

M. Rang further states that the genus *Oliva* is one of the richest in the colour and brilliancy of the shell and variety of species; and he refers to this beautiful collection of M. Ducloux, who had made the genus his particular study. In that collection there were about sixty new species; but, on the other hand, some of Lamarck's had been eliminated by M. Ducloux, in consequence of their having been established on varieties dependent on age. M. Ducloux divided the species into four groups:—

1. The *Andrilloid*.

These bear some relationship to *Ancillaria* in form, and their columellar plaits are twisted.

Example, *Oliva Atotulo*, &c.

2. The *Cylindroid*.

Cylindrical, the spire very pointed, with very numerous plaits on the pillar occupying nearly the whole of the left lip.

Example, *Oliva subulata*, &c.

3. The *Glandiform*.

Globular, varicose, with a very short spire.

Example, *Oliva porphyrio*.

4. The *Volutelle*.

Spire naucronate, and the canal obliterated towards the commencement of the last whorl.

Example, *Oliva brasiliensis*, &c.

M. Rang remarks that the last species of this group, *Oliva auricularia*, leads to the *Volutes* by its naucronate spire, the development of the right lip, and the almost total absence of columellar plaits.

Examples, *Oliva textilis*.

Description.—Shell cinereous white, subreticulated with flexuous dotted lines, with two brown bands inscribed as it were with characters; the callus of the canal prominent.

Locality.—The ocean of the Antilles, according to Lamarck. New Guinea, according to the voyage of the *Astrolabe*.



Oliva textilis. (*Detrolab.*)

Oliva maura.

Description.—Shell cylindrical, the apex retuse, black; lip subplacate externally; aperture white.

Locality.—East Indian Ocean; a yellowish variety. New Holland, according to Lamarck. Amboyna, *Astracabe*.

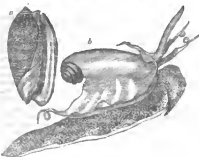


Oliva mauro, (Atracabe.)

Oliva sanguinolenta.

Description.—Shell cylindrical, very delicately reticulated, with rufous brown small lines, girt with two brown lines; the pillar orange-red.

Locality.—East Indian Ocean. Coast of Timor.



Oliva sanguinolenta, (Atracabe.)

a, Shell seen from below; b, animal out of the shell, shown as when creeping on its large foot.

Oliva has been found at depths varying from the surface to twelve fathoms, on mud, sandy-mud, coarse sand, &c. The species are fond of flesh, but they only suck the juices; and at the Mauritius they are taken with that bait in the following manner, according to Lient, Harford, who was for some time there, brought home some very fine Mauritius shells, and gave the information to Mr. Broderip. The fishery was carried on by means of a line made to run parallel with the bottom of the sea, to which line small nooses, each containing a piece of the arms of a cuttle-fish (*Sepia*), were appended so that the bait touched the bottom. To one end of the line a chain-shot was attached by way of mooring; and over it were a buoy and a flag. The other end of the line swung with the tide, and that end was also marked by a buoy and a small flag. The sport was carried on in deep water over sand-banks, and the best times were the morning and the evening. The apparatus was occasionally cautiously drawn up and the *Olives* which were found adhering to the bait were taken into the boat in which the fishermen were.

The number of species recorded by M. Deshayes in his tables is seventy-eight recent, and, of these, *Oliva histida* and *Astracabe* are stated to be found both living and fossil (tertiary).

The number of recent species of *Marginella* (which has been found at depths varying from the surface to nine fathoms, on sand and sandy mud), recorded by M. Deshayes in his tables, is forty-eight; and of these, *Marginella cypræola*, *mitacea*, and *monile* are stated to be found both living and fossil (tertiary).

Only one recent species of *Volvaria* is recorded by that author.

Conchelix has been found on coral reefs.

Nine recent species of *Ancillaria*, which has been dredged up in moderately deep water at New Zealand, are recorded by M. Deshayes.

Columbella is described and figured in the article *STRIOPODOSTOMATA*, Vol. xxii., p. 53.

Fossil Volutidae.

The number of Fossil *Volutæ* from the tertiary beds, given by M. Deshayes in his tables, is thirty-two. Mr. Broderip has described and figured one from St. Peter's Mountain, near Maastricht, in the third volume of the *Zoologica Journal*; and Dr. Mantell notices a species (*luctator*) from the blue clay of Bracklesham and the arenaceous limestone or sandstone of Bognor. Mr. Lee enumerates seven species from the tertiary of Alabama.

The number of fossil *Mitra* (tertiary) stated in the tables of M. Deshayes is sixty-six; of *Oliva*, thirteen; of *Ancillaria*, nine; of *Marginella*, seventeen; of *Volvaria*, two; and of *Columbella*, four.

Mr. Lea records from the tertiary of Alabama (Claiborne beds) five species of *Mitra*; eight of *Marginella*; and six of *Oliva*.

VOLUTILITHES (Fossil). [Volutidae.]

VOLVA, in Botany, is the external membranous or fleshy covering which encloses the stipes and pileus of the young state of many of the order Fungi. As the parts of the plant grow, they burst through this covering, and it is generally found in a torn state at the base of the stipes. The most perfect examples of the volva are seen in the *Phallus impudicus* and the *Agaricus volucreus*.

VOLVA'RIA. [Volutidae.]

VOLVIC. [PUY DE DÔME.]

VON VISIN. [VIN, VON.]

VONDEL, JOOST VON DEN, the great national poet of Holland, was born Nov. 17th, 1597, at Cologne, to which city his parents had retired from Antwerp, in order to avoid the persecution to which, being Anabaptists, they were exposed from the religious severity and jealousy of the Austrian-Spanish government. As soon however as the republic of the United Provinces was established, the family removed to Amsterdam, where Vondel continued to reside during his very long life. The education he received from his parents did not extend beyond the ordinary acquirement of reading and writing; for his father was only a tradesman, as he was afterwards himself, dealing in hosiery as his ostensible business, though making poetry his serious occupation. How he contrived to reconcile literary study with business so well as he did we are not informed; but there is reason for supposing that his attention to the first rather checked his success in the latter, since he seems to have been far from prosperous in trade as a hosier. For poetry he is said to have evinced a taste very early, and even to have given evidence of his poetic talent when he was no more than thirteen. It was not however until he had reached double that age that he began to study Latin. Not only was his proficiency in the language rapid, but a decided improvement, both as to style and ideas, it is said, soon began to manifest itself in his compositions; yet in proportion as he caught the tone as well as the spirit of the ancients, he probably lost originality of invention and freshness of feeling. His tragedies, which form so considerable a portion and so important a class of his productions, show him to have possessed for higher genius as a lyric poet than as a dramatist; for they owe their chief attraction to the 'Reien,' or choruses, with which they are interspersed, and many of which are most splendid lyrical effusions; it is these, in fact, which give us the loftiest flights of Vondel's genius, and which constitute his chief attractions for modern readers. A selection of them was made by De Vries, who published it in 1830. Among the more celebrated of his dramatic poems are his 'Palamedes,' 'Gijbrecht van Amstel,' and 'Lucifer.' The first of these, which was a direct allusion to the fate of the grand-pensionary Barneveldt (BARNEVELDT), obtained for its author both political and literary distinction; for though not published till after Prince Maurice's death, in 1625, it was prosecuted by those in power as treasonable, and as libellous on the memory of that prince, and it was only with great difficulty that Vondel escaped severe punishment than a fine of 300 guildens. On the other hand it obtained for him the highest renown both as a patriot and a poet, and passed through thirty editions in the course of a few years. The 'Gijbrecht,' which was written by him for the opening of the new theatre at Amsterdam, in 1637, is justly considered one of his masterpieces, and is also, of all his dramas, that which is most national in its subject. That however which possesses for us as Englishmen almost the

charm of nationality, is the 'Lucifer,' for it may be considered the precursor of our 'Paradise Lost,' which it anticipated by fourteen years; consequently for its Miltonic grandeur and inspiration it is not at all indebted to the work of the English bard, nor is there reason to suppose that Milton kindled his flame at that of his illustrious contemporary. Milton and Vondel were kindred spirits.

To enumerate here chronologically all the productions of Vondel, not in the drama alone, but in almost every other species of poetical composition, would be useless. We will therefore specify one performance, which, had he completed it, might alone have secured for him the reputation of an epic poet; namely, a poem of which Constantine the Great was the hero, and which he began in 1632; but the death of his wife shortly afterwards caused him to abandon the subject, and, lest he should be tempted to resume it, he destroyed the manuscript. The loss of his wife was indeed a severe blow to him, for it was she who had chiefly attended to the concerns of their business. From that time his circumstances grew worse, and his embarrassments were afterwards so much increased by the conduct of a spendthrift son, that at the age of seventy-two he was glad to obtain a situation with a small salary in a bank at Amsterdam. We compassionate the reverses of the author of 'Waverley,' yet what were they in comparison with the ten years of drudgery to which the author of 'Lucifer' was doomed in keeping accounts? Even there however neither his energy nor his genius deserted him, for it was at this period that he composed, besides several other things, his 'Jephtha,' one of the best and the most regular of his tragedies. At length, in 1698, he was permitted to retire, retaining his salary as a pension for life; and, notwithstanding his then advanced age, he lived to enjoy it many years, for he did not die until February 5, 1699, when he had attained a length of days that entitles him to be classed among the patriarchs of literature and art. (Eichhorn, *Geschichte der Litteratur*; Von Kampon, *Geschiedenis der Letteren*.)

VONONES. [PARTHIA.]

VONON is an island of the province of South Holland, in the kingdom of the Netherlands, between the mouths of the Maas, and is divided into East and West Voorn; it is about twenty miles long and four broad, and produces a considerable quantity of corn. The town and fortress of Briel are on this island. [BAIEL.]

(Stein; Hassel; Cammabach.)

VOPISCUS, FLAVIUS. [AUGUSTA HORTORIA.]

VORONETZ, or VORONESHCH, a government in the interior of Russia in Europe, is situated between 48° 39' and 52° 50' N. lat. and between 37° 45' and 43° E. long. It is bounded on the north by Tambow, on the north-east by Saratow, on the east and south-east by the country of the Don Cossacks, on the south-west by Ekaterinoslaw, and on the west by Slobodsk-Ukraine. Its area is 29,400 square miles, and it is divided into thirteen circles.

The face of the country is an undulating plain, without picturesque or interesting scenery, traversed by low ridges and chalk hills. In most of the circles there are woods or groups of trees; in several, extensive commons, but only a few morasses and bogs. The soil consists partly of clay, partly of sand, for the most part covered with a pretty thick layer of vegetable mould, which is so fertile that it requires no manure, but only a periodical fallow.

The principal river is the Don, which comes from Tambow, and, traversing the government from north to south, receives most of the other rivers, such as the Voronetz, which is navigable by large barges; the Sosna, the Ikoretz, the Dones, and some others. There are no great lakes, nor morasses, or bogs. The former do not abound in fish; their course in the summer is slow, and in the larger ones there are many sandy islands. The climate, as may be supposed, under this latitude is temperate and healthy, and the inhabitants live to a great age, and the productions of the temperate climates flourish: the rivers do not freeze till December, and thaw in the beginning of March.

Agriculture, Manufactures, and Trade.—Voronetz is one of the corn provinces of the empire; the fertile soil requires little or no manure; it is only suffered to lie fallow one year in five or six. The farmers grow wheat of different kinds, barley, oats, buckwheat, millet, and maize; the last however only in gardens: poppies, lentils, peas, flax and hemp are likewise grown in the fields. General

failures of the crops are very rare, local failures not frequent, but on the whole agricultural operations are conducted in a very negligent manner. Horticulture is very carefully attended to: the gardens produce all the kinds of vegetables that are grown in Germany. Hops, but only in small quantities, are grown in some gardens. The most common fruits are cherries and some plums; apples and pears are more scarce. Vines grow only in sheltered situations, but the grape does not ripen, except in the warmer years. The forests afford on the whole sufficient timber for the use of the inhabitants, and some firewood for exportation, but they are very nearly thinned. Pines are rare; there are remarkably fine oaks. The rich pastures on the banks of the rivers and the extensive commons are favourable to the breeding of cattle, which is a very general occupation of the inhabitants. There are more numerous flocks of sheep and herds of swine than in the more northern provinces. Oxen suffice only for the home consumption: there are many small studs of horses of the Russian race. The most common domestic poultry are geese and barn-door fowls: bees are very generally kept: the chase and fishery are quite unimportant. The minerals are, iron (but no other metal), chalk, limestone, freestone, and saltpetre.

Hassel, in 1821, says that the manufactures of the province were quite unimportant, and did not supply one article for exportation; but Schnitzler, in 1836, says that very great progress had been made in this respect, and doubtless further improvement has since taken place. The exports are the natural productions of the country, corn, cattle, hides, timber, bristles, some coarse cloth, saltpetre, honey, and wax. The chief commercial cities are Voronetz and Ostrogohsk; but there is too great want of good water-carriage, because the Don is navigable only in the spring, when the water is high, and the Dones merely touches the frontier, and has not one town on its banks.

The population of this government is 1,508,000. The inhabitants are in the northern part Great Russians, and in the southern Little Russians. Among the latter are included the Cossacks, or Tscherkassians, as they are here called, after their ancient capital; there are also some gypsies, and in the neighbourhood of Ostrogohsk a German colony. With respect to public education, Voronetz is under the university of Moscow. The number of scholars in the parish schools is about 1500, and rather more than that number in the ecclesiastical schools. There is also a military school for 400 cadets at Voronetz.

VORONETZ, the capital of the government to which it gives its name, the residence of the governor and of the bishop of Voronetz, is situated in 51° 40' N. lat. and 33° 23' E. long., on the river Voronetz, which falls into the Don two miles below the city. Voronetz is built on a very steep rock, 'to which,' says Dr. Clarke, 'nature has given the appearance of a rampart, so that viewed from the river below it looks like a prodigious fortification raised by art.' It is one of the oldest cities in the empire, and is mentioned in 1177. Peter the Great had a dockyard here for building ships, with which he intended to deceed the Don to the sea. He often resided here, and built himself a palace, no vestige of which now remains.

The city consists of three parts, the upper town, the lower town, and the suburbs. The upper town contains the residence of the governor and the public offices, the bishop's palace, the cathedral, the bazaar, and the town-hall. In the three parts there are 18 stone churches, 2 convents, a poor-house, a gymnasium, an ecclesiastical seminary, an arsenal, and several schools. This is the statement of Hassel in 1821, and is copied by Schnitzler in 1835, but considering the very great increase in the population, it is highly probable that the number of the public buildings must be now greater. Stein, in 1821, makes the population 12,000; Hassel, in 1821, doubts whether it amounts to 15,000; but the official accounts in 1841 make it no less than 43,900. It may be observed that Dr. Clarke, speaking of Voronetz, says, 'It has become a very handsome city; it is remarkable for its commerce, the Don affording it an easy communication with the Black Sea. The situation of Voronetz would render it fit to become a great capital;' and again, 'New houses are building in all parts of it; the suburbs appear so extensive that it is difficult to foresee how far the city may yet increase.' The streets are very broad, but not yet paved. The manufactures are, cloth for the army, leather, soap, and vitriol. There are some

breweries and brandy-distilleries. The merchants of Voronezh trade with all parts of the empire.

Ostrogosk, a small commercial town, with several churches, has 4000 inhabitants, who carry on an extensive trade; the three annual fairs are visited by merchants from the most distant parts, and even by Greeks, who bring many Turkish goods. About 10 miles off there is a small colony of Germans, whose chief occupation is agriculture. The other towns of the government are of small importance.

(Hamel, *Das Russische Reich in Europa*; Stein, *Geogr. Lexicon*; Schnitzler, *La Russie, la Finlande, et la Pologne*; Dr. E. Clarke, *Travels in Russia*.)

VORONIKHIN, ANDREI NIKOPHOROVITCH, a Russian architect, born in 1760, among the peasantry of Count Alexander Stroganov, who, having heard of his talent for drawing, sent him, in 1777, to Moscow in order to be properly educated as an artist, and he there received some instruction from Bazhenov and Karakov, two eminent architects. He was then sent to travel with his patron's son, Count Paul Stroganov, and after visiting the southern provinces of Russia, Germany, and Switzerland, resided for some time at Paris, diligently profiting by the opportunities there afforded of pursuing his architectural studies. In 1790 he returned to St. Petersburg, where Stroganov's protection soon brought him into notice, and obtained for him employment. Mere employment however, without more than ordinary opportunities, can hardly lead to architectural fame; it was therefore fortunate for Voronikhin that such opportunity was given him in the erection of what is still one of the finest monuments of the northern capital of Russia. It was in 1800 that the emperor Paul conceived the idea of building a magnificent cathedral in the 'Nevskii Prospect,' to be dedicated to 'Our Lady of Kazan'; and Voronikhin, who was then professor at the Academy of Arts, was appointed architect. In the following year the first stone was laid by the emperor Alexander, and the edifice was completed and solemnly consecrated in September, 1811. Criticism has not been sparing of its remarks—some of them exceedingly captious—on this piece of architecture: for no other reason than because the principal facade is extended by a semicircular colonnade, it has been called a copy of St. Peter's at Rome on a reduced scale, whereas there is no one point of similarity between the two buildings in any other respect. To note but one or two trifling differences: the front of St. Peter's has no portico or portico, and the pediment is a mere sham one of most insignificant proportions; the colonnades again are there neither on the same scale nor of the same order as the church itself, nor are they combined with it. What degree of resemblance there is even thus far between the two designs may therefore easily be judged by referring to Porcino, fig. 8, which represents the plan of the polystyle portico of the Kazan church with a portion of the lateral colonnades.

Although Voronikhin is said to have erected a great many other buildings, both public and private, we have no sufficient account nor even a complete list of them; among them however are said to be the colonnade in the gardens at Peterhof, the terraces, &c. at Strelna, and several villas at Gatchina and Pavlovsky. Voronikhin died rather suddenly, Feb. 21 (March 5), 1814.

(Nestor Kukulnik, in *Entschlopfeditscheskii Leksikon*.)

VORST, or, Latinized, VORSTIUS, CONRAD, a celebrated German divine, was born at Cologne on the 19th of July, 1569. At the time of his birth his family belonged to the Roman Catholic church, but some years after his father, with his whole family, consisting of his wife and ten children, secretly embraced the Protestant religion. After having received his preparatory education in a village near Cologne, Conrad was sent to Düsseldorf, where he studied from 1583 till 1586. He continued his studies at Cologne, but was prevented taking his degree, partly because he could not subscribe the decisions of the Council of Trent, and partly because his father's means were not sufficient to allow his son to go to a Protestant university. For a time therefore his learned pursuits were abandoned, and Vorstius began to prepare himself for a mercantile life. What enabled him afterwards to continue his studies is not said, but in 1589 he went to Herborn, where he devoted himself with great success to the study of theology under the famous Piscator. During his stay there he gained his living principally by giving private

instruction, and in 1593 he went with some of his pupils to Heidelberg, where he was honoured the year after with the degree of Doctor of Divinity. In 1595 he visited the universities of Switzerland, where he took a part in some of the theological controversies which were then carried on there. For some time he delivered lectures at Geneva, which were so well received, that the regular professorship of divinity was offered to him in that university. But about this time Constant Arsaold of Benthem had founded a great school of divinity at Steinfurt, and he invited Vorstius to a professorship, which he accepted. He soon acquired a great reputation, and received very honourable invitations from several universities; but all offers were refused, partly because his own family did not wish him to go to any great distance from them, and partly because Count Arnold was unwilling to part with him. The readiness with which Vorstius complied with the count's request was afterwards very honourably rewarded, for Vorstius was raised to the highest ecclesiastical office in the count's dominions. About the year 1598 a report got abroad that Vorstius had expressed himself in favour of the doctrines of Socinus. The count hearing of it, began to be alarmed, and requested Vorstius to go to Heidelberg and clear himself of the charge before the faculty, which had conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. Vorstius succeeded in clearing himself of Socinianism, but was obliged to own that he had used expressions which might seem to justify the charge. After having expressed his regret, and solemnly declared his abhorrence of the opinions of Socinus, he returned to Steinfurt. Although he had thus outwardly cleared himself, the suspicion which had once been raised could not be allayed. The matter was brought to a crisis when, in 1610, he received an invitation to the professorship of theology at Leyden, which had become vacant by the death of Arminius. Vorstius, after some consideration, accepted the offer, although he was well aware of the difficulties which he would have to encounter; but he was very much pressed by the followers of Arminius, and he also hoped to find a wider field for the free exercise of his powers than in the small principality of Benthem. He went to Leyden provided with the most satisfactory testimonials respecting his orthodoxy and his conduct; but his appointment alarmed the Calvinistic party at Leyden and in Holland generally. They protested most vehemently against the appointment, and even solicited the interference of foreign universities, and of James I., king of England. The work of Vorstius on which their fears and accusations were chiefly founded was a collection of dissertations which he had published at Steinfurt, in 1610, under the title 'De Deo, seu Disputationes de deo Naturæ et Attributis Dei, diversæ temporis Steinfurti habitæ.' This book was attacked more fiercely than even the Koran had been by any Christian writer. King James I., after having read the book, found it full of heresies, and had it publicly burnt at Oxford, Cambridge, and London; and he recommended the States of Holland not to tolerate such a heretic within their territory. The States instituted an investigation, and as the contest grew hotter every day, Vorstius was obliged to quit Holland and wait for his final decision in another country. The king of England in the mean time wrote a tract against the unfortunate professor, declared that burning was much too mild a punishment for him, and threatened to cause all orthodox Protestants to unite their strength against the Arminian heresies. The synod of Dortrecht at length, in 1618, brought the matter to a close; and it is said to have been chiefly owing to the influence of the English deputies at this synod that Vorstius was declared unworthy of the office to which he had been appointed, and exiled from Holland for ever. For two years Vorstius and his family lived in concealment, and his life was threatened more than once by persons who thought it a religious duty to kill a man who was capable of doing so much injury to the Christian religion. At last the duke of Holstein offered Vorstius and the scattered remnants of the Arminians a place of refuge in his own duchy, and assigned to them a tract of land, on which they built the town of Friedrichstadt. Vorstius arrived in Holstein in the summer of 1622, but he was taken ill soon after, and died on the 29th of September of the same year at Tümmen. His body was carried to Friedrichstadt, and buried honourably.

Vorstius was a pious and devout man. There is no evidence whatever that he had adopted the Arminian doc-

trines previous to his going to Leyden. Bayle justly remarks that the persecutions of his enemies for errors of which he was not guilty drove him into them; for that he was an Arminian during the last period of his life is attested by his own evidence. Vortius was a man of considerable learning, great independence of mind, and of sound judgment. He wrote a great number of works, most of which are of a controversial nature, and directed partly against the doctrines of the Church of Rome, and partly against his opponents among the Protestants. Some few are of a devotional and religious character. Most of them are written in Latin, some in German, and some in Dutch. Lists of them are given in Jücher's 'Allgemeines Gelehrten-Lexicon,' and in Bayle's 'Dictionnaire Historique et Critique.'

(*Saadius, Bibliotheca Antitrinitariorum*; Gualterus, *Oratio in obitum Conradi Forstii*.)

VORTEX. The theory of Descartes on the formation and mechanical laws of the universe was first published in 1644, in his 'Principia Philosophiæ.' One part of this theory, namely, the hypothesis of vortices, is almost the only one which generally passes by the name of Des Cartes. But it should be remembered that this is only a part, and a small part, of the system which rendered the Newtonian view of astronomy for a long time unacceptable to the continental philosophers. The metaphysics, the mechanics, and the astronomy, of the once celebrated Cartesian system, combined as they were by one writer, and that writer a most skilful and elegant proposer of his own views, are to be looked at together as that which Newton's philosophy had to meet. Perhaps we should not be wrong in saying that the impossibility of a vacuum, maintained by Des Cartes as self-evident, was a greater obstacle in the way of the theory of gravitation, with which it seemed incompatible, than the theory of vortices, which Des Cartes proposed as an hypothesis, and which did not necessarily contradict Newton's deductions. We shall here present a brief sketch of the system, so far as is necessary, from the third book of the 'Principia Philosophiæ': this sketch is, as far as it goes, only a table of contents of the work itself, and Descartes may be supposed to be the speaker. Such comments as we add are in parentheses.

The human imagination must not either limit the power of God or unduly exalt its own; and it must not suppose that all things were made for man's use only. In enumerating phenomena Descartes prefers rather to deduce them from causes than to make them serve in finding causes. He then describes the relative distances of the planets, and asserts the immensity of the distances of the fixed stars. After the usual statements relative to the light of the sun, planets, and fixed stars, he rejects the Ptolemaic hypothesis, and observes that those of Copernicus and Tycho Brahe differ very little as hypotheses, and explain phenomena in the same manner. He says also that the latter, though he denies the motion of the earth, yet in reality gives it more motion than the former (with Descartes, relative motion was a most obsolete idea); whence, differing from both, he will, with more truth than Tycho, and more care than Copernicus, take away the motion of the earth. To this end he proposes an hypothesis, which will be very fit to explain phenomena; but only as an hypothesis, not as an absolute truth. The fixed stars are exceedingly distant; the sun consists of a fluid and mobile matter, which would carry the circumjacent parts of the heavens with it, but which does not change its place in the heavens: the solar matter does not need aliment. Each one of the fixed stars has an immense space about it, in which there is no other fixed star. The heavens are filled with fluid matter, as astronomers commonly suppose, because they do not see how the phenomena of the planets can be otherwise explained. Each* of the heavens carries with it all bodies therein contained. The earth and every planet is at rest in its heaven, though it may be carried with that heaven: the earth therefore, or any one planet, may he said not to move, but all the others must be said to move. The whole heaven of the sun is moved round it in the manner of a whirlpool, 'in modum ejusdem vortices,' the more distant parts moving more slowly than the nearer; and the planets are carried round with this heaven. And as in the larger whirlpool are sometimes seen smaller ones, which are carried round in the larger; so each planet is the centre of a

smaller vortex, in which its satellites are carried round their primary. The sun and planets are carried round their axes by the motion of their vortices (the inclinations of the planetary orbits to the ecliptic have an obvious explanation: the inequalities in longitude are mentioned without explanation). It can hardly be that an hypothesis which thus explains phenomena can be false: to say this would seem to be an imputation upon the Deity, namely, the supposition that he made us so imperfect, that a right use of reason might lead us to deceive ourselves (Descartes is not the only one who has used this sort of argument). Nevertheless, he is willing that it should be put forward only as an hypothesis. And though both religion and reason teach that God made the world complete, that not only the seeds of plants were formed, but plants themselves, &c., yet the nature of things will be better explained if it can be shown how, as from seed, the solar system was produced (Descartes here fears the imputation which was afterwards cast upon the author of the *nebular Hypothesis* [SOLAR SYSTEM, p. 106]). All matter originally consisted of particles, forming numbers of fluid heavens, revolving about their several axes. These particles were originally equal in size and motion; they also became spherical, when the corners had been worn down by rubbing against each other. And since no portion of space can be vacuum [VACUUM], the interstices of these spheres must be filled by matter, of form perpetually changing, derived from the parts worn off the angles: this last kind of matter moves more quickly than the other. Besides this there is a third sort of particles of matter, more solid, or else of form more adapted to motion: of this planets and comets are composed. There are three classes of celestial heavens: the first, that of our sun and its system; the second, the various heavens of the fixed stars immediately adjoining; the third including all which are beyond, and which never can be seen in this life. The primary particles, as those are called which are obtained by attrition from the secondary particles, at last become more than enough to fill the intervening spaces (how this could be Descartes does not say), and the residue, as fast as it arises, was forced to the centres of the vortices, where it formed certain very fluid spherical bodies: these are the sun and fixed stars. The secondary particles receded from the centres to make room. The efflux of these primary particles from the fluid bodies just described is light. The centrifugal force of particles in motion round a centre is then dwelt on, and the circular form of the sun and fixed stars is attributed to it. The motion of the vortices must be such that their contiguous parts may have a common motion. The primary particles flow from the poles of each vortex towards the centre, and from the centre towards the other parts. But the same must not be said of the secondary or spherical particles (the reasons given are fanciful in the extreme, consisting entirely in different motive powers given to the two species of particles).

The preceding may give a sufficient idea of the sort of foundation which Descartes builds upon, and his manner of raising the structure. He proceeds through what he supposes to be explanations of all the phenomena of light, of the formation of planets and comets, and of all the varieties of conformation which are seen in the solar system. Why comets have tails and planets none; how the primary particles of other vortices find their way into ours, so that we can see the fixed stars; how the planets obtained their first motions of projection; how the spots on the sun are formed, and so on, are all explained by the powers of the two species of particles: an hypothesis on their nature being always ready when wanted. A reader who has looked into this book of Descartes's 'Principia' begins to understand two things better than before: first, the satire on philosophical explanations contained at the end of Molière's 'Malade Imaginaire,' written a few years after the death of Descartes; next, the declaration of Newton, *Hypotheses non fingo*.

As the hypothesis of vortices is usually represented, it has a certain reasonableness of appearance, which no doubt makes many wonder why it should be so universally condemned. If a fluid mass were whirled round the sun, it would carry the planets with it; and the supposition of minor vortices, one round each planet which has a satellite, is perfectly consistent with the laws of hydrostatics. When Newton proposed to refute the system of Descartes, he was obliged to have recourse to numerical consid-

* The matter in the space about a planet, or star, which is under the influence of that planet, is called its *heaven*.

tions: he could not but admit that a planet, in one of Descartes's vortices, would have an orbit; but he showed, from the nature of fluid motion, that it could not have the orbit which, from the time of Kepler, it was known to have. The quality of a phenomenon is known before its amount is measured; and it is natural to expect, in the history of philosophy, that explanations which serve to account for the nature of a phenomenon, but are irreconcilable with its amount, should precede those which are drawn from consideration of both. The possibility of the planetary motions finding their proximate cause in the rotation of a fluid mass which fills the solar system, is a thing which did suggest itself, and ought to have suggested itself, to the inquirers of the time which elapsed between Copernicus and Newton. Descartes says expressly, 'putandum est, non tantum Solis et Fixarum, sed totius etiam cœli materiam fluidam esse; quod jam vulgo omnes astronomi concedunt, quia videntur phenomena planetarum vix aliter posse explicari.' No mechanical difficulty stood in the way in their time; and those who had seen particles of dust whirled about by the air would have no difficulty in imagining the hypothesis of a vortex. Now we find this fault with the common notion of Descartes's system: the disagreement which belongs to it as a whole—to the primary and secondary particles which, though obtained from the same original particles, yet have different laws of motion, and to the gratuitous deduction of everything from this fancy—is conveyed to their readers by writers who only present the most rational extract which could be made, namely, the idea of a vortex. This is the sort of syllogism on which such writers proceed: Descartes's system is ridiculous; all I know of that system is its vortices, therefore I must laugh at the vortices. Yet not only was Newton obliged to have recourse to his most powerful weapons to refute these vortices, but it is not at all a settled point that his refutation is sound; that is, his mathematical refutation. His remark that comets could not find their way through this vortex is much more to the purpose, though Descartes has his way out of this difficulty, as out of every other.

VORTICILLIS, Lamarck's name for a genus of microscopie FORAMINIFERA.

VOS, MARTIN DE, one of the most remarkable painters of his time, was born at Antwerp in 1520, or more probably 1531. His father, Peter de Vos, who was likewise a painter and a member of the Academy of Antwerp, gave him the first instruction in his art, and he afterwards attended the school of the celebrated Frans Floris. From the school of Floris he went to Italy, where he studied some time at Rome, and at Venice with Tintoretto, whose style he adopted, and for whom he painted several landscapes as backgrounds to some of his pictures. He distinguished himself in history and portrait, and painted many portraits for the house of Medici. After a stay of eight years in Italy he returned to Antwerp, and brought home with him, besides other studies, a large collection of drawings from ancient vases, &c., from Greek and Roman monuments, which he made use of to great advantage in several pictures of feasts and such subjects. In 1559, shortly after his return, he was made a member of the Academy of Antwerp. He executed an immense number of works: there are more than six hundred prints after his designs; he painted more pictures than any man of his time. He amassed a considerable fortune, and died in 1603, aged 72, or, according to the common account, in 1604, aged 84.

De Vos had great ability, and many of his great pictures are composed, designed, and coloured in a masterly style, yet his figures, like those of his model Tintoretto, are often forced and exaggerated in their attitudes. He formed a good school, and educated several excellent scholars; the most distinguished were his nephew William de Vos, and Weneeslaus Koeberger or Coubesgher.

William de Vos was one of the painters whose portraits were painted by Vandeyck for the collection of the distinguished artists of his time. There were several other painters of this name, of the same and of different families. There was a Peter de Vos, the brother of Martin; a Simon de Vos (born at Antwerp in 1603, and died in 1662), the scholar of Rubens, who excelled in portrait and in animal painting; a Paul de Vos (born at Alost about 1600, died in 1654), a celebrated battle painter; and his son Cornelius, who was a good historical painter; he died at Antwerp in

1751, aged 61. There was another Cornelius de Vos, who studied under and imitated Vandeyck; and there was also a Lambert de Vos of Mechlin, who, in 1574, went to Turkey and made many excellent water-colour drawings of Turkish costume. A volume of these drawings upon Turkish paper is or was in the gymnasium library of Bremen.

(Van Mander; Descamps; Füßli, &c.)

VOSGES, a department in the eastern part of France, bounded on the north by the department of Meurthe, on the north-east by that of Bas Rhin, on the east and south-east by that of Haut Rhin, on the south by that of Haute Saône, on the west by that of Haute Marne, and on the north-west by that of Meuse. Its form is that of an irregular quadrangle, having its northern side 85 miles long, measured in a straight line from the junction of the three departments of Haute Marne, Meuse, and Vosges, to the bank of the little river Bruche at the spot where it quits the department; and the southern side 45 miles long from Châtillon-sur-Saône to the junction of the three departments of Haute Saône, Haut Rhin, and Vosges. Of the remaining two sides, one, 53 miles long, faces the east, or east by south; the other, 41 miles long, faces the south-west. The department is comprehended between 47° 48' and 48° 33' N. lat. and between 5° 27' and 7° 29' E. long. Its area is estimated at 2268 miles, which is a little under the average area of the French departments, and rather less than the conjoint areas of the English counties of Cumberland and Westmoreland. The population in 1829 was 379,889; in 1831, 397,987; and in 1836, 411,034; showing in the last five years an increase of 13,047, or about 3·3 per cent., and giving about 181 inhabitants to a square mile. In amount and density of population it is above the average of the departments of France, and very far above the English counties with which we have compared it. Epinal, the chief town, is 189 miles in a direct line east-south-east of Paris, or 232 miles by the road through Neufchâteau, Châtres-Thierry, Epervy, Châlons-sur-Marne, Vitry-sur-Marne, Bar-le-Duc, Neufchâteau, and Mirecourt: in 48° 11' N. lat. and 6° 27' E. long.

The department is altogether mountainous, at least hilly: though it is usual to distinguish the eastern part as the Mountain, and to call the western part the Plain. The Vosges, from which it takes its name, extend along the eastern boundary; and the Faucilles traverse the department from west to east, and unite with the branches of the Vosges about Plombières, in the south-eastern part of the department. The Vosges present a great variety of picturesque and delightful scenery. The Ballon d'Aleaze, one of their highest summits, at the point where the branch which joins the Faucilles diverges from the main chain, is 4124 feet high; Le Bressoir, a neighbouring summit, is 4019 feet; and Le Grand Donnon, farther north, is 3116 feet.

The Vosges, and that part of the Faucilles which is nearest to the Vosges, are composed chiefly of granitic rocks. Upon the granite rests the red and the variegated sandstone; upon these sandstones the thick limestone rock called the muschelkalk, and the keuper, or marne irisée (variegated marl); and upon these, the lias and the lower oolitic rocks. These formations cover the whole of the department; the upper formation, the oolitic, occupying the western side, and the others successively cropping out as we advance eastward. The mineral treasures of the department are considerable. Granite, porphyry, freestone of a black colour, capable of receiving a good polish, millstones, slates, gypsum, and agates are found. A little coal is procured. There were in 1834 two coal-pits, but only one of them was worked: it gave employment to 54 labourers, and yielded 2168 tons of coal, valued at 9291. In 1835 the produce was 1356 tons. Iron-stone is procured. There were in 1834 twenty-seven iron-works of various kinds; in which were 8 furnaces for making pig-iron; 58 forges for making wrought-iron, and 5 forges for making steel. The furnaces were chiefly in the western part of the department, where the fuel employed in them was charcoal, together with coal, coke, turf, or wood. In the eastern part, where two of the furnaces and nearly all the forges were situated, the fuel exclusively employed was charcoal. Some of our authorities speak of copper, silver, and manganese mines; but, as the government returns for 1836 do not notice them, it is probable they are no longer worked.

The department belongs chiefly to the basin of the Rhine. A small portion, which extends in the north-eastern corner, just across the ridge of the Vosges, is drained by the Bruche, which rises in those mountains and flows down into the Ill near Strasbourg. The central parts are drained by the Moselle, one of the largest affluents of the Rhine, and its tributaries. The Moselle rises in the south-eastern corner of the department, near the Ballon d'Alsace, and flows north-westward by Remiremont, Epinal, and Charms into the department of Meurthe. It receives the Volonne and Durion on the right bank. The Meurthe rises in the slopes of the Vosges, on the eastern side of the department, and flows north-west into the adjacent department of Meurthe, where it joins the Moselle. The Mortagne, a feeder of the Meurthe, and the Madon, a feeder of the Moselle, rise in the department of Vosges, but do not join their principal streams till they reach the department of Meurthe. The Plaine and the Rabodot, feeders of the Meurthe, rise in other departments, but join their principal stream in this.

The north-western side of the department belongs to the basin of the Meuse, and is drained by the Meuse, which crosses it from south to north; and by the Lainger, or Ainger, the Mouzon, the Vair, the Deuil, and the Saunel, feeders of the Meuse. A very small part, just at the north-western corner, is drained by the Ornain, which belongs to the system of the Seine.

The southern border of the department belongs to the basin of the Rhône, and is drained by the Saône, which rises on the southern slopes of the Faucilles, and by the Coney, the Angrenne, and the Combault, which flow directly or ultimately into the Saône.

None of these rivers are navigable; nor are there any navigable canals. Irrigation is well managed; and considerable skill is shown in applying streams and falls of water as a moving-power to the purposes of manufacture. There are some mineral-springs. Those of Bussang, five in number, near the sources of the Moselle, rise from the primitive rocks of the Vosges: they are chalybeate and purgative: the water is not much used on the spot, but 20,000 bottles are sent yearly to Plombières or other places. The waters of Contrexville on the Vair, not far from its source, are chalybeate and diuretic; they are recommended for persons afflicted with the stone and gravel: 4000 bottles of the water are sent yearly to Paris. Those of Bains near Fontenois, in the southern part of the department, are warm and saline; their temperature is 32° of Réaumur, or 104° of Fahrenheit. Those of Plombières are also warm and saline; and are recommended for complaints of the stomach and for nervous affections; their temperature is 38° of Réaumur, or 117° or 118° of Fahrenheit.

There are several small lakes or meres, chiefly in the eastern part of the department: the principal are those of Gérardmer, of Retournemer, and of Longemer; all in the neighbourhood of the town of Gérardmer.

There were, on 1st January, 1837, six Routes Royales, or government roads, having an aggregate length of 178 miles, of which 148 miles were in good repair and 30 miles out of repair. One of the roads from Paris to Bâle, or Basel, enters the department near Domremy, runs by Neufchâteau, Châteaufort, Mirecourt, Dompierre, Epinal, and Remiremont, and crosses the Vosges into the department of Haut Rhin. A road from Besançon to Nancy and Metz runs through the department, entering on the south side by Plombières, crossing the Faucilles and passing by Epinal and Charms. A road from Dijon to Nancy crosses the north-western part of the county through Neufchâteau; and a road from Paris by Nancy to Schlestadt, and so to Strasbourg on the one hand or Colmar on the other, passes through Raon l'Étape and St. Dié in the north-eastern part, and across the Vosges into the department of Haut Rhin. The departmental roads had, on 1st January, 1837, an aggregate length of 414 miles, of which 199 miles were in good repair, 167 miles out of repair, and 48 miles unfinished. The vicinal roads had, at the same time, an aggregate length of more than 2500 miles.

The area of the department is about 1,450,000 acres, of which about 600,000 acres are under the plough. The soil of the Plain is tolerably fertile; but, on the whole, the produce of the department in grain is below the average of France, and quite inadequate to the supply of the dense population. The principal crop is of oats, in which the department exceeds the average produce of the depart-

ments in the proportion of three to one; but in barley, and still more in wheat, rye, and maslin (wheat and rye mixed), it falls short of the average. Buckwheat is but little grown, and maize and potatoes were, in 1827, not grown at all. Of the crop of oats, the superabundance is sent into the department of Meuse. Turnips and a considerable quantity of hemp are grown, and hops in the neighbourhood of Rambervilliers, or Rembervilliers: of the hops about 2800 cwt. are sent to Paris; some are also sent to Strasbourg. The grass-lands amount to 180,000 acres, and the heaths and open pastures to about 50,000. They are chiefly in the mountains. The number of horned cattle is about the average number in the other departments, especially of cows and heifers. The dairy is much attended to, and above 150,000 kilogrammes, or about 30,000 cwts. of cheese are made annually. The cheeses resemble those of Gruyère; the best are made in and round Gérardmer; those of Bresse, Corminot, Ventoux, Bussang, St. Maurice, Ramonchamp, Meuil, Saulure, and Végny rank next. A considerable quantity of butter is also made, and sent into the neighbouring departments. The breed of horned cattle is small, as well as that of horses, which are numerous. There are but few sheep, and they are chiefly of a small native breed. The Merino sheep had not, in 1827, been introduced into the department. Pigs are numerous.

The vineyards comprehend about 11,000 acres, and the orchards and gardens occupy about the same space. The produce of the vineyards is great in proportion to the extent of ground, and the temperate habits of the people render much importation of wine unnecessary. The red wines of Charms, Xaroval, and Ubeys are the best, but none of them rank higher than good common wines. The quantity of stone-fruits grown is considerable; among them are the Quetch or German plum, and the cherry from which kirschenwasser is made.

The woodlands have an area of above 300,000 acres, and the forests and wastes 170,000 acres; their produce, especially in deals and staves for casks, constitutes one of the most important sources of wealth in the department. More than a hundred saw-mills, moved by water, are employed in sawing deals, of which a million are made yearly; they are floated down the Meurthe, and then down the Moselle to Metz. The staves, of which half a million are made yearly, are floated down the Coney, or Coney, into the Saône.

Game is tolerably plentiful: the wild boar, the deer, the hare, the partridge, the lark, and the heath-cock are found. The rivers produce fish of various sorts; among them are some excellent trout.

The department is divided into five arrondissements as follows:—

Arrondissement.	Station.	Area in Sq. Miles.	Communes.	Cantons.	Population, 1831.	1826.
Epinal	Central	560	8	129	91,578	94,373
Mirecourt	do.	414	6	143	75,097	78,243
Neufchâteau	W.	431	5	132	63,916	65,090
Remiremont	NE.	277	4	28	64,545	66,412
St. Dié	do.	525	9	107	167,904	113,057
		2267	30	347	397,907	411,954

In the arrondissement of Epinal are—Epinal, on the Moselle, population in 1826, 7551 for the commune; in 1831, 8670 for the town, or 9070 for the whole commune; in 1836, 9526 for the commune [EPINAL]; Arêlette, on the Moselle, above Epinal; Châtel, distinguished as Châtel sur Moselle, at the junction of the Durion with the Moselle; Rembervilliers, or Rambervilliers, population 4475 for the town, or 4900 for the whole commune, on the Mortagne; and Bruyères, population 2070 for the town, or 2228 for the whole commune, near the source of the Arentelle, a feeder of the Mortagne. Arêlette has a paper-manufacture of high reputation. Rembervilliers is on the right bank of the Mortagne, over which is a stone bridge communicating with a suburb on the opposite bank. There are some remains of the walls with which, in 1125, Etienne de Bar, bishop of Metz, surrounded the town. The townsmen manufacture coarse woollen cloth, linens, paper, leather, earthenware, madder, iron, and jewellery. One paper-mill employed, a few years since, a hundred workmen. Considerable trade is carried on in corn and hops. There are an hospital and a public library of 9000 volumes.

In the arrondissement of Mirecourt are—Mirecourt, on the Madon, population, in 1826, 5608 for the commune;

in 1831, 5205 for the town, or 5574 for the whole commune; in 1836, 5684 for the commune; Dompierre, on a small stream flowing into the Madon; Ville sur Illon, on the Illon, a small feeder of the Madon; Charmes (pop. 2800 for the town, or 2962 for the commune), on the Moselle; Fontenois, on the Consey or Concy; Darney and Monthureux, on the Saône; and Wittel, on a small stream flowing into the Vaire. Mirecourt was called in the Latin of the middle ages *Mercuri Curtis*; but there are no remains of antiquity or tokens of the worship of Mercury, which some have supposed, from the name, to have been practised. It belonged in the fifteenth century to the counts of Vandemont, and was defended by a wall and by a castle, which latter was taken by La Hire, one of the captains of Charles VII. of France. The town is in a pleasant and highly cultivated district, but is ill built. The townsmen are chiefly engaged in the manufacture of musical instruments; a great number of church organs and bird-organs, and of base-viol, violins, guitars, and other stringed instruments are made. Lace, leather, and wooden wares are also manufactured; and trade is carried on in wine, bread, and sheep. There are four yearly fairs. Mirecourt has several fountains, a handsome hospital, and a public library of 6000 volumes. There are some government officers. Dompierre was formerly of greater importance than it is now; it was taken and burned by the duke of Burgundy (Burgundy) in 1475, and has never recovered its prosperity. Charmes is on the left bank of the Moselle, over which is a handsome bridge. Trade is carried on in corn, wine, wood, hides, gypsum, and lace; there are a weekly corn-market and four yearly fairs. Fontenois, distinguished as Fontenois-le-Château, was in the middle ages a place of great strength; it belonged to the dukes of Burgundy (Burgundy). Darney was formerly a place of strength; it has some manufactures of iron-ware and potash; there are six yearly fairs. Wittel or Vitel has four yearly fairs, and is the centre of a lace manufacture of some importance.

In the arrondissement of Neufchâteau are—Neufchâteau, on the Mouzon, near its junction with the Meuse; population of the commune, in 1828, 3967; in 1831, 3524; and in 1836, 3645; Morvillier, or Lifflot le Grand (pop. 1656), on the Saunel; Dommarin, on the Vraino, a feeder of the Vaire; Vichery, on the Deuil; Châtenois or Châtigny, in the country between the Vaire and the Mouzon; Baigneville, in the country between the Vaire and the Laigny; Ainger; Vrécourt or Vrécourt, on the Mouzon; Le Grand, near the sources of the Ornain; La Marche (pop. 1625), on a small feeder of the Mouzon; Damblain, close to the south-west border of the department; and Châtillon-sur-Saône, on the Saône. Neufchâteau is a well-built town on a small eminence surrounded by lofty hills. It has an hospital, a communal school, a public library of 7200 volumes, a subordinate court of justice, and one or two fiscal or administrative government offices. The townsmen manufacture coarse woollen cloth, swanikin, cotton counterpanes, wicker wares, and nails and brads; and trade in wood, iron, and hardware; there are five yearly fairs. Dommarin, distinguished as Dommarin-sur-Vraino, has four yearly fairs for cattle, corn, linen, woollen cloth, baskets, and hardware. At Châtigny or Châtigny bird-organs and other organs are made. Vrécourt has some iron-works and tan-yards, and a manufacture of cotton cloth. There are four yearly fairs. Le Grand has considerable nail-factories, and three yearly fairs for cattle, corn, and the linens of the district. La Marche has wrought-iron works and oil-mills or presses. It was the native place of Guillaume or William de la Marche, who founded the college of La Marche at Paris. The town has suffered much in various wars, and by pestilence in 1636. The village of Domremi, on the left bank of the Meuse, close to the north-west border of the department, possesses historical interest as the birth-place of Jeanne or Joan of Arc: it takes from this circumstance the distinctive epithet of Domremi-la-Pucelle. The house in which Jeanne was born is still standing near the church, and is easily recognised by its Gothic doorway surmounted by three escutcheons with fleurs-de-lis, and by an ancient statue representing the maid covered with her armour. The late proprietor of the house, named Gérardin, after refusing 6000 francs, or 240*l.*, for it, offered by a Prussian count, who wished to purchase the place, sold it to the authorities of the department for a third of that sum, in

order that it might become national property. Louis XVIII. granted him, in reward of his patriotic conduct, the grand cross of the legion of honour, and gave 8000 francs (324*l.*) for the establishment of a free-school in the house of Jeanne for the girls of Domremi and the neighbouring communes, 8000 for an endowment to maintain a Sister of Charity as teacher of the school; and 12,000 (480*l.*) to erect a monument in honour of Jeanne. This monument, which was solemnly inaugurated in 1820, consists of a fountain with a quadrangular base, from which rise four isolated pillars supporting an entablature with two fronts, and surmounted by a bust of the heroine. It stands in the public place of the village, and has this simple inscription: 'A la mémoire de Jeanne d'Arc.'—To the memory of Joan of Arc. In the house where Jeanne was born is a picture, painted by order of Louis XVIII., and given by him to adorn the interior.

In the arrondissement of Remiremont are—Remiremont, on the Moselle; population, in 1826, 4148 for the commune; in 1831, 4246 for the town, or 4686 for the whole commune; in 1836, 5055 for the commune; Plombières (pop. in 1826, 1309), on the Argonne; Vagney, on a feeder of the Moselle, and the village of Vald'Ajol (pop. 5958), on the Combauffé; Bellefontaine, and Ruax, near Plombières, and Bussang and Le Tillot, on the Moselle. Remiremont takes its name from Romanus, a noble of the early Frankish period, who had a castle on a eminence near the town (Romanici Mons, Romanimont), and was a favourite of Queen Brunehaut. Falling into disgrace, and becoming weary of the world, he founded on the eminence two abbeys (a.n. 630), one for monks, the other for nuns, and endowed them with all his possessions. These abbeys having been destroyed by the Hungarians in the tenth century, were rebuilt in the plain. The most important of the two was that for lady-canons. The inmates were not bound by a monastic vow, and none were admitted who could not prove the nobility of their family for four generations: the abbess was a princess of the empire, and enjoyed the prerogatives and maintained the state of a sovereign. The abbey was rebuilt in 1752, by Anne Charlotte of Lorraine, then abbess; it is now applied to other purposes, and is still the handsomest building in the town. The principal streets of Remiremont are watered by a brook which flows into the Moselle; the houses are old and not well built, but there are some pleasant promenades. There are a communal school, a public library of 4000 volumes, an hospital, and some fiscal or administrative government offices. The townsmen manufacture cottons, paper, leather, wrought-iron, potash, and excellent kirschwasser; and trade in wood, iron, hemp, cattle, cheese, which has a good reputation, and medicinal herbs gathered on the surrounding hills: there are eighteen yearly fairs. Plombières, celebrated for its mineral waters, has an hospital and a beautiful church, built by Stanislas Leszcinski, then duke of Lorraine. Cutlery, remarkable for being well-finished, iron-ware, and paper are manufactured: there are four yearly fairs. Plombières was destroyed by fire in 1498, by an earthquake in 1682, and was almost buried in mud in 1771 by an inundation. Vagney has some iron-works, and good cheese is made in the valley in which it stands: there are twelve yearly fairs. There are iron-works at Bellefontaine, and a manufacture of cutlery; and at Ruax iron-works and a manufacture of cotton. Bussang has mineral waters, and Le Tillot, or Thillot, a manufacture of cotton goods.

In the arrondissement of St. Dié are—St. Dié or St. Dié, on the Meurthe; population in 1826, 7339 for the commune; in 1831, 5540 for the town, or 7707 for the whole commune; in 1836, 7006 for the commune [Dix, or Dix, Sr.]; Raon l'Étape, population 3160 for the town, or 3244 for the whole commune, on the Meurthe, at the junction of the Plaine; Senones, population 1832 for the town, or 2366 for the whole commune, on the Rabodot; and Gérardmer or Géromé, population 1580 for the town, or 5701 for the whole commune, on the Valogne. Raon l'Étape is an old town, poorly built, at the foot of a hill. The townsmen manufacture calico, bed-ticking, awls and brads, and potash; and trade in timber: there are two yearly fairs. The remains of an old castle of Ferri III., duke of Lorraine, are on a hill near the town. Senones suffered great injury from fire in 1811: there are manu-

factures of cotton-yarn, calico and dimity, iron-works, dye-houses for cotton, and a pottery: there are eight yearly fairs. Gérardmer or Gérois has considerable trade in cheese, which is the best in the department, and in wooden wares and wooden shoes made in the neighbourhood: there are six fairs for timber, cattle, and other merchandise.

The village of Waldbach or Valderback, in the Steinthal or Ban de la Roche, the scene of the pastoral labours of the pious and benevolent Oberlin, is in the valley of the Bruche, in this arrondissement. [OVERKILIN.]

The population, when not otherwise described, is that of the commune, and from the census of 1831.

The department of Vosges is one of the principal manufacturing departments in France; it possesses a more than average number of establishments for producing articles for exportation. In the arrondissement of Epinal are iron-works, paper-mills (there were thirty-three in the whole department, in 1827), saw-mills, potteries and tanneries; in the arrondissement of Mirecourt are glass-houses and iron-works, and a considerable manufacture of lace and musical instruments; in that of Neufchâteau are oil-mills or presses, paper-mills, saw-mills, iron-works, and a manufacture of musical instruments, and shoes, of which 60,000 pairs are exported yearly; in that of Remiremont, potash and other chemical products, kirschwasser, and paper are made; and in that of St. Dié wooden shoes, wooden wares, cotton-yarn and other cotton goods, paper, and wrought iron. The exportation of cheese and timber from the department is very great.

The department constitutes the diocese of St. Dié, the bishop of which is a suffragan of the archbishop of Besançon: it is in the jurisdiction of the Cour Royale of Nancy, and in the district of the Académie Universitaire of the same city, and is comprehended in the third military division, of which the head-quarters are at Metz. It returns five deputies to the Chamber. In respect of education it is considerably above the average of France; of the young men enrolled in the military ovens of 1828-29, sixty-two in every hundred could read and write; the average of France being little more than thirty-nine. There is a consistory of the Reformed church at Saint Dié, and there are some few Baptists, as, as the French term them, Anabaptists in the department.

The department antiently formed part of the territories of the Leuci (Λεῦκι, Strabo; Λεῦκι, Ptolemy), and the Sequani (Σεκουανί, Strabo; Σεκουανί, Ptolemy), two Celtic nations. The Faucilles may be considered as their common boundary; the Leuci being to the north, and the Sequani to the south of those mountains. The small portion of the department which extends across the ridge of the Vosges into the valley of the Bruche was perhaps included in the country of the Tribocci or Triboci (Τριβόκκω, Strabo; Τριβόκκω, Ptolemy), a German people: and possibly a very small portion of the south-western part may have belonged to the Lingones (Λιγγόνες, Strabo) or Longones (Λογγόνες, Ptolemy), who were Celta. The Vosges appear in an antient inscription under the name Voëgis; Cæsar writes the name in the same manner, but Lucan has Voëgis; and from Cæsar's describing the Meuse as rising in Mount Voëgis, it appears that the Faucilles, in which that river has its source, were also included under the same name. The antient names of the rivers Meuse, Mosella, and Saône, were Moss, Mosella (i.e. little Moss), and Arar respectively.

In the division of Gaul made by Augustus all the above-mentioned nations were comprehended in the province Belgica, but on the subdivision of Gaul by later emperors, the Leuci were included in the province of Belgica Prima; the Lingones in Lugdunensis Prima, the Tribocci in Germania Superior, and the Sequani in Maxima Sequanorum. The towns of Solmarica and Novimagus, belonging to the Leuci (the first mentioned in the Antonine Itinerary, the second in the Peutinger Table), and the Dittatum (Διτάτω) of Ptolemy belonging to the Sequani, were within the limits of the department; Solmarica is identified by D'Anville with a position on the Vaire called Boulouze, not far from Neufchâteau; Novimagus with Neufchâteau; and Dittatum with a position a little to the east of Passavant-en-Vosges, near the southern border of the department, called Châ, where a number of Roman remains have been discovered. An amphitheatre near the little town of Le Grand, in the arrondissement of Neufchâteau,

popularly called the amphitheatre of Julian, was cleared out in 1821.

On the downfall of the Roman empire, this part of Gaul passed into the hands of the Franks, and in the division of the Frankish territories under the Merovingian princes was included in Austrasia. When the empire of Charlemagne was dismembered, it was included in the territory of the emperor Lothaire, and subsequently formed part of the duchy, and still later of the government of Lorraine.

The greater portion of the department was known, while comprehended in the government of Lorraine, as Le Pays des Vosges, and was subdivided into the bailiwicks of Epinal, St. Dié, Bruyères, Remiremont, Darney, Neufchâteau, Mirecourt, Châmes, and Châtel sur Moselle. A small part about Senones, in the arrondissement of St. Dié, constituted the principality of Salin, which belonged to the empire of Germany till 1793, when it was occupied by the French and united to France. The neighbourhood of La Marche, Domremi, and Châtillon-sur-Saône constituted the bailiwick of La Marche, which was part of Le Barrois or the Duchy of Bar. Remberviller was one of the lordships held by the bishop of Metz, and Vicherey was included in the possessions of the chapter of Toul, in Le Toulous, part of Le Pays des Trois Evêchés.

(Malte Brun, *Géographie Universelle*; Dupin, *Forces Productives de la France*; D'Anville, *Notice de l'Antiquité Gauloise*; *Dictionnaire Géographique Universel*; *Statistique de la France*, printed by the French government.)

VOSGES, in German VOGESSEN, or WASGAU, a chain of mountains bounding the valley of the Rhine on the west from the neighbourhood of Mühlhausen, or Mulhausen, to that of Mayence. The chain is partly in France, and partly in the Rhenish province of Bavaria, and in the territory of Hesse Darmstadt in Germany.

There is some difficulty in defining exactly the extent of the range. In most maps the Vosges are made to unite on the south-west with the Faucilles, and so with the Côte d'Or, and ultimately with the Cevennes; and on the south they are made to unite with the Jura. The junction, if it can be so called, is formed by heights of such trifling comparative elevation, that 'if the bed of the sea,' says M. Ellis de Beaumont, 'were raised from 300 to 400 yards, the Vosges would form an island or archipelago, which, very narrow about Savanne, would have a breadth of 6 or 8 myriamètres (40 to 50 miles) in the parallel of Remiremont, and again in that of Bitche.' Cæsar, one of the earliest, if not the earliest writer who has mentioned the Vosges, which he calls Mons Voëgis, evidently included the Faucilles under the designation, since he places in them the source of the Mos, or Meuse, which is far westward of the Vosges in the present more limited acception of the name. We shall consider the Vosges as extending in length more than 170 miles from the depression through which the Rhine and Rhine Canal, formerly the Canal of Monsieur, passes, near Dannemarie, between Belfort and Altkirch, (and which depression we regard as separating the Vosges from the Jura), northward, or, more exactly, in a direction north by east to the valley of the Rhine, at the elbow formed by that river between Mayence and Bingen. The breadth of the range varies. In the northern part, about Mont Tonnerre, between the valley of the Rhine and that of the Glan, a feeder of the Nahe, it is nearly 30 miles; but this breadth comprehends the lower slopes, as well as the higher parts of the range. West of Strasbourg, between the valleys of the Rhine and the Saar or Sarre, the breadth is about 20 miles. Between Colmar and Plombières, where a branch extends westward from the principal range, the breadth is nearly 40 miles. The breadth assigned to the range by M. Ellis de Beaumont can be assigned to it only by including in the parallel of Bitche the hills west of the Sarre about Sarreguemines; and in the parallel of Remiremont, those which extend west of Epinal and Plombières to the valley of the Meuse. Another branch extends in a south-western direction from the southern extremity of the main chain in the direction of Vesoul.

The loftiest summits of the range are in a tolerably direct line, extending from Mont Tonnerre, in German Donnersberg, in the Rhenish province of Bavaria, to the Ballon d'Alsace, near Gironcourt and Maxeville, in the department of Haut Rhin in France; and in a line extending nearly at right angles to the foregoing, from the Ballon

d'Alsace towards Plombières. The following are some of the principal summits:—

	Feet.	
Ballon de Lure	3721	Near the sources and upper waters of the Moselle and Oignon.
Ballon de Serrance	3070	
Ballon d'Alsace	4124	
Bührenkopf	3064	
Ballon de Soultz, or de Guebwiller	4606	Near the source of the Meurthe.
Le Haut d'Hosec	4391	
Les Chaumes	4233	Near Schirmeck.
Le Breusoir	4049	
Le Champ de Feu	3537	At the source of the Saar or Sarre.
Le Grand Donnon	4314	
Mont Tonnerre, or Donnersberg	2924	

Sources of Rivers.

	Feet.
Oignon	2276
Saône	1266
Moselle	2379
Saar	1765

The source of the Saône can be considered as belonging to the Vosges only by comprehending under that name the mountains west of Epinal and Plombières.

The part of the range which is north of the valley of the Bruche is sometimes termed Les Hautes-Vosges, or Lower Vosges, and is known to the Germans by the name of Harzt.

The line joining the principal summits is nearer to the eastern side of the mountains, on which side the descent towards the valley of the Rhine is much steeper than on the western side toward Lorraine. The side towards the Rhine consists of a succession of steep slopes, extending with little interruption from the valley of Thann to the neighbourhood of Landau. The valleys on this side of the range are deeper than those of the west side, where a slightly undulated surface gradually descends into the plain of Lorraine.

The highest summits are comprehended in a triangular space, of which the apex may be fixed at Schirmeck, in the valley of the Bruche, in the north-eastern corner of the department of Vosges, and the angles of the base at Plombières, in the department of Vosges, and Masevaux, in that of Haut Rhin. In this triangular space the rocks are crystalline, connected and intermingled with others which contain organic remains. Both classes of the rocks thus mingled together are considered by M. Elis de Beaumont as belonging to the transition series: they comprehend granite, gneiss, mica slate (but in small quantity), sienite, porphyry, serpentine, talcose slate, clay-slate, grauwacke, micaceous and compact limestone, and the formations of the carboniferous group. They ordinarily present rounded summits, called by the inhabitants of the district 'Ballons' (or balls), a form owing, in part at least, to the facility of disintegration which most of them possess. They abound with springs and with deposits of peat, which are met with at various elevations. The transition rocks appear but rarely beyond the limits of the space defined above. The beds of slate and the masses of unstratified rock have their principal extension east and west between Plombières and the Ballon d'Alsace, and north and south between the Ballon d'Alsace and Schirmeck.

The three sides of the triangle occupied by the granitic rocks are skirted by ranges, more or less continuous, of mountains of a character altogether different, of square form and more horizontal outline. These are composed of a reddish quartzose sandstone, known as the sandstone of the Vosges, in the wider application of that name of more recent origin than the carboniferous rocks, on which in some places it is found to rest, but not conformably. On the south side of the triangle occupied by the transition rocks, the sandstone range is narrow and much interrupted. On the east side of the transition rocks the sandstone is deeply intersected by valleys opening into the great valley of the Rhine, to which valley it presents steep escarpments. On the north-west of the triangle the sandstone occupies a much larger space and descends more gradually toward the plain of Lorraine. North of Schirmeck, as far as the parallel of Mannheim, this sandstone forms the mass of the Vosges, and presents a range of heights of tolerably uni-

form elevation, but of unequal breadth. The strata in this part dip gradually to the north-north-west until they are covered by the more recent formations which constitute the undulated plains of Lorraine; while on the eastern side, toward the Rhine, they still present the steep escarpment characteristic of that side of the Vosges, broken by deep and narrow valleys. The sandstone of the Vosges contains no organic remains. The lower beds have a close resemblance to the rothe-totthe-liegende of the German geologists and to the conglomerate of Exeter in Devonshire: the upper beds gradually become finer in grain and of greater solidity; and to these the name of sandstone of the Vosges in a more special and limited application of the term is given. These upper beds in their mineralogical character hold an intermediate station between the lower beds on which they rest and the grès bigarré which rests upon them, and present some analogies with the new red-sandstone of Cheshire, Lancashire, and Cumberland.

Towards the foot of the mountains the sandstone of the Vosges is covered by the grès bigarré, or variegated sandstone, this by the muschelkalk, and this again by the marnes irisées, or variegated marl: all these formations belong to the same group as the new red-sandstone and red marl of the English geologists. They occupy an uninteresting district extending on the east not very far from the mountains, being covered by the tertiary deposits and the alluvium of the valley of the Rhine; but on the west they extend a considerable distance from the principal range, until they are covered by the lia, which forms a range of hills extending from Luxembourg to Bourbonne-les-Bains. The variegated sandstone generally forms low rounded hills at the foot of the loftier elevations formed by the sandstone of the Vosges; but where the latter does not attain any great height, it is sometimes covered to the very summit by the variegated sandstone, which seems to rest upon it unconformably. The lower beds of the variegated sandstone are very thick, and consist of a fine-grained sandstone of a reddish purple tint. The upper beds are not so thick, and are quarried for grindstones; the uppermost beds are still thinner, and are quarried for paving and for roofing houses. They sometimes lose their consistency, and pass into a variegated clay, which is used for brick-making. Masses of gypsum are frequently found. The upper beds of the variegated sandstone sometimes resemble the lower beds in colour, but are more often than these of a bluish grey. Organic remains, especially of vegetables, are common in these formations.

The upper part of the variegated sandstone series offers thin beds of calcareous marl or of dolomite, which form the commencement of the muschelkalk series; these beds become closer as we ascend, until the sandstone entirely disappears. The muschelkalk is generally composed of a grey or smoke-coloured compact limestone, frequently of conchoidal fracture, at other times of a fracture even when regarded on a large scale, but uneven when minutely examined. The upper beds of the muschelkalk series often consist of a scabrous grey marl, which, as we ascend, gradually assumes a greenish tint; still higher the schistose structure diminishes, and the green tint becomes more decided, and is frequently marked by patches of red.

The same irisée, or variegated marl series, consists of beds of marl of a red colour like that of wine-les variegated with a greenish or bluish grey. About the middle of the series is constantly found a small group of strata comprehending a blackish schistose clay; a fine-grained, earthy sandstone, of a bluish-grey or reddish-purple colour; and a greyish or yellowish compact magnesian-limestone; in this group the magnesian-limestone frequently constitutes the uppermost member, resting on the sandstone and schistose clay, which alternate with each other or with the red marl. The sandstone and schistose clays contain impressions of vegetable remains, and frequently beds of a combustible substance, which has been worked on a small scale. Gypsum and rock-salt are found in the variegated marl, below the group just described, and gypsum occasionally appears above it. The uppermost beds of the variegated marl frequently assume a greenish tint, which distinguishes them from the rest of the mass. Thin beds of black schistose clay and of quartzose sandstone, almost without any cementing matter, appear: these gradually supplant the green marl, and form the commencement of the sandstone (belonging to the quadermandstein of

the German geologists) which forms the lowest member of the lias group.

The Vosges yield a variety of valuable minerals, but they are not worked to any great extent, at least in France. Coal is found in various parts; but all the departments adjacent to the principal range (Moselle, Meurthe, Vosges, Haute Saône, Haut Rhin, Bas Rhin) had not, in 1834, more than 11 coal-pits, of which only 9 were at work: the produce was about 40,000 tons, nine-tenths of which came from the single department of Haute Saône. In 1835 the produce was little more than 21,000 tons. Iron-ore is obtained, and a number of iron-works are established in the neighbouring country. There were, in 1834, 95 establishments of all kinds (furnaces, forges, &c.) in the departments just mentioned. Other metallic ores are found; copper in the department of Haut Rhin; lead in the departments of Vosges and Haut Rhin; manganese in that of Vosges; and arsenic in that of Haut Rhin. But these ores are scarcely worked, if at all.

'The summits of the Vosges,' says Malte-Brun, 'covered with snow during a part of the year, extend their influence over the different parts of the neighbouring country in proportion to the distance which separates them from it. . . . The greater part of these mountains are wooded only to a certain height; their summits are covered with large spaces of green turf, to which, during six months of the year, herds of cows, hired for the season in the villages, are led to graze. The men who follow this occupation rarely descend into the plain; they dwell in huts, and make cheeses like those of Gruyère.' The forests are chiefly composed of fir, pines, oaks, and chestnut-trees. The variety of vegetation which the mountains present renders them interesting to the botanist: and though little visited by the picturesque tourist, they present, in spots remote from the principal roads, scenery which may vie with that of Switzerland. Wine is grown in those parts of the mountains which present a favourable aspect.

A great number of streams rise in the Vosges. Those which rise on the eastern slope of the principal range fall into the Rhine or its feeder the Ill; and, from the proximity of the mountains to those rivers, have commonly but a short course. The Techt, or Fecht, the Bruche, the Zorn, the Moder, the Sarbach or Surbach, the Lauter, the Speyer or Speyerbach, the Elsa, and the Seltz, are the principal. Most of the streams which arise on the western side also belong to the system of the Rhine. The Moselle, with its feeders the Meurthe and the Saar or Sarre, are the most important. The Vologne also flows into the Moselle; the Meurtagne, the Fines, and the Vezouze, into the Meurthe. The Erlach joins the Sarre. The Glan and the Alsen flow into the Nahe, an affluent of the Rhine, which joins that river at Biegen. The Vosges may be regarded as separating the basin of the Rhine proper from the sub-basin of the Moselle. The streams which flow from the western side of the range near its southern extremity, and those which rise on the southern slope of the branch range, leading from that extremity toward Plombières, belong to the system of the Rhine, the basin of which is divided by the branch range from the sub-basin of the Moselle. The Saône, the most important tributary which the Rhine receives, rises in the branch range: as do the Concy or Concy, the Angronze, the Lantenne, and the Oignon, which flow into the Saône, and the Savoureuse, which flows into the Doubs, a principal affluent of the Saône.

(*Elie de Beaumont, Sur les Terrains Secondaires du Système des Vosges*, in the first volume of the *Mémoires pour servir à une Description Géologique de la France*; *Encyclopédie Méthodique (Géographie Physique, art. Vosges)*; Malte-Brun, *Géographie Universelle*; *Dictionnaire Géographique Universel*. The heights are from a table given in the sixth volume of the *Companion to the Almanac*.)

VOSS, JOHANN HEINRICH, was born on the 20th of February, 1751, at Sommerdorf, near Walren in Mecklenburg. His father was originally a farmer; but, soon after the birth of his son, he got the office of collector of the tolls for Count Malzahn in the little town of Penzlin, and had a house and the privilege of brewing and distilling. In this place Johann Heinrich received his first education. He showed such an extraordinary memory and such a desire to learn, that his father, although his circumstances were continually growing worse, sent him to the public school at Neu-Brandenburg. Benevolent friends and rela-

tives contributed towards the expenses of his education, as he showed all the signs of extraordinary talent. Greek was then taught at Neu-Brandenburg in a very unsatisfactory way. Voss felt it; and being already charmed with the beauties of that language, he and some of his schoolfellows had their weekly meetings, in which they communicated to one another what they had learned in private, and thus studied the Greek writers themselves. German poetry also was read and discussed at these meetings, and Voss already commenced writing German poetry which attracted the attention of his friends and acquaintances. After having been at Neu-Brandenburg for two years, he saw that a longer stay would be useless; and as he had no means of continuing his studies at a university, he gladly accepted a place as private tutor in the family of a country gentleman near Penzlin. He entered this situation in 1769. As he had not yet been at a university, his salary was less than that of the cook in the family; and he had to endure many humiliations which might have broken his spirits if he had not thought it his duty to hold out in order to get a small sum which might enable him at least to begin his academical career. Another circumstance which helped him over the difficulties of his position was the friendship of a neighbouring clergyman, who saw the great talents of Voss, made him acquainted with the German poets, and drew his attention to Shakspeare, to understand whose works Voss immediately began to learn English. Boie, who was then the editor of the 'Göttinger Musenalmanach,' received some of Voss's poems as contributions, and was so pleased with them, that he invited the author to come to Göttingen, where he promised him all the assistance in his power. After repeated invitations Voss went, in 1772, to Göttingen, where, through the mediation of Boie, he obtained free board (Freitisch), and also the means of making a small income. Here Voss became acquainted with Heyne, who received him as a member of the philological seminary. The influence of Boie and of the numerous circle of aspiring young men then assembled at Göttingen, who formed a society under the name of Hainbund, for the purpose of cultivating poetry and improving the national taste, soon drew out the genius of Voss, and he took a very prominent part in the proceedings of the society. He had come to Göttingen with a view to study theology, but he changed his views and devoted himself to the study of philology, with the hope of obtaining the office of teacher in some public school. In his critical exercises in the philological seminary he occasionally differed from Heyne, and thus excited his ill-will; the consequence was that Voss did not attend the seminary so regularly as was expected, though he continued his studies the more zealously in private. This ill-feeling between Heyne and Voss was the foundation of all their subsequent disputes and enmity. During his stay at Göttingen Voss made the acquaintance of Klopstock and Claudius; and in 1774, when Boie left Göttingen, the editorship of the 'Musenalmanach' was given to him. In 1775 Voss also left the university, spent some time at Hamburg, and then went to his friend Claudius at Wandsbeck. In 1777 he married Boie's youngest sister, and the year after he was appointed rector of the public school at Otterndorf, in the country of Hadeln. Soon after settling there he announced his intention of publishing a German translation of the 'Odyssey' in hexameter verse; and in order to convince the world of his competence, he published, in 1780, a dissertation on the island of Orygia in the 'Deutsches Museum,' and another on the Oecus of the antients, in the 'Göttinger Magazin,' which was edited by Forster and Lichtenberg. The peculiar mode which he adopted of writing Greek names drew upon him the severe censure and sneers of Lichtenberg, who was at the same time one of the champions of Heyne. This completed the breach between Voss and Heyne, and the disputes with Lichtenberg continued for several years, and became at last mixed up with such personalities, that Voss found it necessary to write an essay in vindication of his own character in the 'Deutsches Museum.' In 1781 Voss published his German translation of the 'Odyssey,' which was received with the unanimous approbation of all competent judges. The marshy district of Otterndorf being detrimental to the health of Voss, through the influence of his friend Count Frederic Leopold Stolberg he was invited to the rectorship of the gymnasium of Eutin. He arrived here in 1782, and his circumstances, which had hitherto been extremely limited, were soon greatly improved, and

he was further honoured with the title of 'Hofrath.' Being thus in easy circumstances, he devoted his time to the discharge of his duties and to the study of the ancients, whose works it was his pride to nationalize among his countrymen. At the same time he continued to write original poems, which are among the best in the literature of Germany. In 1789 he published his edition of Virgil's 'Georgics,' with a German translation, a commentary, and several engravings representing various forms of antient ploughs. A new and much improved edition appeared in 1800. 2 vols. 8vo. In 1793 he published his translation of the 'Iliad' and 'Odyssey,' in 4 vols., in 8vo. and 4to. That of the 'Odyssey' was an improvement upon the edition already published; but although it is more correct, its character is less simple than that of the first edition. During this time he was also engaged with researches on antient geography and mythology; and in order to counteract the views on mythology proposed by G. Hermann, in his 'Handbuch der Mythologie,' which was extravagantly praised by Heyne and his friends, Voss wrote an essay on Apollo, which was soon after followed by his Letters on Mythology ('Mythologische Briefe,' Koenigsberg, 1794, 2 vols. 8vo.), which were mainly directed against Heyne. A second and enlarged edition of these letters appeared at Stuttgart, 1827, 3 vols. 8vo. No year passed without proofs of the genius and learning of Voss. In 1797 there appeared, in 2 vols., his edition of Virgil's 'Eclogues,' which, like the 'Georgics,' was accompanied by a German translation and an excellent commentary. Two years later he published his translation of all the works of Virgil, but without a commentary. The numerous original poems, which had appeared either in small collections or in periodicals, were now collected and published in 1802, in 4 vols. 8vo. This collection contains, in an appendix, an essay on German prosody ('Zeitmessung der Deutschen Sprache'). In this year he also produced a new edition of his translation of Homer, to which he added a map of the Homeric world, and a plan of the palace of Odysseus.

His intense study and incessant literary activity, together with his heavy duties as rector and teacher of the gymnasium of Eutin, and various other painful occurrences, had so much weakened his constitution that it was impossible for him to continue in his office. His physician urged the necessity of a residence in Southern Germany. Duke Peter Frederic of Holstein-Gottorp, though with great reluctance, not only allowed Voss to resign his office, but granted him an annual pension of 600 thalers. In the autumn of 1802 Voss went to Jena, where he lived for some years in private, enjoying the friendship and esteem of the professors in that university, and of all the illustrious personages then assembled at Weimar.

It was during his stay at Jena that he wrote the review of Heyne's edition of Homer, which created a general sensation in Germany ('Jenaer Allgem. Literaturzeitung,' for May, 1803). In 1805 Voss received a letter expressing the desire of the elector of Baden that he should come to Heidelberg, and give a few lectures in the university; or, if his health should not permit him to lecture, the elector offered him a pension of 500 florins if he would merely settle at Heidelberg. While Voss was hesitating whether he should leave all his friends at Jena and Weimar, a second letter arrived, offering him an annual pension of 1000 florins if he would settle at Heidelberg, and by his mere presence give lustre to the university. This generous offer, which raised him above all want, was gratefully accepted; and in the summer of 1805 Voss arrived at Heidelberg. The mild climate of this place, with its beautiful environs, produced a great change in him. He felt himself again cheerful and young, and with renewed ardour he devoted himself to his literary pursuits. The results were improved editions of his earlier works, as well as many new ones. His fourth and last edition of Homer appeared in 1814, in 4 vols., and a revised edition of his translation of Virgil in 1821. Among the new translations of antient writers which appeared during his residence at Heidelberg, were those of Horace (1806 and 1821), Hesiod (1806), Theocritus, Bion, and Moschus (1808), Tibullus and Lygdamus (1810), of which, in 1811, he also published the original text, corrected from MSS., his translation of Aristophanes (1821), and Aratus (1824). Voss had occasionally translated works from the English and French into German: in 1819 he determined, in conjunction with his two sons,

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Henry and Abraham, to translate Shakspeare. The work was not completed till several years after the death of Voss. This translation is not quite what it should be, but it is a proof of the bold spirit and of the unwearied activity of Voss. In 1823 he published the first volume of a work entitled 'Antisymbolik,' which was directed against the mythological work of Creuzer. The second volume was edited after his father's death by Abraham Voss. Frederic Stolberg, who had once been a kind and sincere friend to Voss, had become a convert to the Roman Catholic religion in the year 1800; and many years afterwards, in 1819, Voss, seeing the intrigues employed by the Mystics and the Roman Catholics in Germany, wrote an essay called 'Wie ward Fritz Stolberg ein Unfreier' (In Paulus's *Sophronizon*, part iii.). This was the opening of a literary campaign against Roman Catholicism, the Protestant Mystics of Germany, and despotism and aristocratic haughtiness, for these were the causes to which Voss attributed the conversion of Stolberg. The sensation which these attacks created divided all Germany into two parties; but both agreed that Voss treated the friend of his youth too severely, and they condemned the personalities in which he indulged. The truth is that Voss and Stolberg were such opposite natures that they could not understand each other: Voss was unable to comprehend the real causes of Stolberg's conduct, as his since been made evident by the letters of Stolberg. Voss died at Heidelberg, on the 30th of March, 1826.

Johann Heinrich Voss is one of the most remarkable men of modern times. He possessed a generous, upright character, without the least affectation. In his family and in his relations to his friends there was a kind of patriarchal simplicity and cordiality. But it cannot be denied that his own opinions of what was right and wrong rendered him frequently blind to what was good in others, and made him appear obstinate and quarrelsome. As a writer Voss ranks among the first that Germany can boast of. His knowledge of antiquity was immense, and the life of the ancients was nearly as familiar to him as that of his contemporaries. His commentaries on Virgil's *Georgics* and *Eclogues* are among the best that have been written on any antient author, and Niebuhr used to say that nothing was left for any future commentator on those poems, for Voss had done all that could be desired. He is one of the great fathers of modern philology, and worthy to stand by the side of Lessing and F. A. Wolf. As a translator Voss is unrivalled, and the principles which he laid down are still followed by the best translators in Germany. No nation of modern Europe can boast of translations of Homer, Virgil, Hesiod, and Theocritus equal to those of Voss, which are real substitutes for the originals. It was the consequence of his own peculiar nature that he was more successful in his translations of epic and idyllic, than of lyric and dramatic poetry. As a poet he must be classed among the first of his country. His expression is strong and vigorous, his sentiments true and pure, and the amiable part of the German character is perhaps not seen in any modern poet more clearly than in the poems of Voss. The simplicity and the natural charms of his idyllic poems have never been equalled by any German poet, and his epic-idyllic poem, 'Luise,' is the most beautiful production of its kind in any language. His essays have been collected under the title 'Kritische Blätter, nebst Geographischen Abhandlungen,' Stuttgart, 1820, 2 vols. 8vo.

(Paulus, *Lebens- und Todeskunden von J. H. Voss*, Heidelberg, 1826; *Briefe von J. H. Voss, nebst erläuternden Beilagen*, edited by Abraham Voss, Halberstadt, 1820-33, 3 vols. 8vo.; *Leben des Dichters J. H. Voss*, by F. E. Th. Schmid, in the last edition of Voss's Poetical Works, Leipzig, 1835, p. i.-xxxix.)

VOSSIUS, GERARD. As his father's name was Johannes Vossius, he called himself Gerardus Johannis Vossius, that is, Gerard Vossius, the son of John. His real family name was Vos, which he Latinized into Vossius. He was born in 1577, in the neighbourhood of Heidelberg, whither his father, who had once resided at Roermond, in Holland, had gone after he had embraced the Protestant religion. In the year after the birth of his son Johannes Vossius returned to Holland, and settled finally at Dortrecht. Gerard was only seven years old at the time of his father's death. He began his studies at Dortrecht, and, after having acquired a considerable

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knowledge of Latin and Greek and of the elements of philosophy, he went, in 1595, to the university of Leyden, where the range of his studies was considerably extended. In 1598 he took his degree in philosophy, and began to devote himself with great zeal to the study of theology, ecclesiastical history, and the Hebrew language. About the year 1600 the university of Leyden was on the point of giving Vossius a professorship, when he left the place, being invited by the town of Dortrecht to undertake the head-mastership of the public school there. Soon after his arrival at Dortrecht he married. His wife died in 1607, after having borne him three children. In about six months he married his second wife, who bore him five sons and two daughters. Of all his children none survived him except his son Isaac. Gerard Vossius was an intimate friend of Hugo Grotius. Grotius had severely chastised the Dutch clergy in his work 'Pietas Ordinum Hollandiae,' and Vossius, although he took the pains to avoid being entangled in the theological disputes then going on in Holland, was suspected of entertaining heretical opinions. In 1614 the professorship of theology at Steinfurt was offered to him, and, owing to the hostility which some of the Dutch clergy evinced towards him, he was inclined to accept the invitation; but at the same time the rectorship of the theological college at Leyden was offered to him. Vossius accepted this distinguished post to which, some years after, the professorship of eloquence and chronology in the university was added. In 1618 he published a history of the Palagan controversy ('Historia Pelagiana'), from which his enemies inferred that he was guilty of that heresy. A report also was spread that he was an Arminian, and a secret friend of C. Vorstius. All this increased the number and bitterness of his enemies, and the synod of Tergou was prevailed upon, in 1620, to deprive Vossius of the rectorship of the theological college at Leyden. The synod of Rotterdam however restored him, in 1621, to his office, on condition that he should neither say nor write anything against the synod of Dortrecht, which had condemned Arminianism. During these troubles Vossius tranquilly continued his studies and literary labours. In 1624 the university of Cambridge offered him a professorship, but he yielded to the wishes of the curators of the university of Leyden, not to quit the place, and the States of Holland showed him their esteem and confidence by commissioning him to write a Latin and a Greek grammar for the use of the public schools in Holland. In 1626 another unsuccessful attempt was made to get Vossius over to England; but he continued at Leyden, where his lectures and the reputation of his learning attracted crowds of students. The work on Palagianism, which had called forth so many enemies in Holland, gained him the favour of Archbishop Laud, who procured Vossius a prebend in the cathedral of Canterbury, the emoluments of which were to be transmitted to him at Leyden. In 1629 he came over to England to be installed, and after having been honoured with the degree of doctor of laws at Oxford, he returned to Holland. In 1630 the city of Amsterdam founded a gymnasium, and invited Vossius to the chair of history. Notwithstanding the opposition of the university of Leyden, Vossius accepted the offer, partly because the new office afforded him more leisure, and better opportunity for the education of his children. In 1633 Vossius went to Amsterdam, where he exerted himself to raise the new establishment. Although the successive losses of his children caused him deep and lasting grief, he did not allow these family afflictions to interfere with his official duties or to interrupt his literary activity. He died at Amsterdam in 1649. One day when he was ascending the ladder in his library, the ladder broke, and Vossius was found dead, and buried under his books. Vossius was a man of extraordinary learning, and had a powerful memory; he boasted that he never forgot anything. He was a humble and devout man, and always ready to serve others. He was extremely careful in employing his time, and scarcely ever allowed a friend to stay with him more than a quarter of an hour. He hated nothing more cordially than the theological squabbles and the calumnies with which the scholars of that time assailed one another. His writings, most of which relate to classical antiquity, are very numerous, and some of them necessary to a scholar. They were collected at Amsterdam, 1695-1701, in 6 vols. fol. The following list contains those which are still of great value:—1, 'Aris-

tarchus, sive de Arte Grammatica Libri VII.' Amsterdam, 1633, 4to., and often reprinted; 2, 'De Historicis Latinis Libri Tres,' Leyden, 1627, 4to.; a second edition appeared at Leyden, in 1651. It contains an account of all the writers that ever wrote on historical subjects in the Latin language, down to his own time. 3, 'De Historicis Graecis Libri Tres.' Of this work a most useful edition was published by A. Westermann, Leipzig, 1838, 8vo., which contains many additions and corrections. It gives an account of all the Greek historians down to the taking of Constantinople by the Turks. 4, 'De Veterum Poetarum Temporis Libri duo qui sunt de Poetis Graecis et Latinis,' Amsterdam, 1652, 4to.; 5, 'De Logices et Rhetoricae Naturae et Constitutione Libri Duo,' Hagae, 1656, 4to.; 6, 'De Philosophorum Sectis Liber,' Hagae, 1657, 4to.

(Nictroon, *Mémoires des Hommes Illustres*, vol. xlii.; Colomesii *Epistolae G. J. Vossii*, London, 1630.)

VOSSIUS, ISAAC, a son of Gerard Vossius by his second wife, was born at Leyden, in 1618. His education, like that of all his brothers and sisters, was conducted exclusively by his father. After he had completed his studies he travelled for three years through Italy, France, and England, during which time he collected many valuable MSS. of ancient writers. Queen Christina invited him, in 1648, to Sweden, and Vossius enjoyed for many years her esteem and friendship, and had also the honour of giving her instruction in the Greek language. On his father's death the professorship of history at Amsterdam was offered to him, but he refused it, and although he occasionally visited his native country, yet he spent the greater part of his time in Sweden. Salmasius (Saumaise) was one of the scholars whom Christina drew to her court, and for whom she entertained a very high regard. But Salmasius always treated Vossius in an insolent manner, and when at last the queen was informed that Vossius was going to write against him, she refused to admit him to her presence, whereupon Vossius immediately went back to Holland, in 1658, and never returned to Sweden. In 1663 King Louis XIV. of France sent him a handsome letter, accompanied by a considerable sum of money, partly as an acknowledgment of the great merits of his father Gerard Vossius, and partly as an encouragement to Isaac to continue his literary labours. Shortly after this the States of Holland requested Vossius to write a history of the war between England and Holland, and on his refusal, he was deprived of the pension which he had hitherto enjoyed. This appears to have induced him to leave his country, and in 1670 he arrived in England. At Oxford he was made a doctor of laws, and in 1673 King Charles II. made him a canon of Windsor, and assigned to him apartments in the castle, where he remained until his death, on the 10th of February, 1688. The splendid library of books and MSS. which he had collected, and which was considered one of the most complete private collections in Europe, was purchased by the university of Leyden.

Isaac Vossius was almost as learned as his father, but his character was not so blameless. When he attended divine service in the chapel at Windsor, it is said that he used to read Ovid's 'Amores' and 'Ars Amandi,' instead of his prayer-book, and he was much given to women. He knew all the European languages without being able to speak one of them correctly. He was familiar with the manners and customs of the ancients, but profoundly ignorant of the world and of the affairs of ordinary life. Although a canon of Windsor, he did not believe in the divine origin of the Christian religion, and he treated religious matters with contempt, although in all other things he was exceedingly credulous. Charles II. on one occasion said, 'This learned divine is a strange man: he will believe anything except the Bible.' On his deathbed he refused the sacrament, and was only prevailed upon to take it by the remark of one of his colleagues, that if he would not do it for the love of God, he ought to do it for the honour of the chapter to which he belonged. His literary merits are great, though his works are not so valuable as those of his father. The following list contains his principal works:—1, 'Periphrasis Scylacis Caryandensis et Anonymi Periphrasi Pontii Euxini,' with a Latin translation and notes, Amsterdam, 1634, 4to. 2, 'Justinus, Historia Philippica,' with notes, Leyden, 1640, 12mo. 3, 'Igmatis Epistolae, et Barnabae Epistola,' with a Latin translation and notes, Amsterdam, 1646, 4to. 4, 'Pomponius Mela, de Situ Orbis,' Hagae, 1648, 4to.; a

second edition appeared in 1700, at Franeker. His notes on Meia are chiefly directed against Salmasius. 6, 'Dissertatio de vera Aetate Mundi,' Hague, 1659, 4to. In this work he endeavours to establish the chronology of the Septuagint in opposition to that of the Hebrew text. This involved him in various disputes with other divines, especially Horne. 6, 'De Septuaginta Interpretibus, eorumque Translatione et Chronologia,' Dissertationes, 1663, 4to. 7, 'De Sybillinis, aliquae quae Christi Natalem praecursere Oracula,' Oxford, 1679. 8, 'Catullus, et in eum Isaac Vossii Observationes,' London, 1694, 4to. 9, 'Variarum Observationum Liber,' London, 1695, 4to. This volume contains a number of dissertations, some of which had been printed separately, but most of them show that he had no critical spirit. 10, 'Observationum ad Pomponium Melam Appendix, &c.,' London, 1696, 4to. This appendix is an attack upon Jacob Gronovius, who had censured Vossius's edition of Meia. Isaac also edited the 'Annales Hollandiae et Zelandiae, Sexcentorum fere Annorum à Theodorico I. usque ad Translatum à Jacobo in Philippum Imperium,' which had been written by his brother Matthaeus Vossius, who died before the work was completed.

(Niceron, *Mémoires des Hommes Illustres*, vol. iii.; Andrene, *Bibliotheca Belgica*; Wood, *Athenae Oxonienses*.)

VOTIAKES. [RUSSIAN EMPIRE, p. 247.]

VOUET, SIMON, commonly considered the founder of the French school of painting, was born at Paris in 1582. He was instructed by his father Laurent Vouet, a painter of moderate ability, and distinguished himself at a very early age. Baron de Sancy, French ambassador at the Porte, took Vouet with him to Constantinople in 1611, where he painted from memory, after a single interview, an excellent portrait of the Sultan Achmet I. From Constantinople he went to Venice, and from that place, in 1613, to Rome. In Venice he was attracted by the works of Paul Veronese, but in Rome he forsook for a time his style for that of Caravaggio. His reputation procured him a pension from Louis XIII. while he was in Rome, where he was made president of the Academy of St. Luke; and in 1627 Louis recalled him to Paris, gave him the title of principal painter to the king, and apartments in the Louvre. In Paris he had so much to do that he found occupation for a numerous school of young painters, among whom were Le Brun, Le Sueur, Mignard, Du Fresnoy, Testelin, Perrier, the elder Dorigny, and several others. His commissions were so numerous that he was obliged to entrust nearly the entire execution of many of his works to these painters. He painted ceilings, galleries, altarpieces, small religious pieces and other easel pictures, as well as portraits both in oil and in crayons. He painted with great facility in a style peculiar to himself; it was gay, yet feeble in colouring, owing to a want of harmony in the composition of colour: he was mannered likewise in his drawing, especially in the hands and in the heads, which he painted too frequently in profile; he was also deficient in invention and expression, and there is little merit in his compositions. Yet notwithstanding these defects, Vouet greatly improved the French school of painting, and he is allowed by the French historians of art to have done as much for painting as Corneille did for the drama in France. He is however more distinguished for the several excellent painters who were educated by him than for his paintings. He died in Paris in 1641. There are about 200 prints after his works, the principal of which are—the chapel and gallery of the Palais Royal; some works in the Hôtel de Balzac; a ceiling in the Hôtel de Bretonvilliers, &c.; also altarpieces in St. Eustache, St. Nicholas des Champs, St. Merry, and in the chapel of St. François de Paula, Place Royale; there is likewise a good picture by him in the Academy of Painting.

(D'Argenville; Watelet and Levesque; Abbé de Fontenai.)

VOUSSOIR, one of the stones of an arch. [ARCH, p. 261.]

VOUZIERES. [ARDENNES.]

VOW (from the Latin 'votum,' through the French), a promise to perform some future act, or to pursue some future line of conduct, confirmed by an appeal to the Supreme Being, or at least to some supernatural power, to punish or be propitious to the maker of the promise, according as he breaks or keeps his word. The seaman vowed to dedicate some gift to the altar of his di-

vinity if he should escape some impending danger, and the seaman of some Roman Catholic countries still vows in a similar emergency to present a candle or an image to the shrine of his patron saint. The vow in these instances has something of the character of a bargain: a piece of service is asked, and a reward promised in the event of the service being performed. Abraham made his steward swear that he would faithfully discharge the mission to seek out a wife for Isaac: this is an example of the vow which is supposed to bind a man to perform one definite act or incur some supernatural punishment; and the oath taken by witnesses, in courts of justice, at the present day, to speak the truth, belongs to the same class. [OATH.] Some vows again are understood to bind those who make them to the performance of certain limited duties for the whole of their future life—such are the marriage vow, as contemplated by the Church of Rome and the law of England, and the coronation oaths of kings. Some vows are even intended to give a particular form and direction to the whole of a man's future emotions, thoughts, and actions—such are the priestly and monastic vows. The view entertained of the character and operation of a vow has differed materially at different stages of civilization. The vow originated in a religious conception, in the recognition of some unseen power superior to and exercising a control over visible nature and man's destinies. But it originated also in a vague and perhaps unworthy conception of this power, as either having no fixed deliberate purpose of its own or a purpose so wavering and unsettled that men by gifts or flattery might turn it as they wished. As the intellectual and moral faculties of society expanded, men began to entertain more worthy notions of the Divinity. The vow came in consequence to be regarded no longer as a means which could modify or alter the councils of eternal wisdom; but as a solemn form of making a promise, in which the appeal to the Divinity was not understood to have the power of influencing his predetermined councils, but was meant to remind the utterer of the oath of what men are too apt to forget, that the eye of God was upon him, and that his universal and unfailing law punishes crime and falsehood. The operation of a vow is different upon two different classes of minds. To the ignorant and superstitious it affords a motive (their fears) for adhering to a course of action that their fickleness or dishonesty might have tempted them to swerve from. In the more enlightened it awakens a stronger sense of the importance of the act they are about to undertake, renders them more cautious to pledge themselves beforehand, more resolute in performing a promise once made.

The instances in which, in a rude state of society, advantages are derived from vows or promissory oaths administered in the first sense, are perhaps not few in number, but they are still exceptional. The bad influences of the superstitious view of the nature of a vow is permanent: it perverts men's moral opinions by leading them to regard actions as vicious and virtuous, not because of their own inherent character, but because of their being consistent or inconsistent with a promise made beforehand. Men have thus been led to see criminality in the non-performance of a crime they had pledged themselves to commit. The danger with regard to vows, understood in the more rational sense, consists in their too frequent use, or in their employment upon trivial occasions. The public promise of a king ascending the throne to govern with equity—the pledge of man and wife to know one undivided interest till death—the promise to give true and faithful evidence where the property, life, or honour of a fellow-being are at stake—are worthily and usefully accompanied by an appeal to the Divinity, that reminds the makers of these promises of the importance of the engagement they have taken upon them, and brings the religious sentiment to strengthen and confirm the dictates of expediency. But custom-house oaths, masonic vows, and such trivialities and mummeries, degrade the vow to the level of a mere theatrical show, or of the thoughtless habit of interjectional swearing in common discourse. The addition of a vow does not render a promise more binding, or alter the reason why it is binding. A promise affords a ground of belief that a man will act in a certain pre-determined manner, instead of being carried away by the whim of the moment. It is of advantage to the individual who makes promises that he should, except in extreme cases, contract the habit of adhering to them, because it imparts con-

sistency and power to his character; and it is of advantage to all with whom he may have dealings that he should contract this habit, for it renders their transactions with him safe. Hence the universal feeling that, except in very extreme cases, promises ought to be kept, even to the maker's disadvantage. Vows are exactly on the same footing: the superseded appeal to the Divinity is merely of use in so far as by its solemnity it renders men more cautious in binding themselves, and more earnest and unwavering in the performance of their promise. The danger of making vows frequently and on trivial occasions has been inferred from the nature of the religious sentiment called into play: a further restriction of their admissibility may be deduced from the nature of the simple promise. It limits man's freedom of action, and so far is a disadvantage. It ought to be confined to actions: for a man to pledge himself to feel and think only in a certain manner is to undertake an impossibility. It pledges him to an unhealthy life-long struggle against the order of nature. The promise ought moreover to be restricted to actions meritorious in themselves, and of some consequence. If to commit a crime is bad, to promise to commit one, and deliberately to keep the promise when aware of the criminality of the act, is worse. To tie a man's self up by a promise from the commission of an action indifferent in itself is a wilful waste of the power of self-denial, of which man at the best has no more than barely serves his necessities: the mind worn out with struggling against harmless propensities falls an easy prey to temptation in more important matters. The whole history of the monastic orders, a history attractive from the grandeur of its irregular and imaginative struggles, is an illustration of these views. With regard to simple promises, the rule of action is to make as few as possible, and exert every effort to keep them, unless convinced that to do so would be a crime. With regard to vows, the same rule holds: it is possible with more force, because fickleness in regard to them implies a profane trifling with the most sublime emotions of our nature.

VOWEL. [ALPHABET.]

VRIES, JOHN, or HANS FREDEMAN DE, a Dutch architectural and perspective painter, born in 1527, at Leeuwarden in Friesland. He was bound for five years at Leeuwarden, to a painter of Amsterdam, of the name of Gerritz, and designed becoming a glass-painter. He painted some time at Mechlin, and settled for a time at Antwerp, where, in 1549, he was employed with other painters to paint the triumphal arches erected in honour of the entry of Charles V. and his son Philip. He afterwards visited many cities of Germany, in all of which he added to his reputation by his works. De Vries was a complete master of perspective; he published a treatise upon the science, which was afterwards enlarged by Samuel Marolois. His paintings, large and small, are very true; they consist of gardens, exteriors and interiors of buildings; and some of them are embellished with figures by other masters. His drawings and designs were very numerous. There have been published twenty-six books of prints by him, illustrating various styles of architecture, with views of buildings, villas, &c. He was a great admirer of the works of Vitruvius and Serlio, which he studied in the Flemish translations of Peter Koek. Hans had two sons, Paul and Solomon de Vries, who painted in the same style as their father; but though well, with less success. Solomon died in the Hague in 1604, before his father, the date of whose death is not known; the date 1598, in Pilkington's 'Dictionary' (ed. 1829), is an error. Paul executed some extensive works at Prague. When he died is also unknown; he was living at Amsterdam in 1604, according to Van Mander; the date therefore of 1598, given in Pilkington's 'Dictionary' as the year of his death, is also an error.

Hans de Vries is called sometimes Frisius. There is a portrait of him in Van Mander's work *Leven der Schilders*, &c.

VRIES, MARTIN GERRITZON, a Dutch navigator of the 17th century. In 1643, Van Diemen, at that time governor-general of the Dutch possessions in India, gave him the command of an expedition destined to examine the countries north of Japan, and the west coast of Tartary as far north as the 56th degree of latitude. Vries hoisted his flag on board the *Kastrium*, and had under him Henrik Cornelissen Schaeap, in command of the *Bres-*

kens. The two vessels sailed from Batavia on the 3rd of February, 1643. They were separated on the 26th of May, in a storm off Nippon, and did not meet again till September. During the interim, the *Kastrium* partially examined the islands in the vicinity of Perouse's Straits, and some were accurately delineated by that navigator and Krusenstern. When Vries rejoined the *Breskens*, he found the captain and part of the crew had been imprisoned by the Japanese, on a suspicion of their having smuggled some Portuguese priests into the island. The prisoners were not released till the 24th of July, 1644. A brief account of the voyage of Vries was published at Amsterdam in 1646. Thevenot inserted an abstract of it in his collection of voyages; the instructions given to Vries have been printed in the ninth volume of the 'Philosophical Transactions.' D'Anville corrected a part of the coastline of the *Jasuits'* map of China from a large MS. chart of the track of the *Kastrium* which came into his hands. A copy of part of this chart on a reduced scale was published in the account of La Perouse's voyage. Both Krusenstern and La Perouse speak with great respect of Vries's talents as a navigator; his astronomical observations are wonderfully accurate, considering the state of instruments in his time. The narrative of his voyage contains some graphic details respecting the appearance of the country he visited and the customs of the inhabitants. Buache, who was not acquainted with the Dutch language, calls Vries by mistake *L'ries*, and the error has been perpetuated in the *Voyage of La Perouse*. Of the history of Vries, prior and subsequently to his voyage, nothing appears to be known.

VULCAN (Latin, 'Vulcānus'; Greek, 'Hephaestus,' 'Ἡφαιστος'), the god of fire, especially so far as it manifests itself as one of the elementary powers of nature in volcanic districts, and so far as it is an indispensable means for the working in metal and prosecuting the pursuits of industry in general. The name Vulcanus therefore probably contains the same element (fulg) as 'fulgere,' 'fulgur,' and 'fulmen.' According to Homer, he was the son of Zeus (Jupiter) and Hera (Juno), and was from his birth so weakly and ugly, that his mother, wishing to get rid of him, dropped him from Olympus. But Thetis and Eurynome, two marian divinities, received him falling, and with them he dwelled concealed for nine years, during which period he made various beautiful ornaments for the two goddesses. Whenever he remembered the cruel act of his mother, he felt indignant at her shameful treatment, but otherwise he was kind and obedient to her, and on one occasion when he took her part against his father, Zeus seized him by the foot and hurled him from Olympus. He fell for a whole day, and came down on the island of Lemnos, where he was kindly received by the Sinians. He afterwards returned to Olympus, where he inhabited a palace built by himself. Here he had his workshop with its anvil and twenty bellows which worked at his bidding, and he produced the most exquisite specimens of art, both for gods and men. His wife is called in the 'Iliad' Charis, but in the 'Odyssey' it is Aphrodite (Venus), who however is faithless to him. She favoured Ares (Mars), and Vulcan being informed of it by Helios (the Sun), caught the lovers together in a net, and called all the gods together to witness the spectacle. At the request of Poseidon (Neptune) however he liberated them. In the Trojan war Vulcan sided with the Greeks, though he had a temple and priests at Troy also. This is an outline of the story of Vulcan, as far as it can be gathered from the Homeric poems. Other traditions mentioned by later writers state that he had no father, and that he was born of Hera without her having had any connection with a god or male being, in the same manner as Zeus gave birth to Athena (Minerva). Others called Vulcan a son of Talos, Coelus, Nilus, or Menaeus, but these are foreign traditions transferred into Greece. Some legends describe Vulcan as having become lame from his fall from Olympus upon the island of Lemnos, whereas according to Homer, he was weak and lame from his birth. According to Virgil and others, Vulcan does not produce his wonderful works of art alone, but is assisted by the Cyclopes, and his workshop is not in Olympus, but in some volcanic island. His favourite island was Lemnos, but other volcanic islands also, such as Lipara, Hiera, Imbros, and Mount Ætna in Sicily, are described as places in which Vulcan lived and worked. The ancient epic poets abound in descriptions of wondrous

works of art said to have been made by Vulcan. Like Athena, he is the divinity that gives skill to mortals, and teaches them the arts which gladden and adorn human life. That both divinities were looked upon as somewhat akin to each other, is clear not only from several legends, but also from the fact that at Athens they had common festivals and temples. The festivals celebrated at Athens in his honour were the Hephaestia and Chalcia, the former of which was particularly splendid on account of the torch races (lampadephoria).

The worship of Vulcan seems to belong to the oldest religious institutions of the ancient world, and undoubtedly arose from the worship of fire, so common among uncivilized nations and in the East. Later poets therefore, in applying the name of Vulcan or Hephaestus to fire in general, returned in some manner to the original idea of the god. In Samothrace, where remnants of the ancient Pelasgian religion continued to exist long after the introduction of the Hellenic religion into Greece, Vulcan was the first among the Cabiri. In Etruria he was one of the twelve great national gods; and we find his worship established at Rome from the earliest times. A temple of Vulcan, situated close by the Comitium, is mentioned as early as the reign of Romulus and Tatius, and from the stories and rites connected with his worship at Rome, we must infer that his temple was viewed in a similar light to that of Vesta, that is, as a place of union, or the central point of the state. The Fornacalia (from *fornax*, a furnace), which festival was celebrated at Rome on the 17th of February, was probably an ancient festival of Vulcan; his great festival however, which was celebrated every year on the 23rd of August, with games in the Circus Flaminius, was in later times the great festival of the god. The Romans often dedicated to him the arms taken from an enemy: they were piled up and burnt. The Romans frequently designate Vulcan by the name Mulciber, which seems to have been given to him as a propitiating name, that he might not destroy the habitations and property of men by fire, but that he might be a beneficent and mild god, using his powers only to serve the human race. Vulcan was not unfrequently represented in works of art, the most ancient of which seem to have been the dwarfish figures which were placed in private houses near the hearth. His most celebrated statue was that by Alcamenes at Athens, representing the god in a standing position, and slightly indicating his lameness. His attributes are the instruments of the art of working in metal, as the hammer and the like, the Samothracian oval cap, and the chiton which leaves the right shoulder and arm uncovered.

(Jacobi, *Handwörterbuch der Griechisch, und Röm. Mythologie*, under 'Hephaestus'; Hartung, *Die Religion der Römer*, ii., p. 106, &c.; Hirt, *Mythologisches Bilderbuch*, p. 42, &c.)

VULCA'NO. (LIPARI ISLANDS.)

VULGATE. The Vulgate (*Vulgata versio*), or common version, is the name sometimes given by St. Jerome to what he elsewhere calls the *Vetus*, or ancient version, and what St. Augustine calls the *Vetus Italia*, or Old Italian Version, being the most generally received of those early Latin translations of the Scriptures distinguished by biblical critics as the ante-Hieronymian, al. which are now lost, with the exception of some parts of this *Vetus Italia*, and such fragments of the others as are quoted in the writings of the Fathers. Jerome's first labours as a translator of the Scriptures consisted in a revision and correction of this original Vulgate, which he completed about A.D. 390. Before this date however he had commenced an entirely new translation from the original Greek and Hebrew; and it is to this which the name of the Vulgate is now given. The earlier Vulgate, as revised by Jerome, has all perished, except only the Book of Psalms and the Book of Job, and the apocryphal Books of Maccabees, Baruch, Ecclesiasticus, and Wisdom. The use of Jerome's new version appears to have been gradually introduced; but ever since the seventh century, when it was sanctioned by Pope Gregory I., it has been exclusively adopted by the Romish church. The Council of Trent, in the sixteenth century, even conferred upon it an authority superior to that of the original texts, by ordaining that 'the Vulgate alone should be esteemed authentic in the public reading of the Scriptures, in disputations, in preaching, and in expounding, and that no one should dare to reject it under any pretext whatever.' Accordingly all the Romish translations of the

Bible into the modern languages profess to have been made not from the Greek and Hebrew, but from the Vulgate.

The true text of Jerome's version however has been at all times matter of doubt and controversy. It very early got mixed with that of the *Vetus Italia*; and the restoration of its purity employed the labours of Aleuin, by direction of Charlemagne, towards the close of the eighth century; of Lanfranc, archbishop of Canterbury, in the eleventh; of Cardinal Nicholas and others, in the twelfth and thirteenth. After the invention of printing, the Latin Bible was the first considerable work that was sent to the press; but the earliest editions exhibited a very corrupt text. The first critical editions were those produced at Paris, by Robert Stephens (Etienne), in 1528, 1532, 1534, 1540, 1545, and 1546. Of these the edition of 1540 is accounted the best. Other corrected editions are those of John Hentenius, a divine of Louvain, first printed at Louvain, in folio, in 1547, reprinted by the Plantins, at Antwerp, in 5 vols. 8vo., 1565 and 1574; and that of Lucas Bragensis, and other divines of Louvain, printed at Louvain, in 3 vols. 8vo., in 1573; and again, both in 8vo. and 4to., in 1596.

The first revised edition of the Vulgate promulgated by authority in the Romish church was issued at Rome from the press of the Vatican, in three volumes, folio, in 1590, under the title of 'Biblia Sacra Latina, Vulgatæ editionis, jussu Sixti V. recognita et edita.' This edition, the preparation of which had been begun under Pius IV., was declared by Pope Sixtus to be the authentic text, and is known as the Sixtine Vulgate, or the Bible of Sixtus V. Yet it had been no sooner published than it was discovered to be full of misprints and other errors, which were very insufficiently corrected by the necessary emendations, printed upon separate strips of paper, being here and there stuck over the original word where the passage had been most grossly disfigured. Gregory XIV., who succeeded Sixtus V., ordered it to be suppressed, and the true Sixtine Vulgate is now of excessive rarity. A new edition of it, in the same form, was brought out in 1592, under the authority of Gregory's successor Clement VIII., and this is called the Clementine Vulgate, or more frequently by Roman Catholics writers the corrected Bible of Sixtus V. It is now the authorized edition in the Romish church; the Vulgate as since printed being commonly entitled 'Biblia Sacra Latina, Vulgatæ editionis Sixti V. et Clementis VIII.' Protestant controversialists have, naturally enough, made the most of the variations to be found between the Sixtine and Clementine Vulgates, each published and declared to be the only true edition by an authority professing to be infallible.

(Horne's *Introduction to the Study of the Holy Scriptures*, 8th edition, vol. ii., part i., pp. 234-240; De Bure, *Bibliographie Instructive*, i., 32-69.)

VULPECULA ET ANSER (the Fox and the Goose), a constellation of Hevelius, situated immediately above Aquila and Sagitta. The principal stars are as follows:—

Designation, Star in Bayer's Catalogue	No. in Catalogue of		Magnitude	Designation, Star in Bayer's Catalogue	No. in Catalogue of		Magnitude
	Flamsteed, 1712	Argelander, 1823			Flamsteed, 1712	Argelander, 1823	
b	1	2235	5	l	24	2363	5½
	3	2259	6	m	22	2365	5
	4	2269	n	23	2369	4½	
	6	2277	4	o	24	2392	5
	8	2279	6		25	2400	6
d	9	2292	6	p	27	2431	5
	10	2314	6		28	2438	6
	12	2332	5	s	29	2436	5
f	13	2338	4½		30	2447	6
	14	2350	5	r	31	2473	6
g	15	2357	4½	q	32	2478	5
	16	2359	5	z	33	2468	6
h	17	2570	4½		(163)	2263	6
	18	2577	5		(2510)	2315	6
k	19	2579	6		(2559)	2358	5
	20	2580	5½				

VULPES. [Fox.]

VULPININ, or VULPINIC ACID. This substance is obtained from *cerenia vulpina* of Achard, or the *lichen vulpinus* of Linnaeus.

The properties of this body are, that it has the form of rectangular prisms, which are of a fine yellow colour; it is transparent, not altered by exposure to the air, melting when heated and reassumes the crystalline state on cooling. It is little soluble in cold, but very soluble in boiling water, and in hot alcohol and ether. It may be volatilized without decomposition, and it is not affected either by concentrated nitric, hydrochloric, or sulphuric acid. It is stated that it reddens vegetable blues, and is therefore considered as an acid, and this property is further evinced by its combining with ammonia to form a salt. It does not appear to have been analyzed.

VULSELLA. [MALLERACA; MARGARITACRA.]

VULTURE. [VULTURIDÆ.]

VULTURIDÆ, a family of Raporial Birds [RAPTORÆ], whose geographical distribution is confined to warm climates, where they act as scavengers to purify the earth from the putrid carcases with which it would otherwise be encumbered.

It has been matter of dispute whether they are directed to their fetid food, for they seldom prey on living animals, by the eye or by the nasal organ, and this controversy is noticed in the articles *BIRDS* (vol. iv., p. 429); *TURKEY BUZZARD*; and *CONDOR*. There can however in our opinion be little doubt that both the senses are made to contribute to the discovery of the carcase. The lofty flight and telescopic eye are well adapted to detect any dying or dead animal, and, as the action of one vulture may be, in all probability is, watched by another, a sort of telegraphic communication as to the position of the object is kept up. Among late writers we know of none who has more accurately or graphically recorded his observations on the habits of this unclean but useful group than Mr. Darwin. These observations may, we know, be safely depended on; and we proceed to lay before our readers his highly interesting remarks upon the Condor, which were not published till after the appearance of our article on that bird.

In Patagonia, Mr. Darwin, on the 27th of April, 1834, shot a Condor which measured from tip to tip of the wings, eight and a half feet, and from beak to tail four feet. 'If it is,' says he, 'a magnificent spectacle to behold several of these great birds seated on the edge of some steep precipice.' He then describes all he had observed of the habits of this enormous vulture.

The geographical range of the species, according to Mr. Darwin, is wide, for it is found on the west coast of South America, from the strait of Magalhães throughout the entire range of the Cordillera. On the Patagonian shore, the steep cliff near the mouth of the Rio Negro, in lat. 41°, was the most northern point where he saw these birds, or heard of their existence, and there, he observes, they have wandered about four hundred miles from the great central line of their habitation in the Andes. Farther south, among the bold precipices which form the head of Port Desires, they were not uncommon; but, he adds, that only a few stragglers occasionally visit the sea-coast. A line of cliff near the mouth of the Santa Cruz was frequented by those birds, and about eighty miles up the river, where first the sides of the valley were formed by steep basaltic precipices, they again appeared, although in the intermediate space not one had been seen. From these and similar facts, the presence of the bird seemed to Mr. Darwin chiefly to be determined by the occurrence of perpendicular cliffs. In Patagonia the Condors slept and bred either in pairs or many together on the same overhanging ledges. In Chile, he tells us, during the greater part of the year, they haunt the lower country near the shores of the Pacific, and, at night, several roost in one tree; but in early summer they retire to the most inaccessible parts of the inner Cordillera, there to breed in peace.

With respect to their propagation, Mr. Darwin was told by the country-people in Chile, that the Condor makes no sort of nest, but, in the month of November and December, lays two large white eggs on a shelf of bare rock. On the Patagonian coast he could not see any sort of nest among the cliffs, where the young ones were standing, and he adds, that it is said that the young Condors cannot fly for an entire year. At Concepcion, on the 5th of March (corresponding to our September), he saw a young bird, which, though in size little inferior to an old one, was

completely covered by down like that of a gosling, but of a blackish colour; and he felt sure that it could not be able to use its wings for many months. But, the bird may be seen hunting for itself before the ruff and its neck is turned white; and Mr. Darwin further relates that, at the mouth of the Santa Cruz, during part of April and May, a pair of old birds might be seen every day, either perched on a certain ledge, or sailing about in company with a single one, which, though full fledged, had not its ruff white. He thinks, especially when recollecting the state in which the Concepcion bird was on the previous month, that this young Condor had not been hatched from an egg of that summer. As there were no other young birds, it seems probable to him that the Condor only lays once in two years.

The same observing author states that these birds, generally, live in pairs; but among the inland basaltic cliffs of the Santa Cruz, he found a spot where scores most usually haunted. 'On coming suddenly to the brow of the precipice, it was a fine sight to see between twenty and thirty of these great birds start heavily from their resting-place, and wheel away in majestic circles.' From the quantity of dung on the rocks, Mr. Darwin concludes that they must long have frequented this cliff, and that, probably, they both roost and breed there. Having gorged themselves with carrion on the plains below, they retire, he says, to these favourite ledges to digest their food. From these facts he also concludes that the Condor must to a certain degree be considered, like the Gullinazo, a gregarious bird. In this part of the country, Mr. Darwin states that they live altogether on the Gusanos, which either have died a natural death, or, as more commonly happens, have been killed by the Pumas. He believes, from what he saw in Patagonia, that the Condors do not, on ordinary occasions, extend their daily excursions to any great distance from their regular sleeping-places.

'The Condors,' says Mr. Darwin in continuation, 'may oftentimes be seen at a great height soaring over a certain spot in the most graceful spires and circles. On some occasions I am sure that they do this for sport, but, on others, the Chileno countrymen tell you that they are watching a dying animal, or the Puma devouring its prey. If the Condors glide down, and then suddenly all rise together, the Chileno knows that it is the Puma, which, watching the carcase, has sprung out to drive away the robbers. Besides feeding on carrion, the Condors will frequently attack young goats and lambs. Hence the shepherd dogs are trained, the moment the enemy passes over, to run out, and, looking upwards, to bark violently. The Chileno destroy and catch numbers. Two methods are used: one is to place a carcase within an enclosure of sticks on a level piece of ground, and when the Condors are gorged, to gallop up on horseback to the entrance, and thus enclose them; for, when this bird has no space to run, it cannot give its body sufficient momentum to rise from the ground. The second method is to mark the trees in which, frequently to the number of five or six, they roost together, and then, at night, to climb up and noose them. They are such heavy sleepers, as I have myself witnessed, that this is not a difficult task. At Valparaiso, I have seen a living Condor sold for sixpence, but the common price is eight or ten shillings. One which I saw brought in, had been lashed with rope, and was much injured; yet the moment the line was cut by which its bill was secured, although surrounded by people, it began ravenously to tear a piece of carrion. In a gouden at the same place, between twenty and thirty were kept alive. They were fed only once a week, but they appeared in pretty good health. The Chileno countrymen assert that the Condor will live and retain its powers between five and six weeks without eating. I cannot answer for the truth of this, but it is a cruel experiment, which very likely has been tried.'

Mr. Darwin noticed that several hours before any of the Condors died, all the lice with which they are infested crawled to the outside of the feathers; and he was told that this was always the case.

With reference to the question whether sight or smell directs the Vultures to their food, Mr. Darwin remarks that when an animal is killed, it is well known that the Condors, like other carni-vorous-vultures, soon gain intelligence of it, and congregate in an inextinguishable manner. In most cases it must not, he observes, be overlooked, that the birds have discovered their prey, and have picked the

skeleton clean before the flesh is in the least tainted. He tried, in the garden mentioned in the last paragraph but one, the following experiment:—The Condors were tied each by a rope, in a long row at the bottom of a wall. Having folded up a piece of meat in white paper, he walked backwards and forwards, carrying it in his hand at the distance of about three yards; but no notice whatever was taken. He then threw it on the ground within one yard of an old cock bird, which looked at it for a moment with attention, but then regarded it no more. With a stick Mr. Darwin pushed it closer and closer, until at last the Condor touched it with his beak; the paper was then instantly torn off with fury, and at the same moment every bird in the long row began struggling and flapping its wings. Mr. Darwin observes, that under the same circumstances it would not have been possible to have deceived a dog. Although he refers however to Mr. Audubon's opinions as to the small power of smelling in vultures, he admits, after noticing Professor Owen's dissertation, that the facts related by Mr. Sells, and stated, together with Mr. Owen's account, in our article on the *Turkey Buzzard*, are conclusive as to the birds having obtained the intelligence of death by the sense of smell alone; and he comes to the conclusion, from the various facts recorded, that carrion-feeding hawks possess both the sense of sight and smell in an eminent degree.

With regard to the telegraphing above alluded to, and the probable powers of the eye of the Vultures, Mr. Darwin relates that often, when lying down to rest on the open plains and looking upwards, he has seen osprey-hawks sailing through the air at a great height. Where the country is level, he expresses his belief that a space of the heavens of not more than 15° above the horizon is commonly viewed with any attention by a person either walking or on horseback. If such be the case, and the Vulture be on the wing at a height of between three and four thousand feet, before it could come within the above range of vision, its distance in a straight line from the beholder's eye would be rather more, he observes, than two British miles: and he asks whether the bird might not thus be readily overlooked? When an animal is killed by the sportsman in a lonely valley, may not that sportsman, he again asks, all the while be watched from above by the sharp-sighted bird? And will not the manner of its descent proclaim throughout the district to the whole family of carrion-feeders that their prey is at hand?

The grand and graceful flight of one of the largest of the Raptorial birds is thus graphically placed before the mind's eye by this painter with the pen:—

When the Condors in a flock are wheeling round and round any spot, their flight is beautiful. Except when rising from the ground, I do not recollect ever having seen one of these birds flap its wings. Near Lima, I watched several for nearly half an hour, without once taking off my eyes. They moved in large curves, sweeping in circles, descending and ascending without once flapping. As they glided close over my head, I intently watched from an oblique position the outlines of the separate and terminal feathers of the wing; if there had been the least vibratory movement, these would have been blended together, but they were seen distinct against the blue sky. The head and neck were moved frequently, and apparently with force; and it appeared as if the extended wings formed the fulcrum on which the movements of the neck, body, and tail acted. If the bird wished to descend, the wings were for a moment collapsed; and then, when again expanded with an altered inclination, the momentum gained by the rapid descent seemed to urge the bird upwards, with the even and steady movement of a paper kite. In the case of any bird soaring, its motion must be sufficiently rapid, so that the action of the inclined surface of its body on the atmosphere may counterbalance its gravity. The force to keep up the momentum of a body moving in a horizontal plane in that fluid (in which there is so little friction) cannot be great; and this force is all that is wanted. The movement of the neck and body of the Condor, we must suppose, is sufficient for this. However this may be, it is truly wonderful and beautiful to see so great a bird, hour after hour, without any apparent exertion, wheeling and gliding over mountain and river. (Darwin, *Journal*, 1839.)

The bill of the Vulture is admirably formed for dissecting and tearing out its food. The preparation, No. 309, in

the 'Physiological Series' of the museum of the Royal College of Surgeons in London, displays the head of the King of the Vultures (*Vultur papa*, Linn.; *Sarcorampus papa*, Auct.), showing a beak fitted by its strength, sharpness, and hooked form to tear the flesh of animals. No. 1483 of the same series exhibits the tongue and larynx of the same vulture, showing the series of small retroverted spines along the lateral margins of the tongue, of which the sides are raised so as to render the dorsum concave.



Head of Griffon Vulture.

SYSTEMATIC ARRANGEMENT.

The genus *Vultur* of Linnaeus stands first in his first order, *Accipitres*, and consists of the following species:—*Gryphus*, *harpagus*, *papa*, *monachus*, *aquila*, *barbatus*, *peronotus*, and *albicollis*. (*Syst. Nat.*, ed. 12.)

In Latham's system the genus occupies the same position.

In the method of M. de Lacépède the birds of prey form the seventh order, and are placed under the first sub-division (with strong and very crooked talons) of his second division of his first sub-class of birds, viz. those with three toes anteriorly, and one toe or none posteriorly. *Vultur*, the thirteenth genus in his arrangement, is the first of this order, and is immediately followed by *Gypaetes*.

M. Duméril's first order is formed by the Rapacious Birds (*Rapaces*), and the first family of this order consists of the *Nudicolles* or *Ptilodores*, which comprise the genera *Sarcorampus* and *Vultur*. The second family, the *Plumicollis* or *Cruphodores*, comprise the Griffon, the Kite, the Eagle, &c.

Lillier makes the *RAPTATORUM* his third order.

The Vultures (*Vautours*, *Vultur*, Linn.) form the first great genus of the Diurnal Birds of Prey of Cuvier, who remarks that Linnaeus divided those birds into two very natural divisions, the Vultures and the Falcons, a division followed by Cuvier himself, who says of the Vultures that their eyes are placed *d fleur de tête*, and that their tarsi are reticulated, that is to say, covered with small scales; their bill is elongated, curved only at the end, and a more or less considerable part of the head, or even of the neck, is denuded of feathers. The power of their talons, he observes, does not correspond to their size, and they make use of their bill rather than their claws. Their wings are so long, that in walking they carry them half extended. They are, he says, a cowardly race, and feed more frequently on carrion than living prey. When they have finished their repast, their crop forms a great projection above the fork-like bone, a fetid humour distils from their nostrils, and they are reduced almost to a state of stupidity.

Cuvier divides this great genus into the following subgenera:—

The Vultures properly so called, *Vultur*, Cuv.

These have a large and strong beak, with the nostrils placed diagonally at its base; the head and the neck without feathers and without caruncles; a collar of long feathers or of down at the bottom of the neck.

Locality.—The antient Continent.

Example, *Vultur fulvus*, &c.

Sarcorampus, Duméril.

America, Cuvier remarks, produces Vultures remarkable for the caruncles which surround the membrane of the base of their beak, which is as large as that of the preceding genus, but the nostrils are oval and longitudinal. These are the *Sarcorampi* of Duméril.

Example, *Sarcorampus papa*.

Cathartes, Cuv. (*Galliniazos* or *Cathartides*, Vieill.)

These have the beak of the *Sarcorampi*, that is to say, it is stout, and the nostrils are oval and longitudinal; but

there is no fleshy crest, although their head and neck are plumelous.

Example, *Cathartes californianus*, &c.

Pernopterius, Cuv. (*Gypaëtos*, Bechst.; *Neophron*, Sav.)

The bill in this group is slender, long, a little convex above its curvature, the nostrils oval and longitudinal, and the head, but not the neck, devoid of feathers. These are birds of moderate size, and which do not approach the Vultures properly so called in extent of power: they are therefore more ravenous after carrion and all kinds of impurities which attract them from afar: even excrements are palatable to this filthy race. Illiger comprises both this and the preceding subgenera under his *Cathartes*.

Example, *Pernopterius Egyptianus*, *Neophron pernopterus*, Sav.

Under this subgenus Cuvier places the *Urubu*, *Vultur Ioto*, C. Bonap., of America.

The Griffons. (*Gypaëtos*, Storr; *Phene*, Sav.)

These, Cuvier observes, are arranged by Gmelin under the genus *Fulco*, but approximate more closely to the Vultures in their habits and conformation. Their eyes are placed *à fleur de tête*, their claws are proportionally weak, their wings are half opened in their state of repose, their crop projects from the bottom of the neck when it is full, but their head is entirely covered with feathers. Their distinguishing characters consist of a very strong beak, which is straight, hooked at the point, and convex at the hooked part, of nostrils covered with stiff bristles directed forwards, and a pencil of similar bristles under the beak. Their tarsi are short and feathered down to the toes; their wings are long, and the third quill is the longest.

Example, *Gypaëtos barbatus*.

Vieillot's order *Accipitrines* stands first in his arrangement. His first family (*Vulturinae*), containing the Vultures generally, and the Caracaras, is immediately succeeded by the family of *Gypaëtes*, consisting of the genus *Phene* only.

The *Rapaces* form M. Temminck's first order of birds, and comprise the genera *Vultur*, *Cathartes*, *Milvus*, *Fulco*, and *Strix*.

'If,' says Mr. Vigors, in his paper on the *Natural Affinities that connect the Orders and Families of Birds*, 'we admit the GYPOGERANES among the *Rapaces*, we may arrange it, I conceive, next the Vultures, to which family it bears a nearer affinity than the *Falconidae*, in its naked cheeks and the looseness of the plumage about the head. The construction of the feet, also, brings it more close to the Vultures, while the comparative straightness and bluntness of its toes distinguish them from the hooked and pointed talons of the *Falcones*. The greater development of the membrane which connects the toes affords an additional reason for placing it near the *Vulturidae*. Its natural station therefore appears to be immediately preceding this family, from which indeed it seems only to deviate in the length of its tarsi and its reptile food.'

'Passing on now to the succeeding families of the order,—the affinity between the *Vulturidae* and *Falconidae* may with equal confidence be asserted, from the circumstance of several species of each being indiscriminately arranged in both families by different systematic writers. The external characters of these neighbouring groups are indeed considerably blended together. The long bills of the Vultures, straight at the base and hooked only at the point, pass over into many groups of the *Falconidae*; while some species of the latter family, which from their manners cannot be separated from it, exhibit the naked face and loose plumage that characterize the Vultures. Of this, the *Fulco Novee Zealandiae* of Dr. Latham affords a notable instance; and more particularly his *Fulco Brasilensis*, another of the fishing Eagles, forming the genus *Polyborus* of M. Vieillot, whose the throat is devoid of feathers, as well as the cheeks. The genus *Gypaëtos* of Storr, of which the bearded Vulture of the Alps presents the type, appears to form the connecting link between the families. Here, not merely the details of the bird's structure partially correspond with those of the conterminous groups, but in manners also it agrees with each: the bird being occasionally observed, like the *Vulture*, to feed upon carrion, and at other times, like the *Falcon*, to pursue a living prey.' (*Linn. Trans.*)

In the second volume of the *Zoological Journal* Mr. Vigors observes, that if we fix our attention on the distinguishing characters of the Vultures, and at the same

time take into consideration the size and strength and consequent powers of body that separate the Vultures from other groups in ornithology, we may at once determine that the birds in which these characters are most strongly conspicuous, will form the typical group of the family. These species therefore, he remarks, may be selected as forming the *Normal group* of the *Vulturidae*, in which the powers of the bill and legs are most apparent, the head and neck most devoid of feathers, and the organs of smell most fully developed. This group, he observes, will be found chiefly to inhabit the torrid regions, and their food to be, almost exclusively, carrion, which they prey upon for the most part in large flocks. On the other hand, the *Aberrant group* will comprise those birds which exhibit a comparative weakness in the bill and legs, a less extension of the organs of smell, and a smaller portion of the head and neck devoid of plumage; or where, although some degree of the size and strength of the more typical birds is preserved, the greater part of the head and neck is covered with feathers. This group, Mr. Vigors adds, may be observed to spread itself over the higher and colder latitudes more extensively than the typical *Vultures*, and to seek occasionally a living prey, which they frequently pursue either singly or by pairs. Here follows his proposed arrangement.

§ *Normal group. General conformation powerful; head and neck bare of feathers; organs of smell strongly developed.*

Genera:—*Sarcorampus*, Dum.; *Vultur*, Auct.

§ *Aberrant group. General conformation weaker; head and neck less bare of feathers; organs of smell less developed.*

Genera:—*Gypaëtos*, Storr; *Neophron*, Sav.; *Cathartes*, Ill.

M. Latreille makes the Vultures (*Vulturinae*) his first family of his first tribe (*Diurnes*) of his first order *Rapaces*, and includes under it the genera *Sarcorampus*, *Vultur*, *Pernopterius*, and *Gypaëtos*.

Mr. Swainson, in his 'Classification of Birds,' observes that in such tribes as feed upon carrion or small animals, the tooth on the bill, which marks the diurnal bird of prey that attacks the living, being no longer essential, is either obsolete or entirely wanting. 'The stolid vulture and the cowardly hyena, glut themselves upon carrion; the bold and majestic lions, like the noble falcons, feast upon no other prey than what their own courage has procured; while the owls and the stoats prowling during the night after the same feeble and ignoble game.' Of the *Vulturidae* Mr. Swainson says that the filthiness of their food imparts to their whole body a fetid odour, which nature has rendered a means of defence; for, if seized during the torpid inactivity which succeeds their meals, they immediately disgorge the nauseous contents of their stomach over the luckless captor, who is thus, by a sudden impulse of loathing, obliged to relinquish his hold. But, he adds, that those parts of the bird which come in contact with its offensive food should not be soiled and matted together, the whole of the head (and frequently a great part of the neck) is entirely destitute of feathers; while those on the rest of the body have a certain elasticity and glossiness which enables the bird, by a few sudden shakes, to cleanse itself at once from any fragments that remain upon the plumage.

'The vultures,' says Mr. Swainson in continuation, 'are the great scavengers of nature in hot latitudes, where putrefaction is most rapid, and most injurious to health; and the disposition of their numbers is regulated by an all-wise Creator according to their usefulness. They are sparingly scattered over the south of Europe: in Egypt they are more numerous; but in tropical America, although the species are fewer, the individuals are much more plentiful. No sooner is an animal dead than its carcass is surrounded by numbers of these birds, who suddenly appear, coming from all quarters, in situations where not one had just before been seen. The nakedness of the head, and frequently of the neck, is most apparent in those whose geographic range is limited to the New World, at the head of which division stand two remarkable species, the celebrated Condor of the Andes, and the *Papa*, or King Vulture, of the Brazilian forests. The first is well known for the loftiness of its flight and its amazing strength, while the latter is the only species whose colouring is not dark or sombre.'

The following is Mr. Swainson's arrangement:—

Order 1. Raptores. *Rapacious Birds*.

Family Vulturidae. *The Vultures*.

Size large. Body thick, heavy. Bill and legs very strong; the former hooked, but not toothed. Claws but slightly curved, and hardly retractile. Head and neck in general more or less naked.

Genera and Subgenera:—Genus *Vultur*, Linn. Nostrils naked, transverse. Wings with the fourth quill longest. Head and bill destitute of caruncles. Tail-feathers 12-14. Inhabits the Old World.

Example, *Vultur fulvus*.

Genus *Cathartes*, Ill. Nostrils naked, longitudinal. Wings with the third quill equal to the fourth, and longest. Inhabits, with one exception, the New World. Typical.

Under the genus *Cathartes* Mr. Swainson arranges the following subgenera:—

Subgenus *Sarcoramphus*, Dum. Head and neck naked. Bill and feet strong; the former with an elevated fleshy caruncle.

Example, *Sarcoramphus papa*.

Subgenus *Cathartes*, Ill. Head and part of the neck naked, but without caruncles. Bill and general construction weaker than in the last.

Example, *Cathartes aura*.

Genus *Neophron*, Savigny. Bill much lengthened and remarkably slender. Nostrils longitudinal, nearly medial; cere occupying two-thirds the length of the bill. Face and part of the neck naked. Tail-feathers 14. The temno-rostral type.

Example, *Neophron perennopterus*.

Genus *Catharturus*, Sw. Bill short, thick, curved almost from the base, but the tip not hooked. Nostrils basal and membranaceous; the aperture large, round, central, and nearly naked. Head and neck with only a few scattered feathers. Wings short, rounded. Tail broad, of eighteen feathers. Feet strong; anterior scales irregularly hexagonal; toes large; the lateral of equal length, and very little shorter than the middle toe; all the claws long and slender. The rasorial type.

Example, *Catharturus australis*.

Genus *Gypaetis*, Storr. Bill strong, lengthened; upper mandible elevated near the end, which is hooked; under mandible provided beneath with a bunch of setaceous bristles directed forwards. Nostrils oval, covered and defended by bristles. Feet short: the three anterior toes united to their base by a membrane; the middle toe very long; claws but slightly curved. Wings long; the first quill rather shorter than the second, the third longest. The fissirostral type.

With reference to *Catharturus*, Mr. Swainson remarks that it is the *Alecturus* of Mr. Gray; but this name having been previously given by Vieillot to a very distinct group of flycatchers, which Mr. Swainson had ascertained, it became necessary for him to propose another. This supposed vulture however is, as we have already shown in the article *TALEGALLA*, a bird of very different habits from any of the birds of prey.

The Prince of Canino and Musignano makes the *Vulturidae* the first family of his first order, *Accipitres*, and notices the following subfamilies and genera.

a. Vulturinae.

Genera: *Neophron*; *Cathartes*; *Sarcoramphus*; *Vultur*; and *Gypa*.

b. Gypaetinae.

Genus, *Gypaetis*.

It must be remembered that none but European and American birds are admitted into this arrangement.

The *Vulturidae* of Mr. G. R. Gray form the first family of his first suborder (*Accipitres Diurni*), of his first order (*Accipitres*). The following subfamilies and genera are placed by Mr. Gray under this family:—

Subfam. 1. Gypaetinae.

Genus: *Gypaetis*.

Subfam. 2. Cathartinae.

Genera: *Neophron*; *Cathartes*; and *Sarcoramphus*.

Subfam. 3. Vulturinae.

Genera: *Gypa* (*Sav.*); *Vultur*; and *Otrogypa* (G. R. Gray).

Subfam. 4. Raccinae.

Genus: *Gypochlorus*, Rüpp.; *Raccina*, J. E. Gray—*Vultur* (*Gypochlorus*) *angelensis*.

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EUROPEAN VULTURES.

Example, *Vultur fulvus*, the Griffon Vulture.

Description.—Adult.—Head and neck covered with close-set, short, white, downy feathers; lower part of the neck surrounded with a ruff of long, slender, white feathers, sometimes with a slight tinge. On the middle of the breast a space furnished with white down. The whole of the body, the wings, and the origin of the tail yellow-brown or fawn colour; quills and tail-feathers blackish-brown; beak livid yellow, cere darker; iris hazel; feet grey or light brown. Total length exceeding four feet.

The female is larger than the male.

The young have a whitish down varied with brown on the head and neck; the rest of the body very bright yellow, marked with great spots of grey or white.

This is *Le Griffon* of the French; *Weisköpfiger Geier* of the Germans; *Acolito di color castagno* of the Italians.

Geographical Distribution.—The mountainous parts of the north of Europe, Silesia, the Tyrol, Dalmatia (where it is very numerous), Spain (abundant near Gibraltar), the Alps, the Pyrenees, Turkey, the Grecian Archipelago, the north of Persia, the north of Africa.



The Griffon Vulture.

Nest, Habits, &c.—The nest of this vulture is generally formed upon the most elevated and inaccessible rocks, but it often builds on the highest forest-trees, and, in Sardinia, on the loftiest oaks, where the nest of brushwood and roots is more than three feet in diameter. The eggs, which are generally two in number, though some state that it occasionally lays as many as four, are of a dull greenish or greyish white, slightly marked with pale reddish spots, and with a rough surface. 'Like all the other birds of its tribe,' says Mr. Bennett, in his *Gardens and Menagerie of the Zoological Society*, 'it feeds principally upon dead carcases, to which it is frequently attracted in very considerable numbers. When it has once made a lodgment upon its prey, it rarely quits the banquet while a morsel of flesh remains, so that it is not uncommon to see it perched upon a putrefying corpse for several successive days. It never attempts to carry off a portion even to satisfy its young, but feeds them by disgorging the half-digested morsel from its maw. Sometimes, but very rarely, it makes its prey of living victims, and even then

* Temminck describes it as flesh-coloured.

of such only as are incapable of offering the smallest resistance; for in a contest for superiority it has not that advantage which is possessed by the Falcon tribes, of lacerating its enemy with its talons, and must therefore rely upon its beak alone. It is only however when no other mode of satiating its appetite presents itself, that it has recourse to the destruction of other animals for its subsistence. After feeding, it is seen fixed for hours in one unvaried posture, patiently waiting until the work of digestion is completed, and the stimulus of hunger is renewed, to enable and to urge it to mount again into the upper regions of the air, and fly about in quest of its necessary food. If violently disturbed after a full meal, it is incapable of flight until it has disgorged the contents of its stomach; lightened of which, and freed from their debilitating effects, it is immediately in a condition to soar to such a pitch as, in spite of its magnitude, to become invisible to human sight. In captivity it seems to have no other desire than that of obtaining its regular supply of food. So long as that is afforded it, it manifests a perfect indifference to the circumstances in which it is placed.

Vultur cinereus.

Description.—*Old Male.*—Posterior part of the head and nape denuded of feathers, the skin of a bluish cast; on the rest of the neck a yellow down; sides of the neck furnished with curled feathers. At the insertion of the wings rises an ample tuft of long loose feathers. General colour of the plumage chocolate-brown, or brown verging towards black and sometimes to fulvous; cere bluish flesh-colour; iris deep brown; tarsus half-plumed, the naked part, as well as the toes, dirty white; claws black. Total length exceeding three feet six inches.

Female rather larger, and with the colours of the plumage more sombre.

Young with the whole of the neck furnished with down; all the feathers of the upper parts terminated by a brighter colour.

This appears to be the *Vautour arriaux* and *Vautour noir* of the French; *Cinereus* or *Ash Vulture* and *Bengal Vulture* of Latham; and *Grauer Geier* of the Germans.

Geographical Distribution and Habits.—In Europe, lofty mountains, and the vast forests of Hungary, the Tyrol, and the Pyrenees; the south of Spain and Italy; accidentally in Dalmatia; more common in Sardinia. In Sicily; rarely in Italy, and never in the forests. Very accidentally in Germany. M. Temminck, writing in 1835, says that an individual was killed more than six years ago at Bayreuth. M. Tscherner de Bellerive remarks, that he does not believe that it has ever been killed in Switzerland.

M. Temminck states that its food consists of dead animals and carrion, but never of living animals, of which it shows fear; the least animal, he says, terrifies it. Bechstein's account is very different. According to him the Cinereous Vulture is chiefly seen in the plains in winter, where it attacks not only hares, sheep, and goats, but even deer. The farmers are said to suffer severely from its depredations, for it will frequently pick out the eyes of a sheep; but it is not shy, and suffers the approach of the hunter, who is well paid for shooting the destroyer.

The nidification of this species appears to be unknown to ornithologists. M. Temminck, who states that there exists no well-marked differences between the individuals of India, Egypt, and Europe, thinks that it probably breeds in the mountainous countries of Asia.

This is the genus *Gyps* of Savigny. Mr. Gould, in his great work on the Birds of Europe, notices a deviation in this species from the true or more typical vultures, manifested in the partially bare neck, open ears, curved claws, and powerful beak. These striking features, he remarks, were not passed over by the discriminating eye of Mr. Bennett, while engaged in describing the *Vultur auricularis* of Daudin, which in general form and structure strictly resembles *Vultur cinereus*. 'In *The Gardens and Menageries of the Zoological Society delineated*,' says Mr. Gould, 'that gentleman intimates that, in his opinion, the bird he has described from a fine living example in the Society's gardens would be found to possess characters sufficiently prominent and different from the rest of the Vultures to form the type of a new genus. Although the Cinereous Vulture has not the longitudinal fold of the skin which is so prominent a feature in *Vultur auricularis*, still we should regard that more as a specific character

than as having any influence over its natural economy; and we fully concur in Mr. Bennett's views in considering a further subdivision of the family to be necessary. The two birds in question, with the *Vultur pondicerianus* as a type, would constitute a very natural division.'



Vultur (Gyps) cinereus.

Gypsæus barbatus.

Description.—*Old.*—Head and upper part of the neck dirty white; a black stripe extends from the base of the beak, and passes above the eyes; another, arising behind the eyes, passes over the ears; lower part of the neck, breast, and belly, orange-red; mantle, back, and wing-coverts deep grey-brown, but on the centre of each feather is a white longitudinal stripe; wings and tail-feathers ashy-grey, the shafts white; tail long, very much graduated; beak and claws black; feet blue; iris orange; eye surrounded by a red lid. Length about four feet seven inches.

According to the age of the bird the plumage varies as follows:—there are brown feathers more or less on the top of the head; those of the lower part of the neck, breast, and belly often terminated with black; the white stripe on the middle of the feathers of the back and the coverts of the wings more or less developed; the belly often of a grey brown or variegated with white; iris of a more or less deep orange colour.

The Young in the first two years have the head and neck of a brown-black; the lower part of the body grey-brown with spots of dirty white; on the upper part of the back are great white spots; the mantle and the wing-coverts are blackish with brighter spots; quills blackish-brown; iris brown; feet livid.

This is the celebrated *Lämmergeier*. It is the *Aquila barbata* of the Italians; the *Weisköpfige Geier Adler*, and *Hartadler* of the Germans; and *Bearded Vulture* of the English.

Geographical Distribution.—The highest mountains of Europe, Asia, and Africa, the chain of the Pyrenees, and the Helvetic Alps, Sardinia, Greece, and the Tyrol. In Asia, the chain of the Caucasus, the Himalaya Mountains,

the Siberian and Persian Mountains. The most lofty mountains of Central Africa and towards the borders of the Red Sea, principally in the most inaccessible parts of those mountains, and where there is plenty of the larger sort of game. But it becomes more and more rare in proportion as man advances upon the uncultivated regions which it loves to haunt. M. Temminck remarks, that it is now one of the rarest birds of Europe; whereas, formerly, all the high mountains of the Tyrol, Switzerland, and Germany were peopled with the species. It is on record that hunters of the eighteenth century had killed their forty, fifty, or sixty Lammegeyer. The *chasseur* Andreas Dürner had killed sixty with his own hand. It is still far from uncommon in Sardinia. M. Temminck adds that he has received individuals from the north of Africa, and a considerable number from the Cape of Good Hope; none of these differed from the individuals belonging to the European Alps.

Habits.—Unlike the typical vultures, says Mr. Gould, 'which are distinguished by their bare necks, indicative of their propensity for feeding on carrion, the Lammegeyer has the neck thickly covered with feathers, resembling those of the true eagles, with which it also accords in its bold and predatory habits, pouncing with violent impetuosity on animals exceeding itself in size; hence the young Chamois, the Wild Goat, the Mountain Hare, and various species of birds find in it a formidable and ferocious enemy. Having seized its prey, the Lammegeyer devours it upon the spot, the straight form of their talons disabling them from carrying it to a distance.* It refuses flesh in a state of putrefaction, unless sharply pressed by hunger; hence nature has limited this species as to numbers: while, on the other hand, to the Vultures, who are destined to clear the earth from animal matter in a state of decomposition, and thus render the utmost service to man in the countries where they abound, she has given an almost limitless increase.'

Temminck, besides the animals above noticed, says that they will attack young deer, sheep, and calves.

The white eggs marked with brown blotches are said to be laid on the naked summits of precipitous rocks which are almost inaccessible.

Bruce has given a very graphic account of the death of one of these birds in the fifth volume of his *Travels in Egypt, Arabia, Abyssinia, and Nubia*. It is, he says, called by the vulgar *Abou Duck'n*, or *Father Long-Beard*, which, he supposes, originated from the tuft of hair, as Bruce terms it, under the chin, and he figures it under the title of *Nasser*, its Ethiopic appellation, which is only generic, and imports no more than the English name *Eagle*.

'This noble bird,' writes the African traveller, 'was not an object of any chase or pursuit, nor stood in need of any stratagem to bring him within our reach. Upon the highest top of the mountain Lamalmon, while my servants were refreshing themselves from that toilsome rugged ascent, and enjoying the pleasure of a most delightful climate, eating their dinner in the outer air with several large dishes of boiled goat's flesh before them, this enemy, as he turned out to be to them, appeared suddenly; he did not stoop rapidly from a height, but came flying slowly along the ground, and sat down close to the meat, within the ring the men had made round it. A great shout, or rather cry of distress, called us to the place. I saw the Eagle stand for a minute, as if to recollect himself, while the servants ran for their lances and shields. I walked up nearly to him, as I had time to do. His attention was fully fixed upon the flesh. I saw him put his foot into the pan, where was a large piece of water prepared for boiling, but finding the smart which he had not expected, he withdrew it, and forsook the piece which he held.'

There were two large pieces, a leg and a shoulder, lying upon a wooden platter, into these he thrust both his claws, and carried them off, but I thought he looked wistfully at the large piece which remained in the warm water. Away he went slowly along the ground, as he had come. The face of the cliff over which criminals are thrown took him from our sight. The Mahometans that drove the asses, who had, as we have already observed, in the course of the journey suffered from the hyena, were much alarmed, and assured me of his return.

* As I had myself a desire of more intimate acquaintance

with him, I loaded a rifle-gun with ball, and sat down close to the platter by the meat. It was not many minutes before he came, and a prodigious shout was raised by my attendants.—'He is coming, he is coming'—enough to have discouraged a less courageous animal. Whether he was not quite so hungry as at his first visit, or suspected something from my appearance, I know not; but he made a small turn, and sat down about ten yards from me, the pan with the meat being between me and him. As the field was clear before me, and I did not know but his next move might bring him opposite to some of my people, and so that he might actually get the rest of the meat and make off, I shot him with the ball through the middle of his body, about two inches below the wing, so that he lay down upon the grass without a single flutter. Upon laying hold of his monstrous carcass, I was not a little surprised at seeing my hands covered and tinged with yellow powder or dust. Upon turning him upon his belly, and examining the feathers of his back, they produced a brown dust, the colour of the feathers there. This dust was not in small quantities, for upon striking his breast the yellow powder flew in fully greater quantity than from a hair-dresser's powder-puff.

The following were the dimensions of this bird. From wing to wing, eight feet four inches. From the tip of the tail to the point of the beak when dead, four feet seven inches. From the joining of the foot to where the leg joins the thigh, four inches only; and from the joint of the thigh to the joining of the body, six inches. Thickness of the extending muscular thigh little less than four inches. Middle claw about two inches and a half long, not very sharp at the point, but extremely strong. From the root of the bill to the point, three inches and a quarter; and one inch and three-quarters in breadth at the root. A forked brush of long hair, divided at the point into two, proceeded from the cavity of his lower jaw at the beginning of his throat. He had the smallest eye I ever remember to have seen in a large bird, the aperture being scarcely half an inch. The crown of the head was bare or bald, so was the front where the bill and skull joined. Weight twenty-two pounds. (Bruce, *Appendix*.)



The Lammegeyer.

We now have to call the reader's attention to the only Vulture which, as far as we can find, has ever been found in a wild state in Britain.

Neophron percnopterus.

Description.—Old.—Head and only the front of the neck covered with a naked skin of a livid yellowish colour; the

* Not yet seen, Bruce's account.
† Bruce names it *Nasser* and *Abou Duck'n*.

whole plumage pure white, except the great quill-feathers, which are black; feathers of the occiput long and loose; cere orange, iris yellow, mandibles blackish; feet livid yellow, claws black, tail very much graduated. Length two feet and a few inches.

According to age, the bird varies in its plumage, being either deep brown spotted with rusty, or bright grey-brown varied with white and yellow feathers. In this state the naked part of the head is livid, the cere white slightly tinted with orange, the iris brown, and the feet livid white.

The Young in the first year have the naked part of the head livid, covered with a thin grey down; cere and feet grey ash; the whole plumage deep brown varied with yellowish-brown spots; greater quill-feathers black; iris brown.

This is the *Fautour Ourigourap* of Le Vaillant, the *Rhocamah* or *Pharaoh's Hen* of Bruce and others, *Acolito aquilino* and *Coporoaceo* of the Italians, and *Multes* *Fulture* of Latham.

Geographical Distribution.—Found (very rarely) in the north of Europe, in Switzerland in the neighbourhood of Geneva. Very common in Spain on the Pyrenees, Portugal, Malta, Turkey, and in the Archipelago. Nowhere so abundant as in Africa. Russia as far north as Asiatic, Arabia, Persia; the Decan (Col. Sykes). M. Temminck states that individuals from the south of Africa are always larger than those of Egypt and Europe; and that it is very common in the Isle of Elba and Tuscany.

In October, 1823, one of these birds was killed near Kilve in Somersetshire, and is now in the possession of the Rev. A. Matthew, of that place. It was, when first seen, feeding upon a dead sheep, and had so gorged itself with flesh, that it was either incapable of flight or indisposed for exertion, and was easily shot. At the same time, another bird, apparently of the same species, was seen in the neighbourhood, but escaped.



Egyptian Vulture. (Gosh.)

Habits, &c.—This vulture does not congregate, except when the all-attractive carcass calls them together, but goes in pairs, the male and female seldom parting company. 'In the districts which this species inhabits,' says Mr. Yarrell, 'every group of the natives has a pair of these vultures attached to it. The birds roost on the trees in the vicinity, or on the fences which bound the enclosures formed for their cattle. They are to a certain degree domiciled and harmless. The people do them no injury;

on the contrary, they are glad to see and encourage them, because they clean the premises of all the offal and filth they can find. In default of other food they eat frogs, lizards, and snakes. They make their nests among rocks, and the Hottentots assured M. le Vaillant that they laid three and sometimes four eggs: but this he had no opportunity of verifying. The eggs are white. The young are assiduously attended and fed by the parents for the first four months. In Cairo these vultures are so much prized for their scavenging services, for no excrement or filth comes amiss to them, that it is a breach of order to kill them. Col. Sykes states that in the Decan they are always found in cantonments and camps. For the most part of the day they continue on the wing, soaring in circles. When on the ground, they walk with a peculiar gait, lifting their legs very high.

Kolbe's *Fulture* has also been found in Europe, and so, it is said, has the *Socable Fulture*. (See post.)

ASIATIC VULTURES.

Example, *Fulture ponticerianus*, the Pondicherry Vulture.

Description.—*Adult.*—Size of a goose; a long loose naked membrane or wattle takes its origin about an inch below the *mentus oviductoria*, and widens into a rounded form in the middle. The whole head and neck naked and flesh-coloured, but there are some short scattered hairs thereon. Crop covered with a small brown down, and round it is a larger white down. All the upper part of the bottom of the neck, as well as its sides, are tipped with a ruff of short rounded feathers; the plumage generally is of a blackish-brown tint; quills black. Bill bluish-black, cere yellow. Feet deep yellow. Length two feet five inches.

Young with the head and neck more or less clothed with short down. (Temm.)

Locality.—Bengal; probably spread over the continent of India: Java, and Sumatra.



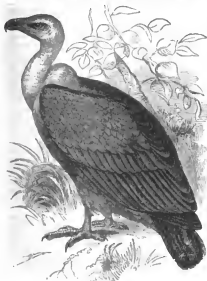
The Pondicherry Vulture.

***Fulture Indicus*, the Indian Vulture.**

Description.—*Adult.*—Head and neck denuded of feathers. All the upper plumage Isabella ash-colour varied with brown and whitish; lower parts spotless very bright yellow. A slight short deep brown down, close set and very smooth, covers the breast. Bill black, but the point lighter; naked skin of the head rusty ash.

Sonnerat, Temminck observes, says that the iris is red,

but that he had found it whitish in a living bird. Feet ashy-black or bluish. Tail rather longer than the wings, the feathers of equal length, and the colour blackish. Size of a turkey: total length three feet three inches.



The Indian Vulture.

Young with the head and neck covered with light brown down, the whole upper plumage sooty black bordered with dirty grey; all the lower parts of the same colour as the back, but each feather marked along the shafts by a whitish stripe, which enlarges towards the end of the feathers. In some individuals similar marks are to be seen upon the upper feathers. Bill marbled with black and yellow; length not exceeding two feet ten inches. (Temm.)

Locality.—India and Ceylon.



The Chinese Vulture

M. Temminck says that the *Chagouin* of Le Vaillant (*African Ornithology*, pl. 11) is the young of this species.

Habits.—Very voracious. It lingers all day near the sea-shore to prey on the dead fish thrown up by the waves. The species lives generally on carrion, and is said to disinter corpses. The flight of these vultures is heavy, and, like their congeners, they sometimes assemble in vast numbers on the battle-field.

A cut of *Fulur leucocrotus*, the Chinese *Fulture*, now in the garden of the Zoological Society in the Regent's Park, is given in the preceding column.

Description.—Brownish black; lower part of the back white, as are the wings beneath and the inside of the thighs. When the wings are closed, the white on the back is not seen. Head brownish black with short dark hairs. Back of the neck covered with whitish down, the front of it livid flesh-colour and bare. At the bottom of the back of the neck is a dirty white ruff. On each side white feathers lap over the bottom of the neck and the crop. The cere is blackish, the bill horn-colour, black at the tip. Iris dark. Legs dirty brown-white with black scales; claws black. Size of a turkey.

AFRICAN VULTURES.

Example, *Fulur Kolbei*, Kolbe's *Fulture*.

Description.—Head covered with downy ferruginous feathers, which are whitish on the back of the neck. A ruff of loose ferruginous or dirty white feathers round the back of the neck. Cere blackish, iris black. Back and wings ferruginous or grey-brown, quills black. Belly rather lighter ferruginous. Feet brownish, claws black. Size less than that of the Griffon Vulture, but in general aspect and plumage very like that species. It is however easily distinguished. In *Kolbe's Fulture* the feathers of the wings and of the lower parts are all rounded at the end. In the *Griffon Fulture* they are long and acuminate. In *Kolbe's Fulture* the ruff is neither so long nor so abundant as in the *Griffon*, and the adult is nearly entirely of a whitish Isabella colour. The adult *Griffon* is uniform bright brown throughout.

This is the *Strout-Jager* of Kolbe, and the *Chasse-fente* of Temminck.



Kolbe's Vulture.

Geographical Distribution.—Barbary and different parts

of Africa, India, and Java. Several have been killed in Sardinia.

Vultur auricularis, the *Sociable Vulture*.

Description.—*Adult*.—Head and greater portion of the neck red and naked, with the exception of a few hardly discernible hairs. Beak horn-coloured, tinged with yellow at its base. Iris chestnut. The folds of red naked skin originate behind the ears, surround the upper part of them, and then descend several inches, being irregular in their outline and nearly an inch broad at their widest part. Throat covered with hairs insulating to black. The lower and back part of the neck clothed with a ruff of blackish curling feathers. Plumage of the body, wings, and tail nearly uniform blackish-brown, rather lighter beneath than above, and on their edges than in the middle. Feathers of the breast, belly, and sides beneath, narrow, long, pointed, projecting from the body so as to discover the nearly pure white down which everywhere closely covers it, and extends beyond the feathers on the lower and anterior parts of the neck, marking the limits of the prominent crop. A similar down, but brownish in colour, appears upon the legs, which are also brownish, and the claws light brown. Size equal to that of the condor. Across the expanded wings upwards of ten feet.

Young, at its exclusion from the egg, covered with whitish down; on quitting the nest, plumage light brown, the feathers bordered with a reddish tinge; those of the chest and abdomen not elongated as in the adult; head and neck entirely covered by a fine close down, so that the ears are scarcely visible through it.

This is the *Oricon* of Le Vaillant on the French; and *Chapip*, with the preceding clapping sound, of the Namaqua Hottentots.

Habits, &c.—This gigantic species, a fit machine for assisting in the clearance of the soil of Africa from the putrid bodies of elephants, hippopotami, rhinoceroses, and giraffes, haunts the caverns of rocks, and is altogether a mountain bird. There its night is passed, and there among the lofty crags it retires to repose when it has satiated its appetite. Le Vaillant saw large flocks of them perched at sun-rise on the precipitous entrances to their abodes, and sometimes the extent of the rocky region was marked by a continued chain of these birds. Their tails are worn down by friction against their craggy haunts and by the soil of the plains, in consequence of the laborious efforts which they make to raise themselves into the air: when once on the wing however, their flight is grand and powerful. They rise higher and higher till their enormous bulk is lost to human ken; but though beyond the sphere of man's vision, the telescopic eye of the bird is at work. The moment any animal sinks to the earth in death, the imperceptible vulture detects it. Does the hunter bring down some large quadruped beyond his powers to remove, and leave it to obtain assistance?—on his return, however speedy, he finds it surrounded by a band of vultures where not one was to be seen a quarter of an hour before.

Le Vaillant first possessed himself of this grand vulture in an island in the Orange River, which, from the number of those animals that frequented it, he named the Isle of Hippopotami. One of these beasts was shot there; and the enterprising French zoologist and his party, after cutting some steaks from it, quitted the island and repaired to the right bank of the river, out of the reach of those sudden floods which make a bivouac near it or on the island so dangerous. It was Le Vaillant's intention to return to the island next morning; but at sun-rise he perceived an immense troop of elephants, which he pursued, not without wounding some of the herd. Thus the day was spent; and the sun was low before they could reach the bank of the river, where they passed the night. In the morning they again went to the island, and as soon as they landed went straight to the slain hippopotamus, with the intention of procuring more provision from it. On the carcass was sitting a magnificent vulture, eagerly occupied in devouring it. Le Vaillant had never seen one of such size, and his joy was great. But that very joy rendered his aim so unsteady, that, in his haste, he only slightly wounded the bird.

In spite of the wound, the vulture, even while endeavouring to fly away, still snatched at its prey with its beak, as if it would fain have carried it off; but the weight of the flesh which it had gorged sat heavy on it, and prevented its taking flight so easily. Le Vaillant and his party had

time to come up before it could clear the ground, and endeavoured to kill it with repeated blows; but it made a long and valiant resistance, defending itself with the greatest intrepidity. It snapped at or struck their fire-arms with its beak, and its force was still so great, that at each stroke it left a mark on their gun-barrels. It yielded to its fate at last, and Le Vaillant declares that the possession of it amply repaid him for all the difficulties and fatigues of his excursion. This was the *Oricon*, the species now under consideration; and when Le Vaillant proceeded to skin it, he found six pounds and a half of flesh in its stomach. Notwithstanding this enormous quantity, we may conclude that its hunger was still keen, from its unwillingness to quit the body of the hippopotamus, and its ravenous deportment when at last it was obliged to leave: we thus perceive with what avidity these birds will clear away huge carcasses.

The nest is built in the fissures of rocks, and there the female lays two, rarely three eggs. While she is sitting, the male keeps watch at the entrance of the cave, a habit which leads to detection. The spot selected however is generally so inaccessible, that advantage can rarely be taken of the intention. When it is reached, the alode is sickening to the sight and smell: the stench is described as insupportable. Le Vaillant however ate their eggs. They seem to be gregarious, living in considerable companies, and agreeing well together. One mountain will sometimes conceal as many nests as there are appropriate cavities; and occasionally two or three nests are placed in the same cavern side by side.

Locality.—South Africa. The Namaqua country especially, where it appears to have been first observed and described by Le Vaillant. North and South Africa. (Temm.) Temminck states that it is also found in Greece in the neighbourhood of Athens, and must be therefore added to the catalogue of European birds; but it does not appear in Mr. Gould's grand work of the 'Birds of Europe.'



The Sociable Vulture.

AMERICAN VULTURES.

An account of the CONDOR and TURKEY-BEZZARD, &c., will be found under these articles, and we must here limit ourselves to a description of

Sarcophagus pupa, the *King Vulture*, or *King of the Vultures*.

Description.—*Adult*.—Naked skin of the head and neck brilliantly coloured. Beak reddish, with a shade of black; cere bright orange, prolonged between the nostrils into a comb about an inch and a half long, loose in texture, and falling on either side of the bill when the head is erect. Round the eye a scarlet circle; iris nearly colourless; side of the head purplish black. Back of the head covered with short down inclining to black. On each side behind the eye several broad and deep wrinkles of the skin, whence rises a thick and prominent fold extending obliquely downwards along the neck, reddish-brown mixed with blue, and marked with many lines of small black hairs. From the bright red upper part of the neck the colour gradually lessens in intensity, fading into orange and yellow towards the lower part. Round the bottom of the neck is a broad ruff of soft, downy, deep ashy-grey feathers. Back and tail-coverts bright fawn, becoming lighter and lighter as the bird grows older; quills, greater wing-coverts, and tail-feathers glossy black. Legs and claws dusky black, sometimes dirty yellowish-white. Total length, about two feet and a half. Across the expanded wings, more than five feet.

Young of the Year, &c.—Deep bluish, with the exception of the abdomen and lateral tail-coverts, which are white. In the next year the young becomes dusky, marked with longitudinal white spots, and up to that time the greater portion of the head and neck is blackish violet. The colouring which marks the adult is assumed in the third year, excepting a few black feathers among the upper coverts of the wing.

This is the *Coacapanthli* (Queen of the Vultures) of the Mexicans (Hernandez). Mr. Bennett remarks that its more usual name in that country appears to be *Tropiloli*; but this Mexican term, according to Hernandez and the description given, appears to be applicable to the *Vultur aura*, Linn., and not to the *Pupa*. Indeed the figure in that work appears to have crept in by mistake, for it accords not at all with the description of the *Tropiloli*, and appears more like a parrot, especially in the feet, than a vulture of any kind. The description of the *Coacapanthli* in John de Laet agrees more with the *Vultur aura*, Linn.: he also mentions the *Tropiloli*. According to Somini, the last appellation is given to it in Guiana; and in Paraguay its name is *Iruburubicha*, or *King of the Vultures*.

Habits, &c.—With a highly developed sense of smelling and a piercing sight, the expanse and strength of the wing of the King Vulture enables it to reach a lofty height, and there remain, bringing its powers of observation to bear over a wide tract of country. Patient under hunger, this vulture is said never to attack birds and quadrupeds, however small, while they are alive; though, when pressed with hunger from the want of its favourite carrion, it will feed upon snakes and lizards. A plentiful and inviting

table is spread for it during the summer in the dried up lakes reeking with the putrid fish which have there perished. Perched on the highest trees, it is most frequently to be seen alone or in pairs; but in Mexico travellers state that they have seen it in large flocks. The story that the other vultures stand patiently by till this, their monarch, has finished his repast, appears to be not without foundation, and may be easily accounted for by the superior strength and courage of this species. The general opinion seems to be that these vultures make their nests in the hollows of trees, and that they lay two eggs.

Geographical Distribution.—Wide. Occasionally in Florida, in the United States, which is probably the northern limit. Common in Paraguay, but, according to D'Azara, not going beyond 32° S. lat. Between the limits, especially towards the central parts of America, it appears to be abundant.



The King Vulture. *Vultur pupa*.

VULVULINA. [FORAMINIFERA, vol. x., p. 349.]

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W.

W is a letter which performs the double office of a consonant and a vowel. According to the decisive experiments of Professor Willis (*Cambridge Phil. Trans.*, iii. 231), the natural order of the vowels is *i, e, a, o, u*, or the reverse, in which the sounds must be understood to be those which prevail on the Continent. The sounds then of *i*, that is *re*, and *u*, that is *oo*, are the most remote, and the attempt to pass with rapidity from either of these to the others, more particularly to the other extreme, gives an initial breathing which has the character of a consonant, viz. in the one case *ee-oo*, or *oo-ee*; in the other *oo-er*, or *er-oo*. Hence it is that the letters *e* and *u* appear as the representatives, sometimes of a consonant, sometimes of a vowel. The English character *w* is formed by the repetition of a *r*, which itself is only a variety of the symbol *u*, and that again has in all probability grown out of the letter *o*. [ALPHABET.] The Anglo-Saxon alphabet employs the symbol *ƿ*. In Latin the *v* or *u* consonant had probably the power of a *u*, a supposition which at once accounts for the use of a common character for the vowel and consonant. The Greek and Hebrew alphabets had also a single symbol for this consonant, which occupied the sixth place, and is called digamma in the former, *וואו* or *ו* in the latter. But in the Greek alphabet the letter went out of use, and is therefore commonly omitted in our Grammars of that language, although the gap at this point in the alphabetical designation of numbers still bears evidence to the original position of the letter. [DIGAMMA.] Most of the modern languages of Europe are deficient in a symbol for this letter. The French employ what is a sufficient though a clumsy equivalent, the diphthong *ou* prefixed to a vowel, as in *ouero*, *oueno*. In this way the map of the New World often gives testimony as to the race of Europeans who originally settled in the country. Thus the Indian tribe which has furnished a name to the territory belonging to the United States now called Wisconsin, in the old maps is written *Ouisconsin*, that country having been first visited by the French. So again in Mexico, the town Chihuahua (pronounced Chihwá), tells us that its name was first written by Spaniards; and the same may be said in the map of Peru of the river Huallaga; and the numerous towns commencing with the same syllable, as Huancavelica, Huancayo, Huancayo, Huancabamba, &c. At other times the Spaniards have employed the letters *gu*, as may be seen in the different rivers of Spain Proper, which have prefixed the Arabic word *guad*, denoting water; and this mode too of representing a *w* is to be traced in Spanish America in Guamanga, Guano, Guanacama, Guatemala, &c. The ancient Greeks again often prefixed a simple *o* to represent a *w*, as in *oia*, &c. [DIGAMMA.] We have hitherto spoken of the consonantal power of the letter; its use as a vowel, so far as our own language is concerned, is confined to the end of syllables; and there is always another vowel prefixed to it, as in *near*, *low*, *show*, but in the Welsh language it is employed by itself, and in the middle of syllables with the power of a vowel. The map of Wales will furnish abundant examples, as *Pwllhi*, *Cwmtydy*, *Bettws*, *Llwychar*, often written *Llongchar*, &c.

Many nations have a difficulty in pronouncing the consonantal *w*. This is more particularly the case in some parts of Germany, where the people are unable to appreciate the difference between a *w* and a *r*, almost always substituting the latter sound, or what nearly approaches to it. Hence it is important for the philologist to distrust the evidence and criticism of a German scholar when these sounds are in question; and this caution may be more particularly given in reference to German writings upon the Sanscrit language. London too is remarkable for the confusion of the sounds, though this confusion does not seem to arise from any inability to pronounce either a *w* or a *v*, each being substituted for the other with a most amazing perversity.

The other interchanges of this letter have been already given under the preceding letters. See C, § 4 and 7; G, § 6; H, § 7; M, § 5; O, § 11; R, § 8; S, § 11; and DIGAMMA. We believe there are languages in which the

consonant *y* is interchanged with *w*, but we cannot at the moment recall any instances.

WAADT, [VACO.]
WAAGE, ISLANDS OF. [TRONDHIEM.]
WAAL, [NEDERLANDS; RUINE.]
WABASH, [MISSISSIPPI RIVER.]

WACHENDORFFIA, a genus of plants named after K. J. Wachendorff, professor of medicine and botany at Utrecht. He published, in 1747, a work entitled 'Horti Ultrajectini Index.' Under this modest title he projected a new system of classification of plants, in which he arranged the vegetable kingdom in families, according to the structure of the calyx, corolla, stamens, and pistils; in the genera and species he followed Linnaeus. In 1743 he published an oration on the wisdom of God as displayed in the vegetable creation. He died in 1756, aged fifty-six.

The genus Wachendorffia belongs to the natural order Hamnifloraceae. It has an inferior flower, with six permanent, withering, irregular, oblong parts; the three upper ones most erect, of which the two lateral ones have each a spur at the base; the three lower ones widely spreading. The stamens are three, with thread-shaped, divaricated, declining filaments, shorter than the corolla; the anthers oblong, incumbent. The ovary is superior, roundish, with three furrows; style thread-shaped, declining; the stigma simple, tubular. The fruit is a three-lobed, triangular, obtuse, compressed capsule, with three valves, and three cells. The seeds are solitary, rough or hairy, and compressed.

W. thyrsifolia, tall-flowering Wachendorffia, has perennial smooth leaves, with a close oblong panicle. It is a native of the Cape of Good Hope, and thrives well in greenhouses in this country, and it will grow in the open air in fine seasons in May and June. The flowers are of a fine golden colour. The root is perennial, and of a saffron or red colour. Many of the plants belonging to Hamnifloraceae yield a matter used for dyeing, and De Candolle remarks that it is probable the species of Wachendorffia might be used for the same purpose.

W. paniculata, spreading-panicked Wachendorffia, has the scape many-spiked, the panicle spreading, the leaves annual, sword-shaped, 3-nerved, plaited, smooth. It is also a native of the Cape of Good Hope. From the colour of its root it is sometimes called Red-bulb. This plant seldom flowers in this country. Its flowers are larger than the last, and of a deeper orange tinge on the outside.

W. hirsuta, hairy Wachendorffia, has a many-spiked scape, a spreading panicle, and sword-shaped, linear, 3-nerved, plaited, villous leaves. It was found at the Cape by Thunberg. It is distinguished from the other species by its narrow leaves covered with long white hairs. The flowers are large and of a bright yellow colour.

The species of Wachendorffia may be propagated by offsets, taken from the heads of the roots in the beginning of autumn, and planted in pots containing loam mixed with a little *vermiculite*.

WACHTER, JOHN GEORGE, a distinguished scholar and archaeologist, was born at Memmingen in Sumbia, in 1673. He studied classical, oriental, and modern languages, and became early known for his learning; he was thoroughly acquainted with numismatics. Combining great sagacity and a sound judgment with an extensive stock of knowledge, he was able to produce works some of which are still among the best of their kind. For some time he was employed in the Museum of Antiquities in Berlin, and was chosen member of the Royal Academy of Sciences of that city. However, the first kings of Prussia, Frederic I. and William I., showed little disposition to promote the arts and sciences, and Wachter left Prussia for Leipzig, where he was appointed first librarian and director of the Museum of Antiquities. He died in 1757. His principal works are:—1. 'Glossari Germanici & Specimen ex ampliore Farragine decerpum.' Leipzig, 1727, 8vo.; 2. 'Glossarium Germanicum, continens Origines et Antiquitates totius Linguae Germanicae,' Leipzig, 1736-37, 2 vols. fol. This is

his principal work, and is still considered a standard book. Wachter understood all the dialects of the High and Low German languages, and he had also a complete knowledge of the Persian language, which enabled him to establish the meaning and etymology of a great number of words. He was one of the most distinguished founders of the school of comparative grammar. 3. *Archæologia Nummaria*, &c., in *Nova Acta Eruditiorum*, and separately, Leipzig, 1740, 4to. The chief object of this work was the explanation of the difficulties connected with the study of numismatics. In the last chapter the author discusses several passages of Pliny (*Ist. Nat.*), concerning coins, and although these passages had already been illustrated by eminent men, such as Father Hardouin and others, the results of Wachter were much more satisfactory. 4. *Naturæ et Scripturæ Concordia, Commentariis de Literar. Numm. Primævis Illustrata*, et *Talibus Aeneis depictis*, Leipzig, 1752, 4to., without the author's name. Besides these and other works on similar subjects, Wachter wrote a great number of valuable memoirs for the *Miscellanea Hecronica* (first series) and the *Nova Acta Eruditiorum*, such as, 'Tyrannus in Veteri Gemma monstrat ad portentum emendatè representat' & 'De Alphabeto Naturnæ et Literarum non Naturalium à Naturalibus Origine Animadversiones.' Ad *Dissertationem Eruditum Viri Clarissimi Sventoni de Lingua Etruræ, &c. Annotatuncula*, &c. In his last will Wachter left the MS. of his great Glossary, which he had enriched with notes and numerous additions, to the library of his native town, Memmingen, where it is still kept. Other valuable linguistic dissertations in MS. are in the Royal Library at Dresden.

(Th. Henssen, *Trés.*, vol. iv., p. 453, &c.; Ebert, *Allgemeines Bibliographisches Lexicon*.)

WADDING, LUKE, a Roman Catholic priest of great learning and ability, was born at Waterford, in Ireland, 16th October, 1598. Having been sent abroad in his fifteenth year to complete his education for the ecclesiastical profession, he first spent six months at an Irish seminary belonging to the Jesuits at Lisbon; and then, having joined the order of the Franciscans in 1615, he continued his studies in their convents at Liria, at Lisbon, and at Coimbra. On taking priest's orders he went to Salamanca, and, after residing for some time in that university, was made superintendent of the students and lecturer in divinity. In these offices he acquitted himself so much to the satisfaction of the heads of his order, that, in 1618, when Anthony-à-Trejo, the vicar-general of the Franciscans, was promoted to the bishopric of Cartagena, and was sent as legate from Philip III. of Spain to Pope Paul V. for the settlement of the dispute which divided the Roman Church about the immaculate conception of the Virgin Mary, he took Wadding with him to Rome as chaplain to the embassy, an appointment of distinction and influence, which was coveted by the most eminent members of the order. Wadding did not spend his time in idleness while holding this office: the result of his researches in the libraries not only of Rome, but of Assisi, Perugia, Naples, and many other cities, was the publication at Louvain, in 1624, of a history of the embassy, in a folio volume, entitled 'Legatio Philippi III. et IV. Hispanie Regum, ad Sanctissimos D. D. Paulum V. et Gregorium XV. et Urbani VIII., pro definienda Controversia Conceptionis B. Mariæ Virginis,' per illustrissimum Antonium-à-Trejo. He had also, before this great work appeared, written three pamphlets on the point in controversy; and although, after the bishop of Cartagena returned to Spain, the whole weight of the negotiation, made over solemnly to the Spanish ambassador, the duke of Albuquerque, rested upon his shoulders, he found leisure to carry through the press, and to write a learned introduction to the great Hebrew Concordance of Marinus de Caluso, which accordingly appeared at Rome, in 4 vols. folio, in 1621. De Caluso had died at Rome after completing his manuscript, and the funds for printing the work were obtained on the application of Wadding from Paul V. and Benjamin-à-Genua, the general of the Franciscans. A second and superior edition of this Concordance was published at London, in 4 vols. folio, in 1747 and following years, under the care of the Rev. William Romane. Wadding also prepared an edition of certain writings of St. Francis from manuscripts in the libraries at Rome, which was brought out at Antwerp in 1623, under the title of 'Sancti Francisci Libri Tres.' He spent the rest of

his life at Rome, where, in 1625, he founded the college of St. Isidore, for the education of Irish students of the Franciscan order, and where he was also instrumental in procuring the establishment and endowment of various other institutions for the advancement of theological learning. From 1629 to 1634 he held the appointment of procurator for the Franciscans at Rome; and in 1635 he was appointed vice-commissary of his order, but resigned that dignity in 1648. Of several other works which he edited, the most important is a complete collection of the writings of Duns Scotus, which appeared at Lyon in 1630, in 12 vols. folio, now of great rarity. Of his original works, the greatest is his *Annales Minorum, seu Historia Trium Ordinum à S. Francisco institutorum*, which was printed in 8 vols. folio, the first seven at Lyon, in 1647 and following years, the eighth at Rome in 1654. There is a second and improved edition of this work, brought out under the care of Joseph Maria Fontana, in 18 vols. folio, at Rome, 1731-1744; and a Supplement to this was published in one volume, folio, at Rome, in 1660, a posthumous work of a Franciscan named Joannes Hyacinthus Sissalce. Wadding also published at Rome, in 1 vol. folio, in 1620, a valuable bibliographical history of the Franciscans, under the title of *Scriptoris Ordinis Minorum*. To this a supplement was published, in 1 vol. 4to., at Salamanca, in 1728, by Fray Joannes à Divo Antonio. Wadding, after declining the offer of a cardinal's hat, died at Rome, 18th November, 1657.

WADERS, or WADING BIRDS. [GRALLÆ; GRALLATORES.]

WADHAM COLLEGE, OXFORD, was founded by Nicholas Wadham, of Melfield in Suffolshire, and Dorothy his wife, in 1612, for a warden, fifteen fellows, fifteen scholars, two chaplains, and two clerks.

The Fellows are elected from the Scholars, and are superannuated on the completion of eighteen years from the expiration of their regency. The Scholars must be natives of some county of Great Britain, and not have exceeded their nineteenth year at the time of their election; natives of Essex and Suffolshire, and persons of kin to the Founder, if duly qualified, are, in certain cases, entitled to a preference.

There are ten exhibitions founded by Dr. Humphrey Hody; four for the study of Hebrew, and six for the study of Greek. The exhibitioners are examined once in every Term by the Regius Professors of those languages. There are also other Exhibitions given by Bishop Laie, Sir Benjamin Madox, &c., together with one for the study of Botany, bequeathed by Richard Warner, Esq. But the greatest benefactor to the college was the Rev. John Wills, D.D. Warden, who died in 1800, and left by his will, subject to legacy-tax, besides considerable sums for the augmentation of the Wardenship, and the improvement of the Warden's lodgings; 100*l.* a year for a Law Exhibition for a Fellow; 20*l.* a year for a Law Exhibition to a Scholar; 100*l.* a year for a Medical Exhibition to a Fellow; and 20*l.* a year for a Medical Exhibition to a Scholar. He also bequeathed 31*l.* 10*s.* a year to a Divinity Lecturer and Preacher; 75*l.* a year to one superannuated Fellow; and 50*l.* a year to a second; and appointed the college his residuary legatee.

The patronage of Wadham College consists in the rectories of Bromley parva, and Fryerns alias Ginge Hospital, with the vicarage of Hookleigh in Essex; the rectory of Bourton on the Water, with the chapels of Clapton and Lower Slough, and the vicarage of Southrop in Gloucestershire; the rectories of Maperton and Linnington in Somerset; the rectory of Esher in Surrey; the vicarage of Waddest in Sussex; and the rectory of Orcheston St. George in Wiltshire.

Among the more distinguished members of this College were the bishops Wilkins, Sprat, and 8th Ward, Sir Christopher Wren, Wilmot earl of Rochester, Humphrey Hody, already mentioned, Dr. Benjamin Kennicott the collector of the Hebrew manuscripts of the Old Testament, Harle the author of 'Hermes,' Professor White, and Richardson the author of the Persian Dictionary.

The buildings of this College, the most uniform of any in the University, are comprised in an extensive quadrangle, about one hundred and thirty feet square, of modern Gothic, entered through a gate under a tower. Three sides of this quadrangle contain chambers for the Society and the Warden's lodgings, and on the east side are the hall and

ehapel. The Library and Chapel, extending eastward, form two sides of an inner or garden court. A portico in the centre of the east side of the great quadrangle is ornamented by the royal arms in sculpture, and statues of king James I. and of Nicholas and Dorothy Wadham, Nicholas in armour, holding a model of the college in his hand.

The expense of building this college is recorded in a manuscript folio of about two hundred and fifty pages. The cost of building was 10,816*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.* The sum total, including the kitchen-furniture and college plate, 11,360*l.* The whole was defrayed by the founders.

This college was built upon the site of the ancient house of the Augustine Friars. The Royal Society had its origin in this college, and held its earliest sittings, from 1652 to 1659, in the great room over the gateway, then part of the Warden's, Dr. Wilkins, lodgings.

The number of Members on the books of this College, Dec. 31, 1842, was 279.

(*Cutts's Hist. of the Colleges and Halls; Chalmers, College and Halls of Oxford*, ii., 403-416; *Ingram's Memorials of Oxford*, vol. ii.; *Oxford University Calendar* for 1843, pp. 333-339.)

WADSTENA. [SWEDEN.]

WADSTROEM, CARL BERNIS, was born at Stockholm, in the year 1746. He entered the Swedish service as an engineer. His acquirements in mineralogy and mechanics procured for him (1767-8) the direction of the works at Trollhætta on the Wener canal. In 1769 he was appointed superintendent of the copper-mines at Atvedaberg. He was subsequently promoted to be chief director of the Royal Assay and Refining Office, and enjoyed the confidence of the king.

While thus steadily advancing in his professional career, Wadstroem found leisure at intervals to visit many parts of Europe. He had contracted that prejudice against commerce and commercial men, so natural to an individual who has been highly educated, and whose experience of practical life has been gained principally in the disciplined service of a government. His enthusiastic and imaginative turn of mind had adopted many of the views of Raynal and Rousseau. It is also alleged—with what degree of truth is uncertain—that the tenets of Swedenborg had made some impression upon Wadstroem. Be this as it may, he conceived, about the beginning of 1787, the idea of a journey into the interior of Africa. The botanist Sparrman and the mineralogist Arrhenius were persuaded to accompany him; and Gustavus III. advanced funds for the expedition. M. de Staël, Swedish minister at Paris, entered zealously into the project, and, mainly through his instrumentality, a free passage in a French ship from Havre to Senegal was obtained for the three associates. They sailed in August, 1787.

After their arrival at Senegal they made several excursions in the vicinity of St. Louis, but finding the obstacles in the way of their advance into the interior insurmountable, they repaired to the English settlement at Sierra Leone, in hopes of finding there the means of carrying their intentions into effect. Here again they were disappointed, and they left the colony for England towards the close of 1788.

The question of the abolition of the slave-trade was anxiously discussed at the moment of their arrival. Wadstroem had visited London two years earlier, and contracted some acquaintances. As soon as it was known that he and his companion Sparrman were just returned from the coast of Africa, they were invited to give evidence, in the first place, before the privy council, and afterwards before a committee of the House of Commons. Wadstroem now set himself for the first time to study the slave question with earnestness and attention. As might have been anticipated from his turn of mind, the inquiry terminated in his becoming a zealous advocate of the views of Clarkson, Granville Sharpe, and Wilberforce. In the course of the year 1789 he published 'Observations on the Slave Trade, and a Description of some part of the Coast of Guinea during a Voyage made in 1787 and 1788, in company with Dr. A. Sparrman and Captain Arrhenius.' This is a mere occasional pamphlet, published to promote the views of the slave-trade abolitionists. From an advertisement at the end, we learn that the author had already given to the world 'Two Views of the Coast of Guinea, with separate Descriptions, embellished with four small prints;' and from an incidental remark in the body of the

pamphlet we learn that he contemplated publishing the whole of his voyage. This latter undertaking was never realised.

In his 'Observations on the Slave Trade,' the ideas of establishing colonies on the west coast of Africa as a means of civilizing the natives and ultimately destroying the slave-trade, appears to have been thrown out for the first time. The hint was acted upon, and to it we are indebted for the British settlement at Sierra Leone (on its present footing), and for that on the island of Bulama. To the discussions which arose in the course of realizing the project we are in all probability indebted for 'An Essay on Colonization, particularly applied to the Western Coast of Africa, with some free Thoughts on Colonization and Commerce; also brief Descriptions of the Colonies already formed or contemplated in Africa, including those of Sierra Leone and Bulama.' The first part of this work appeared in 1794, the second part early in 1795. The book is not without signs of talent; it bears ample traces of enthusiastic benevolence, but its views are crude in the last degree. The early prejudices of the author against commerce had been modified by conversation with better economists, but not obliterated. His old and new principles contend for mastery in the most bewildering manner. He contradicts himself in many places.

The devastation of Sierra Leone by a French squadron (1794) appears to have supplied this inducement which carried Wadstroem to Paris in 1795. He memorialized the Directory and the legislative body in that year, urging an agreement between France and England to recognise in future Sierra Leone, Bulama, and any similar settlements that might be made in Africa as neutral territories.

In 1796 Wadstroem induced his old friend De Staël to strengthen his representations by a letter to Lacroix, the minister for foreign affairs. Their united representations were fruitless. The accession of Talleyrand to office, whose predilection for colonizing was known, appears to have stimulated Wadstroem to another effort. In 1798 he published a brief sketch of the history of Sierra Leone and Bulama, appended to it De Staël's letter, and one from Afzelius, a Swedish naturalist, who had been in Sierra Leone at the time the colony was attacked by the French; and also an abstract of his own essay on colonization, and dedicated the whole to the minister. The only effect of this publication appears to have been the exciting the Chief Consul's curiosity to see Wadstroem's essay. The interruption of all communication with England rendered it impossible to procure his book from this country, and Wadstroem had the gratification (to him it was a gratification, for he admired Bonaparte) of presenting to the French ruler the only copy in France.

Wadstroem did not long survive this incident: he died of a pulmonary consumption in the spring of 1799. His only publications are the works mentioned above. From them, from some passages in his evidence before the slave-trade committee of the House of Commons, from a notice of his life, by Helen Maria Williams, in the 'Annual Biography' for 1799, and from a memoir in the 'Biographie Universelle,' by Jacob, this sketch has been compiled.

WÆL, or WAAI, CORNELIUS DE, a clever battle-painter, born at Antwerp in 1594. He was the son and pupil of John de Wael, a good figure-painter. Cornelius went with his brother Lucas, a landscape-painter, to Genoa, with the intention of remaining only a short time there, and then of visiting Rome to prosecute his studies. Some of his pieces however being very much admired in Genoa, he was induced to remain there, and he found employment for sixteen years. He painted pictures of various descriptions, but he excelled chiefly in land- and sea-fights, in which he always introduced a great many very excellent figures of a small size. De Wael at last visited Rome, but found the climate disagree with him, and he returned to Genoa after a year. He was induced however to try a second visit, and after returning a second time to Genoa for a short period, he went a third time to Rome, where, says Soprani, he died a few days after his arrival, in 1662. His best pieces, says Heubräken, were painted for Philip III. of Spain, and for the duke of Aarschot.

Lucas de Wael was born likewise at Antwerp, in 1591. After he had received some instruction from his father, he studied with John Breugel, and painted many pictures in his style. Lucas lived in Italy with his brother, and painted in Genoa many excellent landscapes both in fresco

and in oil. Luens returned to Antwerp about 1660; when he died, Hooibraken has not mentioned. Pilkington's 'Dictionary' (ed. 1829) gives 1676 as the date of his death.

Cornelius de Wael etched many good plates after his own designs.

WAFER, a small round piece of dried paste, which is used to fasten letters. The piece of consecrated cake which is given by the Roman Catholic priest in extreme unction is also called a wafer, and this cake formed into a roll, and called wafers, is still sold by pastrycooks. In fact the word was used in England to signify a thin cake long before wafers for sealing letters were invented. A pastrycook was called a waffer:—

'A waffer will go wyll, and serve many ladies.'
—*Fine Flourer.*

Waffel is the name given by the Germans to a thin cake made with flour, eggs, sugar, &c.; the Dutch call such a cake *wafel*, and the Danes *waffel*. The French call it *gaufre*, and this word is incorrectly given in some French dictionaries as the translation of the English word wafer. The French name for a wafer is *pain à cocheter*, and wafers are *petits à cocheter*. The Anglo-Saxons also had the name *waffel*. By the following extract, given in Peck's *Desiderata Curiosa*, vol. ii., p. 549, it appears that the thin cake called wafers was given with wine at funeral entertainments:—'1671, Jan. 2, died Mr. Cornelius Bee, bookseller in Little Britain; buried 4 Jan. at St. Bartholomew's, without sermon, without wine or wafers; only gloves and rosemary.'

To make common wafers, a liquid paste is made with flour and cold water, very smooth, and colouring-matter is then mixed with it. The baking is done with an instrument similar to that which is used to make *gaufres* and *waffels*. It consists of two thin plates of iron; the upper plate closes upon the lower, which is made with a ledge, and thus forms a mould for the paste. Both plates having been warmed, and greased to prevent adhesion, some of the liquid paste is poured into the lower plate, and the upper plate is then shut down, which forces out any superfluous paste and forms the rest into a thin and even layer. The instrument, which is held by a handle like that of a frying-pan, is placed for a few moments over a fire, and the sheet of baked paste is then taken out and dried in the air, when it becomes firm and brittle, and is cut with a suitable instrument into wafers.

Fancy wafers are made of gelatine, in a variety of forms; and large coarse wafers are mixed with poison to destroy black beetles.

(*Dictionnaire Technologique*; and other *Dictionaries*.)

WAGEL, or WAGEL GULL, the name by which the young of the *Cobb*, *Larus marinus*, is designated.

WAGENSEIL, JOHN CHRISTOPHER, a learned German, whose reputation however was much greater than his real merit. He was born at Nürnberg, in 1633, and educated in Sweden: he finished his academical studies at Rostock and Greifswald. Gifted with a prodigious memory, he made himself a name by showing what he had learned. In 1657 he accompanied some young German noblemen as tutor, on a tour through Western Europe; the party remained six years abroad. During their stay in Italy Wagenseil was chosen member of the Academies of Literature and Sciences of Padua and Turin, and in Turin he discovered, in the Museum of Antiquities of the duke of Savoy, the celebrated Table of Isis, which was formerly in possession of the duke of Mantua, from whose library it disappeared in 1630, and nobody knew who had carried it off. The faculty of law at Orleans conferred upon him the degree of doctor in law; and Colbert, according to the system of bribery then adopted by France with respect to German philosophers and scholars of reputation, gave him a pension of 1500 livres, in order that he might 'blow the trumpet of glory for King Louis XIV. in Spain,' whither Wagenseil and his pupils were going. In 1667 Wagenseil became professor of history in the university of Altdorf; he also lectured on canon law and Oriental languages: he knew Hebrew well. In 1673 the professorship of Oriental languages at Leiden was offered to him, but he declined it. In 1676 he was appointed chief tutor of the young counts palatine. He died in 1705. His daughter Helena Sibylla, married to professor Möllern, was renowned for her learning, and was chosen member of the Academy of Padua. Wagenseil

published a great number of works and treatises on very different subjects. The principal are:—1. 'Sota: hoc est, Liber Miscellaneus de Uxore Adulteri suspecta,' Altdorf, 1674, 4to.; a large volume, containing the Hebrew text and a Latin translation of the Mishna and Gemara: the author's notes are much esteemed by Hebrew scholars. 2. 'Tela Ignea Satanae: hoc est, Arcani et Horribiles Judaeorum adversus Christum Deum et Christianam Religionem,' Altdorf, 1681, 2 vols. 4to. This is a collection of the principal works written by Jews against the Christian faith, with a Latin translation of Wagenseil, who refutes the Jews in his notes. 3. 'De Re Monetaria Veterum Romanorum Dissertatio,' Altdorf, 1691, 12mo. 4. 'De Censura Trimalcionis nuper sub Petronii Nomine vulgata Dissertationes H. Valesii et J. C. Wagenseilii,' Paris, 1696, 8vo. 5. 'Exercitationes Varii Argumenti,' 1719, 4to., published after the author's death by Roth-Scholtzins, who has added a biography of Wagenseil. The greater part of the works of Wagenseil are in the Library of the British Museum. A 'Vita J. C. Wagenseilii,' with a catalogue of his works and an analytical examination of them, was published at Nürnberg, 1719, 4to.

(*Jöcher, Allgemeines Gelehrten Lexicon*.)

WAGER. In a wager or bet, two parties stake money against each other on the happening or failure of a certain event: A is to pay a certain sum to B if the event happen one way; and B is to pay a certain sum to A if the event happen the other way. Thus, if John bet Thomas three to one (in pounds) that he will win the game, and it turn out that he does win the game, he (John) is to receive one pound from Thomas; but if John should not win the game, Thomas is to receive three pounds from John.

The principle of a wager exists in a great multitude of transactions which do not bear the name: in fact, every commercial affair in which money is risked upon a possibility of receiving more than legal interest in consideration of that risk, is a wager. Thus, if John lend Thomas 100*l.* to engage in an adventure, knowing that he can receive nothing if it fail, and in consideration of 100*l.* if it succeed, it is a wager of the following kind. If the money be out a year, and John could safely make five per cent. of it, he risks 105*l.* in case of loss, and is to receive 45*l.* in that of gain; so that in fact it is as if John bet Thomas 105 to 45, that the speculation would succeed. For if we were to suppose that John lends Thomas 100*l.* for a year at five per cent., on good security, and makes the above wager besides, they will be found to be in exactly the position originally described.

A fire insurance is a simple wager between the office and the party; and a life assurance is a collection of wagers. There is something of the principle of a wager in every transaction in which the results of a future event are to bring gain or loss. And in every game of chance, we have a wager or a collection of wagers, whenever money is staked.

Much has been written and said upon the morality of wagers, in which the word is understood in its common acceptance, namely, that there is nothing but a stake of money, made in a manner which has no reference to commercial advantage, and no tendency to promote the physical well-being of the community. It is however exceedingly difficult to draw the line between the pure wager, which is nothing else, and the commercial wager. The loan of John to Thomas, above described, may be a useful transaction: it may give the country a new mine or a new market. But it does not follow that the pure wager, or a case which is generally so considered, may not be also useful. It were to be wished that, in considering this matter, the right and wrong of the transaction itself should be always carefully separated from the tendency of the collateral circumstances connected with it. One or two instances will explain our meaning.

A horse-racer and a stock-jobber are two of the characters which are set down in public opinion as mere gamblers, and so are a billiard-player and a hazard-player. All four are considered to belong to the same class. Now it is true that the occupations of all but the second are generally connected with much that is objectionable, and which, though not necessarily attached to their mode of life, are so frequently consequent upon it, that the strength of the tendency is sufficient to justify the warning which writers upon morals give against the pursuit of gambling. And among all the four descriptions of characters are to be

found the full proportion of those whose society is not covered by a very respectable minority of the nation. But though many a man born to better things has been ruined by each of the four pursuits, it would be unjust to say that there is no distinction between them. We doubt whether billiards or hazard ever were the cause of any benefit to society; the wager which ends in a wager seems to be the proper description of both. But horse-racing has at least improved the herd of horses; and, as business is now transacted, it is due to the stock-jobber that funded property can be turned into money, or *vice versa*, at any time of the year. We do not mean to say that the money which chances hands on the course might not be much more effectively employed in the improvement of horses, or that it might not be practicable to effect modes of rapidly realising or investing without the concomitant of gambling. All we wish to illustrate is, the fact, that innumerable classes of wagers are mixed up with the transactions of society, from those which are essential to its existence, through those which are of mixed harm and good, up to those which are but dubious in their very best cases.

A wager is fairly laid when the odds are proportional to the probabilities of the event happening or failing. Thus if it be four to one against the happening of an event, the better who bets that it will not happen should offer four to one. In the long run such an event will fail four times where it happens once, and the better will receive a pound four times for every occasion on which he pays four pounds once.

But suppose a person should continually offer only three to one upon a contingency on which it is four to one he wins. In the long run he will, upon every five bets, receive one pound four times, and pay three pounds once; he will therefore win one pound on every five bets. Algebraically thus:—let the odds for his winning be a to b , while those which he offers are a to c ; in $a-b$ trials, one set with another, he will win a pounds a times, or $2na$, while he will lose b pounds b times, or nb . If a equals mb , the wager is fair on both sides; if mb be greater than nb , it is unduly favourable to the better; if mb be less than nb , it is unduly against him.

There are many cases in which doubt may arise as to whether a wager is fair, and also as to how it is to be interpreted. With respect to the latter, it is or ought to be clear, that if both parties understood the wager in one sense, that one sense is the fair interpretation; but that if other of the parties understood the wager in one certain sense, and the other party knew that he understood it in that sense, no subsequent attempt at a different interpretation should be admitted on the part of that other party. We are told that this rule is widely departed from: and that under cover of adherence to literal signification of words, interpretations are permitted which offer inducements to what we must call attempts at fraud. Thus, it is said, that when the better undertook to run across a bridge in an incredibly small time, and had his bet accepted, he was permitted to win by running from one parapet to the other, which was held to be crossing the bridge, in the same manner as going from one footpath to the other, is held to be crossing a street. Here it is clear that the party accepting the bet understood that the other was to cross the water upon the bridge, which is the true meaning of going across a bridge; and it is also clear that the better knew he was taken in that sense. An adherence to the literal meaning of a wager is, of course, necessary in all cases of doubtful meaning, but there is no language in which the literal meaning of a sentence is always made up of those of the words put together.

A wager is not fair unless the point in doubt is clearly the same to both parties, and there is no concealed knowledge in the possession of either. The latter is included in the former, as an instance will show. John bets Thomas that the ship *Hope* is arrived in dock from Jamaica before the time at which the bet is laid; his manner implies that he has formed the conclusion from his knowledge of the time at which the *Hope* was to sail, of the properties of the vessel, of the prevailing weather, &c.; if his manner tell truth, the wager is fair. Or his manner implies that he may be in possession of particular information, that he may have seen the captain, &c.; it says, 'Mind, I do not tell you what my reasons are, all I tell you is the fact; still the wager is fair. If Thomas dispute, he knows in either case what he disputes, be it the question of the *Hope's* rate of sailing, or the goodness of John's

inference from his particular knowledge. But if John, actually knowing of the *Hope's* arrival, should lead Thomas into a wager on the probabilities of the ship having arrived, when he knows that it actually has arrived, the wager is unfair. In all matters of skill, indeed, the mere offer of the wager is an assertion of skill, and the acceptance of the wager is the denial of this assertion: this is understood, so that there is no occasion for the party who offers the wager to make any declaration of skill, other than is implied in the wager itself.

There is one case, and that a common one, in which the immorality of the wager is not easy to expose, though it is, we think, sufficiently certain: it is where a person, by offering different wagers to different people, secures himself a certainty of gain, let the event happen which way it will. Thus, one of three things must happen, A, B, C; a person bets 4 to 4 against A, 5 to 4 against B, 6 to 4 against C, with three different persons: he must win 8, for two of his opponents must lose: he cannot pay more than 6, for one only can win; he is therefore, on the most unfavourable supposition, a gainer of 2. As against each of his opponents the wager may be fair: these may not be known to each other, and each one may consider that he has the best of the wager. Whom then does he injure? If it be admitted that a man has a right to lay any bet which he can get taken, provided the event betted on be perfectly understood, he can then injure no one, and no exception can be taken to the proceeding. But if it be not allowed that a man has a right to lay any odds, except those which, to the best of his knowledge and belief, represent the state of the chances, he must then offer a bet which he believes to be unfair, to some one or other of the preceding persons. By betting 4 to 4 against A, he declares his belief that the chance of A's arrival is $\frac{1}{4}$; similarly by betting 5 to 4 against B, he declares his belief that the chance of B's arrival is $\frac{1}{5}$. Consequently he implies a declaration that his belief of the chance of C's arrival is—

$$1 - \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{5} = \frac{11}{20}.$$

Consequently he ought to lay 17 to 1 against the arrival of C, whereas he lays 3 to 1 or 6 to 4. He is then telling contradictory stories to different people, and is saved from conviction only by the fact of each party not knowing what he has stated to others. If there were a possible mode of fighting in which the weapon of each opponent should be armour against those of the rest, we imagine it would not be considered either brave or honest that a man should provoke the combat with several enemies, in such a manner that he should be sure to kill, and sure not to be killed; and we suppose that if wagering be permitted at all among men of honour, it is under the idea that he who makes another risk his money also risks his own.

This possibility of securing certain gain by betting against belief (for against belief it must be, seems to us to be enough, were there no other reason, to show that a wager is not right, unless the odds really represent the opinion of the better: for to maintain that such a wager is a fair one, is also to maintain that it is fair to make others meet risk without sharing it).

WAGER (Law), a bet; something staked by each of two parties in support of his own opinion concerning a future or an unknown event. The party whose opinion proves correct receives what has been staked by both. Wagers generally are not illegal, and the amount won may be recovered in a court of law. Indeed where a feigned issue is directed by the Court of Chancery, that is, where that court sends a question of fact to be decided in a court of common law, the practice has been that a wager had been laid between them as to the matter of fact in question; and the court of common law tries the question so raised. The legality, under certain restrictions, of wagers seems to have been recognised from a very early period, and the same doctrines respecting them prevailed also in the civil law. The character of those restrictions was inquired into and explained at some length by Lord Mansfield in the case of *Da Costa v. Jones*. (Carp. 729.) That was a case which not only excited great interest in this country, but also 'made a great noise all over Europe,' being a wager laid for the purpose of ascertaining the sex of the Chevalier d'Eon. His lordship there seems to have

regretted that wagers had ever been treated in courts of law as legal contracts, but still laid it down distinctly that 'Indifferent wagers upon indifferent matters, without interest to either of the parties, are certainly allowed by the law of this country, in so far as they have not been restrained by particular acts of parliament.' He further stated however, that no wagers were legal which operated as an incitement to a breach of the peace, or of morality, or were contra bonos mores, or affected the feelings or the interests of a third party, or disturbed the peace of society: to these may be added, or such as are against public policy, or involve exposures prejudicial to the realm. The court held in that case that the wager was illegal. The whole subject was again very fully discussed in *Good v. Elliott*, 3 T. R., 69, 3. Judges moreover, though they have not the power absolutely to refuse the trial of a cause depending on a wager, have in some instances postponed it, especially where the wager was upon a trivial or ridiculous matter. In addition to these restrictions arising on general grounds of law, certain wagers have been absolutely prohibited. By the 7 Ann. c. 16, all wagers concerning the existing war with France were declared void. By the 9 Ann. c. 14, all securities, &c. for wagers on gambling transactions are declared void; and wagers for more than 10*l.* on games of chance, &c. are made illegal, and subject the winners to certain penalties. This last provision has been held to apply to horse-races. Formerly, while the *stat. 13 Geo. II., c. 19*, which prohibited horse-races for a less amount than 50*l.* was in force, all wagers on the subject of such horse-races were illegal; but that statute has been repealed by 3 & 4 Vic., c. 5. Moreover a wager of more than 10*l.*, made after a race has concluded, as to which horse has actually won, has been held not to be illegal, being a wager not on the race itself, but on the accuracy of knowledge of the parties concerning it. (*Paig v. Jenkins*; 1 A. & E. N. S., 63.) Where the amount of an illegal wager has been deposited in the hands of a stake-holder, it may be recovered back from him by the party depositing it, provided the stake-holder has notice of the claim before he pays it over. If however he has paid it over without notice of claim or dispute, he is no longer responsible for it; and if in such case the payment has been made with the consent of the loser, he cannot afterwards recover the money from the winner.

In this term (Trinity, 1843) a case came on for the consideration of the court of Queen's Bench upon demurrer as to a wager made by the defendant, an attested clerk to an attorney, and about to undergo the usual examination previous to admission as an attorney, that he would not pass his examination. The wager was for eight bottles of wine, and the declaration alleged that the defendant had passed his examination, &c.

The judgment of the court was delivered by Lord Denman in these words:—

'It is a pity our time should be occupied with such stuff; but it seems to me that the bet is a bad bet, because the defendant had the event in his own command (by not going through his examination), as 10 to 1 not to go to St. Paul's would be bad. It is absurd.'

WAGER OF BATTLE. [APPEAL; TRIAL.]

WAGER OF LAW was a mode of trial where the defendant was permitted, as it was said, 'to make his law,' that was, 'to take an oath (for example) that he oweth not the debt demanded of him upon a simple contract, nor any penny thereof;' but he ought to bring with him eleven persons of his neighbours that will avow upon their oath that in their consciences he saith truth; so that he himself must be sworn de fidelitate, and the eleven de credulitate. This form of trial was not allowed save when the debt arose by word only, and might have been satisfied in secret without witnesses: it was not permitted as to any debt arising on specialty, or where a contempt, trespass, deceit, or injury was supposed in the defendant; but only in some cases, in debt, delictum, or account; and also in a real action where the tenant alleged that he was not legally summoned. Neither was it permitted to an infant, nor to a person outlawed or infamous, nor in a suit on behalf of or for the benefit of the king, nor to executors or administrators in matters relating to the debts of their testator. Where admitted however, it was conclusive, and barred the party for ever. This mode of trial seems to have existed at a very early period in the history of nations. It was part of the law of Moses, that 'If a man deliver

unto his neighbour an ass, or an ox, or a sheep, or any beast to keep, and it die, or be hurt, or driven away, no man seeing it; then shall an oath of the Lord be between them both that he hath not put his hand unto his neighbour's goods, and the owner of it shall accept thereof, and he shall not make it good.' (*Exod.*, xx. 10.) The practice of trying by the oaths of the parties to a suit prevailed in the civil law, where either of the parties might refer the matter to the oath of his adversary; and if he did not accept it, or justify his refusal of it, the judge decided against him. The whole proceeding is prescribed at length in *Code Justin.*, 4, 1, 12. The clergy also in the earlier ages were generally admitted to this mode of defence. In this country it early gave dissatisfaction. Men's consciences, as Lord Coke says, 'grew so large,' that the presumption of law that no man would forward himself *caused* to be much relied on. Other forms of actions were brought, such as *assumpsit* and *traver*, in which the wagers of law could not be had; and eventually, by 3 & 4 W. IV., c. 42, s. 83, the whole proceeding was abolished. (*1 Inst.*, 204 b, 205 a; 3 Bl. Com., 341.) [TRIAL.]

WAGER-POLICY is a name given to a policy of insurance made by persons having no interest in the event about which they insure. Such insurances, formerly common, were found to be 'productive of many pernicious practices,' and therefore the statute 19 G. II., c. 37, was passed, by which it was enacted that no insurances should be made on any ship belonging to his Majesty or any of his subject, or on any goods, &c. laden on board, 'interest or no interest, or without further proof of interest than the policy, or by way of gaming or wagering, or without benefit of salvage to the insurer; and that every such insurance shall be null and void to all intents and purposes.' [INSURANCE.]

WAGER, SIR CHARLES, ADMIRAL, was born in 1666. He was appointed captain of a fireship in 1692, and was promoted in 1697 to the command of a ship of war. Having been sent out in 1707 to the West Indies as commodore, in May, 1709, with only four ships of war, he attacked seventeen Spanish galleons, which were sailing close along shore from Cartagena to Porto Bello in South America. The battle began at sunset. Soon after dark the Spanish admiral's ship blew up, and the cargo, which was very valuable, was entirely lost. About two in the morning the rear-admiral struck his colours. The vice-admiral escaped in a shattered condition, and some of the other galleons were saved by running them behind a dangerous shoal off Cartagena. More property was lost than taken, yet Commodore Wager's share of the prize-money was said to have amounted to 100,000*l.* For his conduct in this action he was knighted by Queen Anne, and promoted to the rank of rear-admiral.

Sir Charles Wager afterwards commanded a fleet in the Mediterranean till the peace of Utrecht in 1713, when he was made vice-admiral, and was also elected a member of the House of Commons. In 1720 he was sent with a squadron to the Baltic, to keep the Russians in check and to support the Swedes and Danes, and completely effected the objects for which he was sent out. In 1731, having been advanced to the rank of admiral, he escorted Don Carlos, the infant of Spain, to Leghorn, and was soon afterwards appointed First Lord of the Admiralty.

Sir Charles Wager and Lord Sundon had been the representatives of the city of Westminster in the parliament which terminated in 1741, and it was expected that they would have been triumpantly re-elected; but Admiral Vernon and Mr. Edwin were proposed by the opposition, and in the meantime Admiral Wager was summoned by the king to convey him to Holland. The contest was severe, and the tumult so great on the day of election, that Lord Sundon imprudently got the magistrates to sanction the calling out of a party of soldiers, and while the military surrounded the hustings, the high-bailiff returned Lord Sundon and Sir Charles Wager as duly elected. The return was opposed in the new parliament, the new members were unseated, the magistrates were summoned before the House to be reprimanded, and a resolution was passed that the presence of armed soldiers at an election of members of parliament is a manifest violation of the freedom of election, and an open defiance of the laws and constitution.

In 1742, on the defeat of Sir Robert Walpole's ministry,

Sir Charles Wager resigned his office of First Lord of the Admiralty, which he had held about nine years. He died at his house at Chelsea, June 4, 1743, and was buried in Westminster Abbey.

Sir Charles Wager had some reputation for mathematical and physical knowledge, and had devoted a good deal of attention to ship-building. In private life he was much esteemed; his political influence was considerable, and he died with a character more unblemished than falls to the lot of most public men.

(Coxe's *Memoirs of Sir Robert Walpole*; *Pictorial History of England*; *Clarendon's Biographia Navalis*.)

WAGES are the price paid for labour. The labour of man, being an object of purchase and sale, has, like other commodities, a natural or cost price, and a market price. Its natural price is that which suffices to maintain the labourer and his family, and to perpetuate the race of labourers. The rate of wages cannot be permanently below this natural price, for if in any country labourers could not be maintained, they must cease to exist; they must be exterminated by famine, or be removed to some other country. If the price paid were only sufficient to maintain the labourer himself, without any family, he would be unable to marry, or his children would die of want. By these distressing causes the supply of labour would be reduced until the competition of employers had raised the price of labour to its natural level. But although the natural price would thus appear to be that which only wards off starvation, there is, happily for mankind, a principle which tends to raise it to a much higher standard. Every man desires to improve his condition, to enjoy more of the comforts and luxuries of life than have fallen to his lot, and to raise himself in the estimation of others. If he has accomplished this, he acquires habits of living which it is painful for him to forego. He endeavours to bring up his children with the same views and habits as his own, and feels it a degradation if they fall below the standard which he has himself attained. The necessary consequence of this tendency to social improvement is to cause prudence and foresight in marrying, and undertaking the support and settlement of a family. If a labourer had been accustomed to abundance of nourishing food, to decent clothing, and to a comfortable home, he would be restrained from marriage by a fear of losing these comforts himself, and of hanging want upon his wife and family. He would thus be induced to defer the responsibilities of marriage until he should be better able to bear them. This is a sound and wholesome principle as regards an individual, and is conducive to the welfare of himself and his family. It is not less advantageous to society at large, and to the class of labourers in particular. The sufferings and demoralization of poverty are avoided, and the population being restrained within reasonable limits, the supply of labour does not exceed the demand. A labourer cannot have too many wants. He should desire good food, good clothing, a cleanly and comfortable home, and education for his children. If the standard of wants could be universally raised, the natural price of labour would rise in proportion; for if each labourer were determined not to render himself unable to gratify these wants, all could command the wages that would supply them. The degree in which this principle operates determines the natural rate of wages and the condition of the working classes. Where it has no influence, as in Ireland and many parts of Asia, the wages are only sufficient to support life upon the commonest food, and to provide the most squalid clothing and habitations. In more civilized countries, the wants and prudence of the middle classes extend lower in the scale of society, and the labourers want more and enjoy more of the comforts and recreations of life. Happy indeed is that country in which the natural price of labour is the highest! In investigating the principles of population in reference to wages and to the condition of the labouring classes, Mr. Malthus did no more than apply the common and recognised maxims of individual prudence to the social state of the poor. He laid down rules for their guidance, which every richer man would require to be observed by his children; and yet he has been ignorantly and vulgarly defamed by many of that class who have only acquired and maintained their present station by acting upon the very principles which he neither suggested nor discovered, but the consequences of which he has only more scientifically explained.

The general market-rate of wages depends upon the ratio which the capital applied to the employment of labour bears to the number of labourers. If that ratio be great, the competition of capitalists must raise wages; if small, the competition of labourers amongst each other, for employment, must reduce them. Whenever the accumulation of capital is proceeding more rapidly than the increase of population, wages will be on the increase, and the condition of the working classes will be continually improving; until some check has been given to the increase of capital, or until the growth of population (which is naturally encouraged by high wages) has altered the relative proportion of capital to labourers, and reduced the market-rate of wages to the natural rate. While the general rate of wages is regulated by these causes, there are various circumstances which, by increasing or decreasing competition for employment, tend to raise or depress the wages paid to persons engaged in particular occupations. Some of the principal of these are

1. The agreeableness or disagreeableness of the employment.
2. The easiness or cheapness, or the difficulty and expense of learning them.
3. Their constancy or inconstancy.
4. The small or great trust that must be reposed in those who carry them on.
5. The probability or improbability of succeeding in them.

It is not uncommon to hear these circumstances stated as the direct and immediate causes of high or low wages in particular employments; as if in some cases employers voluntarily gave high wages, or the labourer could command them merely on account of the nature of the employment. But the relation of supply to demand will influence wages in particular employments, as it does the price of labour generally, and of other commodities; and the circumstances stated above will obviously tend to increase or diminish the number of competitors for particular employments. More will naturally seek an agreeable trade, easily learned, than one of a disagreeable character and difficult to learn. All descriptions of skilled labour bear a higher price than unskilled labour. The expense of acquiring the knowledge of any art or trade would not be acquired at all, unless the person who had incurred it were better remunerated than others who have nothing to offer except their natural strength and intelligence, which is common to all men; but many cannot incur the expense of learning a trade if they would; others are too indolent, too careless, or too awkward; and thus the class of skilled workmen are not open to the same unlimited competition as other classes of labourers, and are in a condition to command higher wages. Wherever uncommon skill, talent, or other advantages are required, the number of persons actually practising and living by an employment must be comparatively limited. Most persons are deterred from attempting to learn it by the fear of failure, and many who attempt it do not succeed in gaining their livelihood by it. The few who are really successful can then command an extraordinary reward for the exercise of their peculiar talents or acquirements. The world will enjoy the advantage of them at any price, not being satisfied with any less degree of excellence. Even if an unusual influx of skilled labourers into any employment should lower the rate of wages, this lower rate is not likely to continue very long, as the superfluous number would seek other employments which offered a higher reward. This result is facilitated by the fact, that the ordinarily high price of skilled labour causes a much more expensive mode of living, and thus raises the natural rate of wages of skilled labourers; or, in other words, induces them to regard as necessities a variety of comforts which are beyond the reach of common workmen.

Wages are usually calculated in money, and are called high or low according to the money price actually paid; but the condition of the labourer is obviously affected by the price of commodities as well as by the amount of his wages. If the necessities of life be cheap, low money wages will maintain him in comfort; if they become dearer, higher wages will not improve his condition, but will leave him as he was. Hence it becomes a most important object to inquire whether the price of provisions affects the rate of wages. The disputes which have arisen upon this question would seem to be chiefly caused by attempts to

apply a universal law to countries and employments under totally different circumstances. Some contend that as wages are regulated by supply and demand, the price of provisions cannot affect them; while others maintain that the average prices of labour and of food must always, for long periods of years, conform one with the other. It is evident, at the outset, that the former are speaking of the market rate of wages, and the latter of the natural rate; and if this distinction be borne in mind, the two propositions may easily be reconciled. If the market rate of wages be high, it is because the demand for labour is greater than the immediate supply. A fall in the price of provisions could not then lower the rate of wages, because the supply of labour would still be the same; but if the fall were permanent, the condition of the labourer would become so easy, that population would increase, and the supply of labour would be more abundant. The market rate would thus be brought down to the natural rate, unless capital should be increasing in the same proportion as the supply of labour; and any increase in the price of food must then check the growth of population, limit the supply of labour, and ultimately raise wages. There is the same tendency in the market price of labour to conform to the natural price, as there is in the market value of commodities to conform to their real value. Both labour and commodities are equally capable of increase and diminution, and the varying causes which encourage or check production adjust the proportion between the natural or cost price and the market price. But in some countries the market rate of wages may be very much above the natural rate, and in others nearly the same. In one country capital may be increasing more rapidly than population, and in another not so fast. It is clear that a rise or fall in the price of food cannot influence the rate of wages alike in all these countries. Where the wages are high, and capital is rapidly accumulated, any reduction in the price of food and other commodities is a clear gain to the labourer, and can have only a very remote, if any, effect in lowering wages; but where wages are already reduced to the natural rate, and capital is not increasing faster than population, wages will undoubtedly rise and fall with any permanent increase or diminution in the cost of subsistence.

The question is further affected by the differences which exist in the natural rate of wages in various countries. Where the natural rate is so low as only to afford the bare means of existence, the least rise in the price of food must be fatal to numbers of the labouring population, and, by thus limiting the supply of labour, must raise its price; but where the natural rate is high, the labourers suffer indeed from a rise in the price of food, but their existence is not endangered, the supply of labour is not diminished, and their wages consequently do not rise. From these circumstances it is evident that the precise condition of a country in respect to capital, population, and wages must be ascertained before it can be determined whether the price of food will affect the money rate of wages. It may however be generally affirmed, that in proportion as the market rate approaches to the natural rate, and the latter to the mere cost of the commonest subsistence, will the price of the necessities of life affect the rate of wages.

When the causes which regulate the price of labour are understood, the folly and injustice of any legislation to fix the rate of wages are obvious. The seller of an article will always endeavour to obtain a high price for it, which the purchaser will only give if he be unable to obtain it for less. Labour is the most important object that man has to buy or to sell. Each will make the best bargain he can, and in this no law ought to restrain him. Laws may purpose to affect wages either directly or indirectly. Direct interference with the rate of wages has been frequently resorted to. By several acts of parliament a legal rate of wages in particular employments was ordered to be settled, from which any deviations either on the part of the employer or labourer were punishable. (See 25 Edw. III., stat. 1; 34 Edw. III., c. 11; 13 Rich. II., c. 8; 11 Hen. VII., c. 22; 5 Eliz. c. 4; 1 James I., c. 6.) Unless all the causes of high and low wages already explained be visionary, it is plain that no law can overrule them and establish a legal rate different from that which natural causes would have produced. It may embarrass the operations of trade, and mischievously disturb the free-

dom of the labour market; but it cannot attain its immediate end—a compulsory rate of wages. The experience of this fact has long since put an end to any such legislation in this country; but the indirect effect of laws upon wages is still felt. The most pernicious interference with wages ever effected by the indirect operation of a law, resulted from the mode of administering the laws for the relief of the poor. Before these laws were altered in 1834, it was the practice in most parishes, especially in the south of England, to give relief from the poor-rate to labourers in proportion to the number of their children. The effect of such a system of relief was to remove the ordinary inducements to prudence in regard to marriage, and even to encourage improvidence. The farmers, taking advantage of the addition made to wages from the poor-rate, offered lower wages than would have sustained a family, and the labourer accepted them, because he was indifferent whether he received his pay from his employer or from the parish. The rate of wages thus became fixed, to agricultural districts, so low as barely to support an unmarried labourer; and as the parish would maintain a family, every man saw that by remaining single he would have no chance of improving his condition, and that by marriage he would be equally well and often better provided for. This system of relief injuriously affected both the market rate and the natural rate of wages. The market rate was completely disturbed; for a man was paid not according to the value and demand for his services, but in proportion to the number of his family. The natural rate was continually undergoing depression, because marriages being encouraged without reference to the sufficiency of wages to support a family, population was extraordinarily promoted. At the same time, the property destined to support it was suffering diminution, by being taxed heavily for the payment of comparatively unproductive labour.

The only sound mode of raising wages and improving the condition of a people is to promote and encourage the increase of the general wealth of a country (WALTH), by every means which legislative science points out as best suited to that end; and at the same time to remove obstructions, and give facilities to the moral and intellectual improvement of the working classes. By these means capital will be increasing with the natural growth of population; while the labourer, with better habits, will be less prone to reckless improvidence, and consequently not so likely to outrun the increase of capital.

It is not unusual for persons in particular employments to desire higher wages, and to enter into combinations against their masters in order to obtain them. Such combinations were formerly prohibited both by the common and statute law of this country; but since the 5th Geo. IV., c. 95, if unattended with violence or intimidation, they are not unlawful. Unless he has bound himself by a contract, every man has a right to give or withhold his own labour as he pleases; but he has no right to prevent others from disposing of their labour. But the only mode of rendering a combination effectual is to exclude fresh workmen, which frequently can only be done by molestation and threats, which are subversive of the freedom and peace of society. Strikes, temperately conducted, cannot in principle be condemned; being often a necessary protection to the working classes. When masters are not dealing fairly with their workmen, the fear of a strike may often control them; especially as, when acting unjustly, they would find a difficulty in obtaining new hands. But where the cause of a strike or combination is not an occasional dispute concerning wages, but an attempt to limit the number of workmen by compulsory regulations and bye-laws, and to dictate to their employers, it is injurious to trade, and ultimately to the parties themselves. To the labouring classes at large such combinations cannot be beneficial. Whenever they are successful, it is by excluding many competitors, who are, of course, injured by the exclusion. The labour market must become clogged by a mass of exclusive trades, which render it difficult to find employment. The injury suffered by trade in consequence of the artificial limits to the supply of labour and the unnaturally high wages, must also have the effect of diminishing capital, and consequently the means of employing labour.

(Adam Smith's *Wealth of Nations*; Ricardo's *Political Economy and Taxation*; McCulloch's *Principles of Political Economy*; Malthus, *Essay on Population*.)

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WAGTAILS. *Motacillinae*. The views of zoologists with regard to the place of these birds in the system will be found in the article SYLVIAE. They are an active, graceful race, tripping it along the smooth shaven grass-plots, edges of ponds, and sandy river-shores in unwearying search for their insect-food, and with tails which never cease to vibrate as long as their restless little bodies are in action.

Geographical Distribution of the subgenus.—The Old World only. Europe, Asia, and Africa. At least the form does not appear to have been hitherto detected in America, and that continent has now been much searched by zoologists.

The genus *Motacilla*, as it was left by Linnæus, in his last edition of the *Systæma Naturæ*, comprised the following species:—*laucina, calidris, modularis, schœnborni, campestris, curruca, hippoboscus, salicaria, sylvia, ferulæ, alba, flava, tephia, stephania, ornamiæ, rubetra, rubicola, atricapilla, pennsylvanica, chrysopetra, coronata, senegalensis, varia, capensis, tetræcephala, dominica, canadensis, moderatissima, auricapilla, petechia, dumetorum, cinchonoma, caparato, phœnicurus, erithacus, guira, variegata, salix, fulcata, cayana, helio, canadensis, carulea, subula, rubecula, troglodytes, calendula, regulus, and trochilus.*

Here we find assembled with the true Wagtails, the Nightingale, the Redstart, the Robin, the Wren, the Whitethroat, the Black-cap, the Starling, the Blue-bird, the Hedge and other warblers, and the Golden-crested Wren.

It may well be supposed that many a group, not to say family, has been formed at the expense of this genus *Motacilla*; and in the course of this work the arrangements of more modern ornithologists will be found under the title SYLVIAE, and the various articles dedicated to the WARBLERS.

In the present article we propose to restrict ourselves to the *True Wagtails*.

These have been thus subdivided by Cuvier:—

Les Hochequeux (*Motacilla*, Bechst.).

The Wagtails, according to Cuvier, join to a bill still more slender than that of the *Fauvettes*, a long tail which they elevate and depress incessantly, lengthened legs, and, especially, scapular feathers long enough to cover the end of the wing when folded, which gives them a certain degree of approximation to the greater part of the Waders. The following are Cuvier's subdivisions:—

The Wagtails properly so called, or *Larandières*. (*Motacilla*, Cuv.)

These have still the claw of the hind-toe curved like the other *Bee-fins*. They live near the water-side.

Example, *Motacilla alba*.

The *Bergeronettes*. (*Budytes*, Cuv.)

The *Bergeronettes* have, with the other characters of the *Larandières*, the claw of the hind-toe elongated and but little arched, which approximates them to the *Pipits* (*Anthus*, Bechst.; *TITLARKS*) and the true *LARKS*. They haunt pastures and seek for insects among the flocks, whence their French name.

Example.—*Motacilla* (*Budytes*) *flava*.

The genus *Motacilla* thus limited, including the subgenus *Budytes*, may be thus characterized:—

Bill slender, nearly straight, cylindrical, the upper mandible angulated between the nostrils, and the tip beak-nitted. Scapulars long. Hind-claw nearly straight, shorter than the toe. Tarsus rather long. Tail lengthened.

EUROPEAN WAGTAILS.

Example.—*Motacilla alba*, Linn.; the *Pied Wagtail*.

Description.—*Spring Plumage.*—*Male.*—Forehead, cheeks, sides of the neck, and lower parts pure white; occiput, nape, throat, breast, feathers of the middle of the tail and its upper coverts deep black; back and sides ash-colour, curvets of the wings blackish bordered with white; the two external tail-feathers white. Length rather more than seven inches.

Female.—Forehead and cheeks of a less clear white; the black patch on the occiput less, and the borders of the wing-coverts verging to grey.

Complete Winter Plumage.—Throat and front of the neck pure white, spotless; on the lower part of the neck a deep black band, the sides of which ascend towards the

throat. The ash-colour of the upper parts less deep than it is in summer.

Young.—Lower parts dirty white; on the breast a crescent, more or less large, of a brown ash-colour. In autumn the young begin to put on the liveliness of the adults; those of the second hatch quit our climates, says M. Temminck, in their youthful garb, and even come back sometimes in the same state at the return of spring. In this state it is the *Motacilla cinerea* of Gmelin, *Sylvia cinerea* of Latham, and *Bergeronetta grisea* of Buffon. (Temm.)

Geographical Distribution.—Common and stationary over the whole of the southern part of the European continent, remaining during winter dispersed over the southern counties of England. 'Yet,' says Mr. Gould, in continuation, 'we learn from Mr. Selby and Bewick, that, even so far north only as Durham, it migrates southward in October, and does not again make its appearance till the following March; and Mr. Low, in his "Natural History of Orkney," tells us that it continues there the shortest time of any of the migratory birds that come to build, and is never to be seen after the end of May. It is also known to migrate still farther north; but, as might be expected, the higher the degree of latitude attained, the shorter is the duration of the visit.' (*Birds of Europe*.)

The same author however, in the 'Magazine of Natural History' (1837), thus writes of the genus *Motacilla*:—'While engaged upon this tribe of birds during the course of my work on the Birds of Europe, I was equally surprised to find that the sprightly and Pied Wagtail, so abundant in our islands at all seasons, could not be referred to any described species; and that it was equally as limited in its habitat; for, besides the British Islands, Norway and Sweden are the only parts of Europe where I have been able to procure examples identical with our bird, whose place in the temperate portions of Europe is supplied by a nearly allied but distinct species, the true *Motacilla alba* of Linnæus; which, although abundant in France, particularly in the neighbourhood of Calais, has never yet been discovered on the opposite shores of Kent, or in any part of England. As therefore our bird, which has always been considered as identical with the *M. alba*, proves to be a distinct species, I have named it after my friend W. Yarrell, Esq., as a just tribute to his varied acquirements as a naturalist.'

Mr. Gould then proceeds to point out the characters by which these two species, as he terms them, may be readily distinguished. The Pied Wagtail of England, he observes, *M. farrellii*, is somewhat more robust in form, and in its full summer dress has the whole of the head, chest, and back of a full deep jet black; while in the White Wagtail, *M. alba*, at the same period, the throat and the head alone are of this colour, the back and the rest of the upper surface being of a light ash-grey. In winter, he remarks, the two species more nearly assimilate in their colouring; and this circumstance has, in his opinion, been the cause of their having been hitherto considered identical; the black back of *M. farrellii* being grey at this season, although never so light as in *M. alba*. Additional evidence of their being distinct is, he adds, that the female of our Pied Wagtail never has the black back, as in the male; this part even in summer being dark grey, in which respect it closely resembles the other species. This colouring of the female, Mr. Gould observes, has doubtless contributed to the confusion.

Mr. Yarrell, although he concurs in opinion with Mr. Gould, that these birds are distinct, gives figures and descriptions of both birds in their summer and winter plumage to invite investigation to the subject; and he quotes the Supplement of Temminck's 'Manual,' in which that ornithologist refers to Mr. Gould's figure in the 'Birds of Europe,' and also to that in Werner's Atlas of Illustrations to the 'Manual,' which, Mr. Yarrell says, although there called *Motacilla lugubris*, is certainly our Pied Wagtail, as representations of varieties of *Motacilla alba*. The Prince of Canino and Musignano, he remarks, has considered our Pied Wagtail to be distinct from *M. alba*, and has admitted it as a species in his 'Geographical and Comparative List of the Birds of Europe and North America.' (*British Birds*, 1838.)

M. Temminck, in the fourth part of his 'Mammal' (1840), states, under the head of *Motacilla farrellii* (Bonap.), that recent observations upon this black variety, and his

certainly that it forms a constant race habitually found in England, where the continental *Motacilla alba* is never seen, determining him to arrange it as a local variety or race, which he characterises as having the wings of a complete black, and all the coverts bordered with pure white. He also details the summer and winter plumage.

Belon thinks that the *Motacilla alba* of the Continent is the *evandryx* of Aristotle (*Hist. Anim.* viii. 3). It is the *Cotremola*, *Codetta*, *Codetta di Peccore*, *Bullarina*, *Motacchina*, and *Cuttreola* of the Italians; *Lavandière* of the French; *Die Weiße Bachstelze* and *Weisse und Schwarze Bachstelze* of the Germans; *Arlo* of the Swedes; *Vip-stiert* and *Haare-Seer* of the Danes; *Erle* and *Lin-Erle* of the Norwegians; *Kivikstort* of the Netherlands; *Brith y fyches* and *Tynsig y gwyg* (probably our Pied variety only) of the ancient British; and (our Pied variety) *Dish-washer* and *Washerwoman* of the modern British.

The figure in Belon's folio work, as well as that in the *Portraits d'Oyseaux*, evidently refers to this continental variety. The French names which are placed over the figure in the last-named book are, *Lavandière*, *Batteuse*, *Batteuse*, and *Haussequeue*. Below it is the following quatrain:—

"*Le Lavandière hante le bord de l'eau,
Hochant toujours à quel et le dardant,
By plus ay motus que fait la lavandière
Lave-t-elle les linge ou son propre plumage ?*"

Habits, &c. of the British Pied Wagtail.—"It is," says Mr. Yarrell, "ever in motion, running with facility by a rapid succession of steps in pursuit of its insect food, moving from place to place by short undulating flights, uttering a cheerful chirping note while on the wing, alighting again on the ground with a sylph-like buoyancy, and a graceful fanning motion of the tail, from which it derives its name. It frequents the vicinity of ponds and streams, moist pastures, and the grass plots of pleasure-grounds; may be frequently seen wading in shallow water, seeking for various aquatic insects or their larvae; and a portion of a letter sent me lately by W. Rayner, Esq., of Uxbridge, who keeps a variety of birds in a large aviary near his parlour window, for the pleasure of observing their habits, seems to prove that partiality to other prey, besides aquatic insects, has some influence on the constant visits of Wagtails to water:—"I had also during the summer and autumn of 1837 several Wagtails, the Pied and Yellow, both of which were very expert in catching and feeding on minnows which were in a fountain in the centre of the aviary. These birds hover over the water, and, as they skim the surface, catch the minnow as it approaches

the top of the water in the most dexterous manner; and I was much surprised at the wariness and cunning of some Blackbirds and Thrushes, in watching the Wagtails catch the minnows, and immediately seizing the prize for their own dinner."

The nest of the British Pied Wagtail is made up of root-fibres, withered grass, and moss; the lining consists of hair and a few feathers. A bank, a hole in some old wall, the thatch of a cart-shed or other farm-building, faggot-piles or woodstacks, and hayricks, are all localities where it is generally placed, and almost always near water; but Mr. Jesse mentions in his *Gleanings* the nest of a Water Wagtail in one of the workshops of a manufactory at Taunton, amid the incessant din of braziers who occupied the apartment. It was built near the wheel of a lathe which revolved within a foot of it, and here the bird hatched four young ones. She was perfectly familiar with the well-known faces of the workmen, and flew in and out without fear of them; but if a stranger entered, or any other persons belonging to the same factory, but not to what may be called her shop, she quitted her nest instantly, and returned not till they were gone. The male however had less confidence, and would not come into the room, but brought the usual supplies of food to a certain spot on the roof, whence it was brought in to the nest by his mate. The eggs are from four to five, white with ash-coloured speckles.

"While the cows are feeding," says White, "in the moist low pastures, broods of wagtails, white and grey, run round them, close up to their noses, and under their very bellies, availing themselves of the flies that settle on their legs, and probably finding worms and larvae that are roused by the trampling of their feet. Nature is such an economist, that the most incongruous animals can avail themselves of each other! Interest makes strange friendships."

The habits of the Continental *Motacilla alba* are similar to those of our Pied variety.

The British species figured and described by Yarrell are four in number:—the Pied Wagtail (*Motacilla alba*; *Motacilla Yurrellii*, Bonap.); the Grey Wagtail (*Motacilla boarula*); the Grey-headed Wagtail (*Motacilla cinerea*, Gould; *Motacilla flava*, Temm.; *Budytes* of the Prince of Canino's *Comparative List*); and Ray's Wagtail (Yellow Wagtail of Pennant; *Budytes Rayi* of the Prince's *Comparative List*).

ASIATIC WAGTAILS.

Example, *Motacilla alba* (*La Bergeronnette grise*); the true or Continental White Wagtail).

Geographical Distribution.—Europe. High lands of India. Africa.

Eggs about six in number, bluish-white spotted with black. Nest very variously placed: in fissures of rocks, in old towers, under arches of bridges, about hollow trees.



Motacilla alba (British).

Lower figure, winter plumage; upper, summer.



White Wagtail of Europe, India, and Africa.

Motacilla speereus (genus *Enicurus*, Temm.).

Generic Character.—Bill rather strong, lengthened, very straight, abruptly bent and notched. Culmen straight from the base. Gony thickened, ascending. Rictus bristled. Wings rather short; the three first quills graduated. Tail lengthened, deeply forked. Feet strong. Tarsus lengthened; the scales entire. Middle toe shorter than the tarsus; outer toe longest. Legs pale. (Sw.)

Description of *Enicurus speereus*.—Crest, lower part of the back, rump, belly, vent, two exterior tail-feathers entirely, and other tail-feathers at their extremity, a broad band extending obliquely across the wings, and the axillars white; head, except the crest, breast, back, and greatest part of wings and tail black. The white is the purest snow-white; the black is of different shades, more intense on the head and breast, having a slight reflection of dark blue, inclining to purple on the extremity of the wings tinted with brown. A few minute black plumes bound the crest behind and at the sides, extending to the base of the bill. Three or four of the last secondary feathers with a narrow band of white, but the succession not regular. Plumage of the Hypochondria elongated and delicately villous. Length of body and head 4½, of tail 6 inches; of bill, which is black, 10 lines. Tarsi nearly twice as long as the middle toe, pale flesh-coloured with a yellow tint. (Horsf.)

This is the *Chenginging* or *Kinging* of the Japanese.

Locality and Habits.—Dr. Horsfield states that this species in its habits and manners resembles several European species of the genus *Motacilla*. 'It is,' says he, 'found near small rivulets; in the beds of these, particularly where they abound with rocks and gravel, it is seen running along with alacrity, moving its tail incessantly, and picking up worms and insects. It is very locally distributed, and uniformly deserts the neighbourhood of populous villages. It is almost entirely confined to the southern coast of Java, which abounds in small streams, descending rapidly from the southern hills, and shaded by luxuriant shrubs. Here I first discovered this bird, in the district of Pajittan, in the year 1800. I afterwards met with it again along this coast, in the district of Karangbolong, and in the provinces south of Kediri. Among more central situations it frequents the banks of an elevated lake near the declivities of the mountain Pulu, where I found it more numerous than in any other part of Java. In the extensive forests of Pugar and Blambangan I never noticed it, although I devoted a considerable time to their examination.'—(Zoological Researches in Java.)



Motacilla (Enicurus) speereus. (Horsf.)

AFRICAN WAGTAILS.

Example, *Motacilla lugubris* (Pallas); the *White-winged Wagtail*; *Schwarze Bachstelze* of the Germans.

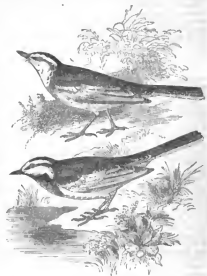
Summer Plumage.—Back of head and neck, line from bill to eye and from eye to hinder part of the head, back, rump, six middle tail-feathers, throat, and chest black; shoulders, tips, and outer edges of the primaries, dark greyish-brown; remainder of wings white, except the tertiarics, which are brown in the centre; bill and feet black.

Winter Plumage.—Upper part of throat pure white; back and scapulars uniform grey, instead of black. (Gould.)

M. Temminck states that individuals which are marked with black and grey on all the upper parts are passing from one state of plumage to the other.

Young of the Year.—Lore and stripe behind the eyes black, but very narrow. Top of the head and all the upper parts, to the upper tail-coverts, grey-ash; nuchal collar very narrow, indicated, in great part, by black spots. Coverts of the wings always pure white. Length of the species about seven inches eight lines. (Temm.)

Geographical Distribution.—Eastern Europe, seldom advancing farther west than the central parts. Russia, Southern Siberia, Egypt. Hungary. The Crimea. Asia Minor probably. Scarce in Italy, Provence, and Sicily. Very common in Japan, especially in winter, where it is called *Sekiri*, and frequents the streams of mountainous valleys.



Motacilla lugubris.

WAIHABEES, or, more correctly, **WAIHATIS**, is the name of the adherents of a Mohammedan sect in Arabia. The origin of this sect is intimately connected with the following circumstances. When Sultan Selim I. had conquered Egypt and deposed the last khali of Cairo, Al-mutawakkil in A.H. 922 (A.D. 1517), he was acknowledged as successor of the khali by Berekat, the grand shérif of Mecca, who presented him with the keys of the Ka'bah. From this time the sultans of the Osmanlis were the protectors of the Mohammedan faith, though only recognised as such by the Sunnites; they were the guardians of the holy cities, Mecca and Medina; and they had the privilege and the duty of protecting the numerous caravans of hajis, or pilgrims, which annually travel to Mecca. A Turkish pasha resided at Jidda, and sometimes also at Mocha, and while the fertile provinces of Hejaz and Yemen in Western Arabia seemed to obey the Sultan, the pashas of Baghdad and Basrah made frequent attempts to establish the Turkish authority in the province of El-Hassa in Eastern Arabia. The Mohammedan religion had generally departed from its primitive purity, and was particularly corrupted among the Turks. The Mohammedans had introduced novelties into their religion, which were rather calculated to please the senses, and which found favour among people who have always loved to follow the bent of their imagination. Mohammed gradually received honours like God himself; virtuous men became saints, and the miracles they were said to have performed were eagerly believed by the people; many austere rules of the Korán were forgotten or left to the extravagances of a few dervishes and fakirs; and the

places of worship were adorned by the princes and the rich with the arts and luxuries of the East, while the poorer Mohammedans indulged their passion for religious buildings by erecting a rude tomb to some unknown saint, surmounted by a cupola of painted brick-work. To this we must add that the Koran ceased to be the sole source of religious knowledge, and that traditions concerning Mohammed were considered by his disciples as pure and trustworthy as the Koran itself. Although the Arabs had deviated from the role of the Koran, there was a striking difference between them and the Turks. The Turks used opium and wine; not satisfied with polygamy, they had intercourse with prostitutes; they were addicted to practices against nature, which are strictly prohibited by the Koran, and more than once holy *hajás* of the Turkish caravans had polluted the sacred cities with their scandalous conduct. The caravans especially, those congregations of pious men assembled for the purpose of performing one of the most sacred duties of their faith, presented a revolting aspect to the simple and uncorrupted believers among the Beduins of the desert. Their leaders gave full licence to debauchery, and although it was generally their riches which tempted the Beduins, and excited them to predatory attacks, it often happened that the Son of the Desert unshent his sword indignant at the pride and vices of men who, from the moment they reached Mecca, proudly assumed the holy title of '*hají*.'

Such was the state of the Islam, when, in the beginning of the last century, a Mohammedan sheikh conceived the project of reforming the religion of Mohammed, and restoring it to its primitive purity.

This sheikh was 'Abdu-l-Wahháb ('the servant of Him who gives (us) every thing'), who, according to Bueckhardt, was born at El-Hautz, a village five or six days' journey south of Der'ayah, the capital of the province of Nejd, on the road from this town to the district called Wadi Dowair. In the life of 'Abdu-l-Wahháb, in the 'Universal Biographical Dictionary,' his birth-place is called 'Al-Aynah, in Nejd; and in the 'Annals of the Turkish Empire,' by Ici, Constantinople and Skutari, A.H. 1198 (A.D. 1784), p. 207, *in fine*, it is called Aiyneh, which seems to be El-Ayyeneh, near Der'ayah. Scott Waring calls it Ujana, a bad orthography for Ajana. 'Abdu-l-Wahháb was born at the beginning of the twelfth century of the Hijra, which corresponds to the end of the seventeenth century of our era. His father was the sheikh or chief of the Beni Wahháb, a branch of the great tribe of Temim, which occupies a considerable part of Nejd. 'Abdu-l-Wahháb received his education in the schools of Basrah, where he studied divinity. He made the usual pilgrimages to Mecca and Medina, and he lived several years at Damascus, where he had frequent disputations with the divines on religion, but as he displayed great zeal in the abolition of abuses, his doctrine was considered as schismatic, and being exposed to persecutions, he fled to Mosul. After some time he returned to Arabia, but the doctrines which he preached to the natives, and his violent attacks on Turkish tyranny and vice, became so many causes for new persecutions, and he led a wandering life till he settled at Der'ayah, the residence of the sheikh Mohammed Ibn Sa'úd. This intelligent chief listened to the words of the reformer. He became his disciple; he married his daughter; and soon drew his sword to propagate the new doctrine among the tribes of Arabia. Mohammed Ibn Sa'úd thus laid the foundations of a powerful empire on theoretical principles, of which his descendants remained masters for nearly a century.

When Sa'úd, the grandson of Mohammed Ibn Sa'úd, conquered Mecca, he ordered a kind of confession of faith to be published, the substance of which is as follows:—

'Abdu-l-Wahháb's doctrine teaches the salvation of mankind. It is divided into three parts: I., the knowledge of God; II., the knowledge of religion; III., the knowledge of the prophet. In the first part, God, it is said, is one Almighty, and we acquire the knowledge of him by adoring him. The second part, knowledge of religion, is therefore, and contains—1, The Islam, or resignation to the will of God; 2, faith; 3, good works. The Islam contains five things:—1, The belief that there is only one God, and that Mohammed is his prophet; 2, the five daily prayers; 3, alms, one-fifth of the annual income; 4, fasts during the month of Ramiazan; 5, the

pilgrimage to Mecca. The faith contains six things, viz.:—1, The belief in God; 2, in his angels; 3, in his Holy Scripture; 4, in his prophets; 5, in his divine and perfect qualities; 6, in the day of judgment. Good works are only the consequence of the rule that we should adore God as if he were present to our eyes; and though we cannot see him, we must know that he sees us. The knowledge of the prophet, which is the most important part of Wahhábism, is based on very positive principles. Mohammed, the prophet, was a mortal like all other men, and he preached for all the nations of the world, and not for one only, the Arabs; no religion is perfect and true in all its parts except his, and after him no other prophet will come; Moses and Jesus were virtuous men, though inferior to Mohammed, notwithstanding he was not of divine nature. Those who do not fulfil their religious duties are to be severely punished. The reformed religion shall be propagated with the sword, and all those who refuse to adopt it are to be exterminated. 'Abdu-l-Wahháb not only forbade the adoration of Mohammed and of saints, but he also ordered their splendid tombs to be destroyed, and he declared tradition to be an impure source. He made several other prohibitions concerning social and religious abuses, such as the habit of using wine, opium, and tobacco, the use of the rosary for prayers, and he preached strongly against those unnatural practices which were and are still so frequent among the Turks.

The doctrine of 'Abdu-l-Wahháb was no new religion: it was Mohammedanism reduced to a pure deism, and so little did it deviate from the Koran, that even to the present day many theologians of Syria and Egypt do not venture to say that it is schismatic. Yet this reformer maintained that there had never been any man directly inspired by God, and that there was no scripture or book whatsoever which was entitled to be called divine. Hence it follows that according to 'Abdu-l-Wahháb there is no revealed religion; and if he calls the Mohammedan a divine religion, it is not because he believed that it had been transmitted directly from God to man, but merely on the ground of its perfection.

The reformed Mohammedanism made rapid progress, especially among the nomadic Arabs, or Beduins, who had never adored Mohammed as a divine person, nor viewed the Koran as a divine book, although they considered themselves to be as orthodox Mohammedans as any of the other nations which have adopted the Islam.

The inhabitants of the towns were less inclined to adopt Wahhábism, but Mohammed Ibn Sa'úd nevertheless succeeded in conquering the greater part of Nejd, of which he was the temporal chief, while 'Abdu-l-Wahháb was the spiritual chief. The system of government established by these two men was strictly conformable to the political prescriptions of the Koran, and very like that of the first Khalífs. The chief authority lay in the hands of the temporal chief, but this authority was confined to the direction of important affairs; the governors of the provinces and the under-governors were kept in strict obedience to the orders of the prince, but their authority over the Arabs was not very great. The slemas of the capital, Der'ayah, who generally belonged to the clan or family of Sa'úd, formed a council or ministry for religious and legislative affairs, and in time of war the governors used to assemble in Der'ayah for the purpose of concerting the plan of the campaign. Trade and agriculture were well protected. The revenues of the Wahhábí empire were composed of:—1, One-fifth of the booty taken from heretics; the four remaining fifths were for the soldiers. 2, The tribute, called '*alms*' in the Koran; it was a certain part of the property, which varied according to the nature of the property: for fields watered by rain or rivers it was one-tenth of the yearly produce; for fields watered artificially, one-twentieth only; merchants paid one and a half per cent. of their capital. The Beduins, who had always been tax-free, disliked these '*alms*' very much, but they were indemnified by the frequent occasions of plunder. 3, Revenue from the chiefs or prince's own estates, and from the plunder of rebellious towns. The punishment for a first rebellion was a general plunder, one-fifth of which belonged to the focus; in case of a second rebellion, all the grounds belonging to the town were confiscated and became the property of the reigning chief; and as such rebellions were very frequent, the chief acquired immense estates. The greater part of them were after-

wards confiscated by Mehmed 'Ali, the pasha of Egypt. Except a few hundred men who formed the prince's life-guard at Der'ajeh, the Wahhābīs had no standing army, but assembled when the prince designed some expedition. Two or three great expeditions were made every year.

The name of the Wahhābīs soon became known in the Turkish provinces adjacent to Arabia. The Turkish government was not aware that this sect had as much warlike and religious energy as the Arabs under the first khālīf, but it is unjust to accuse the diwan, as Rousseau, the French consul-general at Baghdad did, of looking at the memorable events in Arabia 'with a stupid eye, as usual.' As early as A.H. 1161 and 1162 (A.D. 1748 and 1749) Ahmed El-Hājj, pasha of Baghdad and formerly grand-vizir, displayed great activity against the adherents of a famous fanatic, Mohammed Ibn 'Abdu-l-Wahhāb, whose 'impious doctrine sapped the fundamental principles of Islām, and who set himself up as the head of a new religion.' (Ist. cited above; *Universal Biographical Dictionary*, 'Life of Ahmed Pasha El-Hājj.') The simple fact that, if Wahhābism had become predominant, the sultan would have ceased to be the 'visible' chief of the believers, leads us to conclude that the diwan had never looked with a stupid eye on the religious reform in Arabia.

Mohammed Ibn Sa'ūd died in A.H. 1170 (A.D. 1765), and 'Abdu-l-Wahhāb died on the 29th of Shawwāl, A.H. 1206 (14th of June, A.D. 1787).

The successor of Mohammed Ibn Sa'ūd was his son, 'Abdu-l-Azīz, under whom the power of the Wahhābīs was extended over the greater part of Arabia and became the terror of Turkey. As early as 1792-93 the Wahhābīs made a successful campaign against Ghāleb, the grand sheikh of Mecca.

The provinces of Basrah and Baghdad, adjacent to Nejd, had suffered from the incursions of the Wahhābīs from the time of their coming into political power. In 1797 Soliman, pasha of Baghdad, made a fruitless attempt to attack them in the province of El-Hassa; his troops were obliged to retreat, the victorious Arabs overran the neighbourhood of Basrah, and took the holy town of Imām Husain, where they destroyed the famous temple and robbed it of the immense treasures which had been deposited there by the pious generosity of the sultans of the Osmanlis and the shahs of Persia. Another Turkish army, reinforced by a strong body of Arabs from Irāk Arabia, entered Nejd in 1801, and was only five or six journeys from Der'ajeh, when Tharī, the sheikh of the Beni Monteik and commander of the Arab auxiliaries of the Turks, was murdered by a fanatic Wahhābī. It is said that the other chiefs of the Turks were bribed by 'Abdu-l-Azīz, for they retreated suddenly, but were nevertheless attacked on their march, and the whole Turkish army was destroyed. In the same year, 1801, 'Abdu-l-Azīz, at the head of more than a hundred thousand men, made a fresh expedition against Mecca. Othmān-el-Medhayfeh, the brother of Ghāleb, the sheikh of Mecca, joined the Wahhābīs, and having been put at the head of a considerable body by 'Abdu-l-Azīz, he took Tayef, a large town east of Mecca, and Kondufah, a port on the Red Sea. The rest of Hejaz was conquered by 'Abdu-l-Azīz, who took Mecca early in 1803, after an obstinate siege. He would have taken Mecca earlier, but for the arrival of the great caravan of Damascus, commanded by the pasha of Damascus, which was allowed to remain in Mecca for three days, after which the Wahhābīs entered the town without resistance. They killed many sheikhs and other believers who refused to adopt Wahhābism; they robbed the splendid tombs of the Mohammedan saints who were interred there; and their fanatical zeal did not even spare the famous mosque, which they robbed of the immense treasures and costly furniture to which each Mohammedan prince of Europe, Asia, and Africa had contributed his share. The fall of Mecca was followed by that of Medina in 1804, and the tomb of Mohammed was robbed and destroyed. 'Abdu-l-Majīn, a brother of Ghāleb, was appointed governor of Mecca, but he soon lost his post, Ghāleb, who had fled to Jidda, having bribed the chief of the Wahhābīs, and succeeded in being appointed governor on promising to adopt Wahhābism, which he did. Previously to the fall of Medina, and as early as 1803, 'Abdu-l-Azīz was murdered by a fanatical Shiite, a native of Persia; his successor was his eldest son, Sa'ūd, whose complete name was Sa'ūd Ibn 'Abdu-l-Azīz.

Ghāleb, anxious to obtain his former dignity and independence, intrigued against Sa'ūd. In the hope of kindling a general war between Turkey and Arabia, from which he might derive advantage, he persuaded Sa'ūd to forbid the khotah, or public prayers, to be said in the name of the Sultan. Sa'ūd gave the order, and from that moment the Salina, in the eyes of the people, ceased to be the protector of the holy towns and the visible chief of their religion.

If during the course of the Thirty Years' War a Protestant army had taken possession of Rome and put a married priest on the seat of St. Peter, the scandal and confusion produced by such an event among the Roman Catholics could not have been greater than the horror and general consternation which spread throughout the East when the people heard that the tomb of the prophet had been despoiled, and that the first temple in the Mohammedan world was in the hands of heretics. The pilgrimages were stopped; from 1803 to 1809 no great caravan ventured to cross Arabia; and from the Atlantic to the banks of the Ganges and the frontiers of China every pious Mohammedan felt deeply grieved at the thought that henceforth he would be prevented from performing a duty which he considered most sacred. Persia was unable to give aid, and the diwan, absorbed by the danger to Turkey from the wars in Europe, was compelled to resign.

In the time that followed the conquest of Mecca and Medina, Sa'ūd, the greatest chief of the Wahhābīs, established his authority in the remainder of Arabia, except Hadhranaut and Omān, where he found a formidable adversary in the Imām of Maskat. Sa'ūd conquered the whole province of El-Hassa, the islands of Bahrein, and several Arabian towns on the coast of Persia. The Gulf of Persia was then infested by Arab pirates, who, after Sa'ūd had taken possession of the greater part of the coast, were either Wahhābīs, or at least made common cause with them. The British commerce in those seas was greatly injured by these pirates, who were severely chastised by the British forces under Captain Wainwright, the commander of the fleet, and Colonel (afterwards General) Sir Lionel Smith. The British troops acted in concert with the forces of the Imām of Maskat, and the war was finished early in 1800.

The very existence of Turkey being menaced by the Wahhābīs, who overran Syria and concluded an alliance with Yusuf, the rebellious pasha of Baghdad, the diwan at last found a man who was able to subject these terrible enemies. This man was Mehmed 'Ali, the present pasha of Egypt.

Mehmed 'Ali made his first preparations in 1802. To save his army from marching round the northern gulfs of the Red Sea, he ordered the timber for a flotilla of twenty-eight vessels to be got ready at Bulak, the port of Cairo, whence it was carried on camels to Suéz, where the ships were constructed. The commander of the expedition was Tūzin-Bey, the second son of Mehmed 'Ali, then eighteen years old, who was seconded by Ahmed Agha, surnamed Napoleon or Bonaparte. Tūzin-Bey entered Arabia in 1811; in 1812 he was beaten by the Wahhābīs near Medina, but he took this town in the course of the same year, a conquest which was mainly due to the impetuous courage of Thomas Keith, a Scotch renegade, known as Ibrahim Agha, who took the outworks of Medina by storm. Mecca was taken in 1813, and Ghāleb, notwithstanding he had favoured the Egyptian invasion, was made prisoner, and sent to Salonica in European Turkey, where he died in 1816.

In 1814 Sa'ūd died, and was succeeded by his eldest son 'Abdullāh. The death of Sa'ūd was the forerunner of the ruin of the Wahhābīs. In 1815 the Egyptians suffered a defeat at Zohrān, but they obtained a signal victory at Basel. Tūzin-Bey paid six dollars for every head of a Wahhābī; and having obtained six thousand heads, he ordered them to be piled up in a pyramid. Peace was concluded during the course of the same year (1815) on unfavourable conditions to 'Abdullāh, who sent an ambassador to Cairo, named 'Abdu-l-Azīz, a learned sheikh, whose further negotiations were interrupted by the sudden outbreak of fresh hostilities.

The commander of the new Egyptian expedition was the celebrated Ibrahim Pasha, the son of Mehmed 'Ali, who entered Arabia in 1816. After an obstinate resistance, the Wahhābīs retreated to Der'ajeh in 1818, where 'Abdullāh was besieged by Ibrahim. The siege was long, but it was

carried on by Ibrahim with skill, boldness, and admirable perseverance till the month of December, 1818, when 'Abdullah surrendered. He and several of his family were sent to Constantinople, and after having been promenaded through the streets for three days, they were beheaded, and their bodies were exposed to the outrages of the mob. The greater part of the territories conquered by the Wahhâbîs fell under the authority of Mehmed 'Ali.

Thus the power of the Wahhâbîs was broken, but they were not exterminated. Some of their chiefs resided the Egyptians in the south-eastern part of Nêjd, in El-Yamamah, and in El-Haurî, and they occasionally retreated to the countries south of these provinces, which are generally considered to be a barren desert.* In 1827 the Wahhâbîs caused considerable trouble to Mehmed 'Ali; they were probably not without some influence on the inhabitants of Yemen, who opposed such a vigorous resistance to the Egyptians in 1834; and in 1838 and 1839 there were such dangerous symptoms of rebellion in the eastern part of Nêjd, that Mehmed 'Ali sent an army there, which made rapid progress. This army was about to conquer El Hasa, and to establish Egyptian authority on the shores of the Persian Gulf, when, by the sudden attack of the Turks on Syria, Mehmed 'Ali was forced to open that campaign which began so unfortunately for the Turks with the loss of the battle of Nîrîh, but in consequence of which Mehmed 'Ali was dispossessed of Syria. There was a party in the diwan who, availing themselves of the victories gained by the British troops in Syria, intended to dispossess Mehmed 'Ali of Arabia also; but fortunately they did not succeed. We say fortunately, for if ever Egypt should cease to be ruled by a vigorous government, the Wahhâbîs would raise their heads: they would overrun Arabia, being weakened neither in numbers nor in fanaticism, and Turkey would be unable to protect the holy towns. The consequences of such an event would produce discontent in the whole East, and the greatest danger to the existence of the Ottoman empire. These considerations will perhaps serve to show that, though young, the Egyptian power is already intimately connected with the history of the East, and that its overthrow would be a vital blow to all those nations that follow the Mohammedan creed.

(Carden Niebuhr, *Description de l'Arabie*, p. 298, &c. Among European writers, Niebuhr is the first who mentions the Wahhâbîs; *Voyages d'Ali Bey*: 'Ali Bey was present at the conquest of Mecca by the Wahhâbîs, and gives an interesting description of their army; Ed. Scott Waring, *A Tour to Sheraz*, p. 110, &c.; *Description du Pashalik de Bagdad*, *sur le d'âne Notice Historique sur les Wahabis*, by Rousseau, formerly French consul-general at Bagdad. This sketch is interesting, but contains many errors, especially with regard to the doctrine of 'Abdu'l-Wahhâb; Mengin, *Histoire de l'Égypte sous le Gouvernement de Mohammed Aly*, Paris, 1823, gives an excellent account of the conquest of Der'ayah by Ibrahim Pasha; Burckhardt, *Notes on the Bedouins and Wahabys*. This is the best work on Wahhâbî history till 1815; Sir Harford Jones Brydges, *An Account of the Transactions of His Majesty's Mission to the Court of Persia; to which is appended a brief History of the Wahabys* (in vol. li.). This is a most valuable account, partly taken from Mengin, cited above, but for the greater part the fruit of the author's own observations during his long residence at Bagdad and other places in the East; Mengin, *Histoire sommaire de l'Égypte sous le Gouvernement de Mohammed Aly*, Paris, 1839. This work contains the excellent observations of Jomard on Arabia, and also a French translation of a short Arabic MS. on the expedition of the Wahhâbîs in Hêjâ against Mehmed 'Ali. The author of the MS. is the sheik 'Aus, who was in the head-quarters of 'Abdu'l-Noktah, one of the principal chiefs of the Wahhâbîs; Comez, *Histoire des Wahabis*; the maps of Planat, Berghaus, and Jomard.)

WAHLENBERGIA, a genus of plants named after George Wahlenberg, M.D., author of the 'Flora Japonica' and other works. It belongs to the natural order

* In the map of Berberia this region is called Rebat el-Khaly, a name afterwards adopted by Jomard. Rebat el-Khaly, that is, 'an empty dwelling-place,' seems to be an unsuitable name for a barren desert; the name was perhaps given to the country after some destructive war. I have seen armies have crossed the Rebat el-Khaly, as was the case under 'Abu-l-Hasan, the successor of Mohammed, who ordered 'Udaib to be attacked from this side.

Wellsted intended to proceed from 'Udaib to Der'ayah, but was unfortunately prevented from doing so.

Campanulaceæ, and many of the species embraced in it were formerly included under the genus Campanula. The species consists chiefly of herbs, which are for the most part annual. The leaves are mostly alternate, sometimes opposite, and are generally found in greatest abundance at the lower part of the plant. The flowers are seated on long peduncles, drooping at first, but erect in fruit. The calyx is 3-5 cleft; the corolla 3-5 lobed at the apex, rarely divided to the middle. The stamens 3-5 in number, free, the filaments broadest at the base. The style included, pilose, especially at the upper part; stigma 2-5. The ovary combined with the tube of the calyx. The capsule 2-5 celled, opening by as many valves as cells at the apex, each bearing a dissepiment in the middle. The seeds very numerous and minute. Above fifty species of plants belonging to this genus have been described. They are most abundant in the southern hemisphere, and are particularly numerous at the Cape of Good Hope. The following are a few of the most remarkable forms presented by the species.

W. graminifolia, Grass-leaved Wahlenbergia, has the stems and leaves clothed with soft down, the leaves entire, the radical ones linear or linear-spatulate, those of the stem linear and somewhat clasping; the bracts ovate, acute, entire, rather downy; the tube of the calyx smoothish, the lobes downy, and the sinuses toothless. This plant is a native of Sicily and of the south of Italy as far as Rome, and of the island of Zante. It has a blue corolla, white filaments, yellow anthers, and the flowers are aggregated together.

W. capensis, Cape Wahlenbergia, has an erect simple or branched stem, pilose at the bottom, the leaves ovate-lanceolate, pilose, unequally toothed; the tube of the calyx ovate, hairy; the corolla 5-cleft, hardly one-half longer than the lobes of the calyx; the capsule ovular and pilose. This plant, with many others of the genus, is a native of the Cape of Good Hope. It has large flowers, with a corolla bluish-green outside, dark blue inside at the bottom, but greenish at the commencement of the lobes; the lobes themselves are violaceous and spotted with black within at the recesses.

W. heteroceras, Ivy-like Wahlenbergia, is a glabrous plant with slender ascending stems; the leaves are placed on long petioles, cordate, and bluntly 5-7 angled; the corolla 5-lobed at the apex, four times longer than the lobes of the calyx; the capsule hemispherical. This plant is a native of the west of Europe and of North America: it is abundant in Great Britain in Cornwall and Sussex, and is also found in Epping Forest. It is also a native of Scotland and Ireland. This plant was called *Akinia heteroceras* by Salisbury, in honour of John Aikin, a British botanist. It is the *Campanula heteroceras* of Linnaeus, who was followed by Smith, Hooker, and others.

W. gracilis, Wenk Wahlenbergia, has a simple or branched, glabrous or pilose stem; alternate or nearly opposite, linear-lanceolate, toothed, glabrous leaves; smooth calyx with an ovoid tube; the corolla funnel-shaped, 5-cleft; the capsule obovate. This plant is a native of New Holland about Port Jackson, of Van Diemen's Land, of New Caledonia, and New Zealand. Four or five varieties of this species have been recorded.

W. Cervina, Throat-wort, is a small plant; the stem much branched, the branches diverging, pilose; the leaves linear-lanceolate, a little denticulated; the tube of the calyx rather pilose; the corolla tubular, longer than the segments of the calyx; the capsule spherical. It is a native of Egypt, also of Senegal, in dry sandy places. Its leaves have white margins. Its flowers are very numerous, solitary from the axils of all the leaves and the tops of the branches.

W. foliosa, Leafy Wahlenbergia, has a woody erect stem, very leafy in every part; the leaves linear-acute, serrated, glabrous or pilose on the middle nerve; the tube of the calyx glabrous obovate, the lobes subseriated; the corolla cylindrical, semi 5-cleft, one half longer than the lobes of the calyx; the capsule turbinate. This plant is one of a group of the species named Neophila, on account of their inhabiting islands. It is found on the islands of St. Helena and Ascension. It has reddish flowers.

In the cultivation of these plants the seeds of those which are annual should be sown on the hot-bed, and when the plants are of sufficient size they may be placed out in

the open border in a warm sheltered situation in the month of May. The hardy perennial species may be grown in pots in a mixture of peat and loam, and should be kept rather moist. They are easily increased by division. (Dow's *Gardener's Dictionary*.)

WALHSTATT, a large village in Prussian Silesia, is situated on the Katschub near Liegnitz, on the spot where Henry II., duke of Silesia, fought on the 9th of April, 1241, a dreadful battle with the Mongol Tartars, in which he lost his life, and the Tartars were victorious. No German knights fled, nor was any one taken prisoner; all had fallen: among them were thirty-four of the family of Rothkirch. The village afterwards built on this spot was called Wahlstatt (the battle-field); in commemoration of this event. Wahlstatt is derived from the antient word 'Wal', signifying battle, dead body, corpse; and 'Statt', place; hence Walhalla.

On the 20th of August, 1813, Field-Marshal Blücher obtained at this place a signal victory over the French army, for which, and his other great deeds, he received from King William Frederick III. the title of prince of Wahlstatt.

(Brückhaus, *Conversations Lexicon*; Müller, *Geographisches Wörterbuch des Preussischen Staates*.)

WALF. If the goods of any person were stolen, and the felon, thinking that pursuit was made after him, fled, and during his flight waived or abandoned the goods, they became walf, and were forfeited to the king. The king of course had the power to grant the right to walf to others; and many lords of manors were entitled to walf by prescription, or presumption of an antient grant to that effect. No goods could become walf which were not in possession of the felon at the time of his flight. Therefore if he concealed the goods, or placed them in a house, or, for instance, left a horse at an inn in pledge for his meat, and afterwards fled, the goods did not become walf.

It was necessary, in order to complete the title of the king or lord of the manor to walf, that it should be taken possession of by some one on his behalf; otherwise the original owner was not barred from recovering his goods at any period of time, and if he seized them first, they remained his property. The forfeiture of goods waived was instituted for the purpose of stimulating the person robbed to make fresh pursuit after the felon, and so, if possible, catch him with the goods upon him. And in further encouragement of such pursuit, it was part of the law of walf, that if the owner of the goods succeeded, within a year and a day, but not after that time, in attainting [ATTAINING] the thief for the felony in question, he was entitled again to recover his goods from the king or the lord, even though they had been reduced into possession by him. The restriction of the character of walf to goods waived during the flight was because goods which had been concealed by the felon would afford no tracks of his course, and might very possibly escape the search of the owner, even though he did make fresh pursuit. It is said also that the goods of foreign merchants could not become the subject of walf, because a foreigner, ignorant of our language and usages, could not be expected to act with the same dispatch and effect as a native. Lord Coke distinguishes between walf which was stolen property, and the goods which were the property of a person who fled for a felony. These latter were always forfeited on proof and finding by a jury of that fact, even though the party were acquitted of the felony. Part of the inquiry, therefore, on the trial of a prisoner for felony, was whether or not he fled for it. If the jury found that he did, his goods were forfeited, whatever might be the verdict as to his guilt. This was either because of the presumption which his flight raised, that he really had committed the offence, though it could not be legally proved against him; or, according to Mr. Justice Foster, because his flight tended to stop or embarrass the course of justice against the real offender. If he was killed during his flight, the coroner's jury inquired as to his flight, as well as respecting the cause of his death. By 7 & 8 Geo. IV., c. 29, s. 57, the court before whom a prisoner is convicted has power in all cases, without restriction as to time, to make restitution of stolen property to the owner, except as to negotiable instruments in the hands of parties who, without notice, have given value for them; and by 7 & 8 Geo. IV., c. 29, s. 5, the jury are no longer to be charged to inquire whether a prisoner fled for

treason or felony. The consequence is that no forfeiture can now be incurred by such flight.

(5 Co., 109; Com., *Dig.*, tit. 'Walf'.)

WAIN, CHARLES S. [URBAN MAJOR.]

WAINFLEET. [LINDENHURST.]

WAITS is a name now applied only to those itinerant musicians who, in most of the large towns of England, especially London, go round the principal streets at night for some time before Christmas, play two or three tunes, call the hour, then remove to a suitable distance, where they go through the same ceremony, and so on till four or five o'clock in the morning.

The word, which was formerly spelled *waght* or *waghtie*, is common to all the Teutonic languages (German, *wacht*; Dutch, *wagt*; Danish, *vagt*; Swedish, *vakt*); and this root is the same as the Anglo-Saxon *weccan*, to wake, and *wacian* (pronounced *wakian*), to watch, and the English *wake* and *watch*.

The *waghtie*, or *waite*, was originally a minstrel watchman, and the kings of England, as well as the mayors of large corporate cities and towns, seem to have employed them in preference to common watchmen. By a document in Rymer's *Fœdera*, vol. ix., 'De Ministris propriis Solitum Regis providendis' it appears that in the reign of Edward IV., 'a waite that nightlie from Mychelmas to Shrove Thursday p[er]t[ine] the waite within this countie four tymes, in the somere nyghtes three tymes, and maketh bon fyre at every chamber dore and office, as well as for feare of pyckeres and pillors; he eateth in the halle with the mynstrilles; it then goes on to state his allowance of bread, ale, coals, and so forth, for each night. By the same document it appears that there was a 'yeoman-waite at the makinge of knyghtes of the Bathie, wha, 'for his attendance upon them by nyghte tyme, in watchinge in the chappelle, hath to his fee all the watchinge clothing that the knyght shall wear upon him.'

The *waits* seem to have been always distinct from the common watch, which was called the marching watch, and never, we believe, the *raits*. At a later period, the term *waits* seems to have been restricted to the band of minstrels kept by the city of London and other large cities and towns. We read of the City Waits frequently, from their attendance on the City pageants, and of the Waits of Southwark and other places. In 'The Tatler,' No. 222, a writer from Nottingham complains that the young men of fashion there 'make love with the town music,' and that 'the waits often help him through his courtship.' The waits, or strolling town-musicians, have for many years, we believe, ceased to exist in every corporate city and town in England.

(Brand's *Popular Antiquities*, by Ellis; Strutt's *Sports and Pastimes*, by Hone; *Penny Magazine*, No. 563.)

WAIWODE [WAWWODE.]

WAKE, WILLIAM, D.D., a distinguished English prelate, was born in 1637, at Blandford in Dorsetshire, where his father, William Wake, Esq., the descendant of an old family, possessed considerable property. In 1672 he was admitted a student of Christ Church, Oxford; and having taken his degree of B.A. in 1676, and that of M.A. in 1679, he resolved to enter the church, although his father is said to have designed him for a commercial life. Having accordingly taken holy orders, he went in 1682 to Paris as chaplain, with Viscount Preston, dispatched as envoy extraordinary to that court. Returning home with his lordship in 1685, he was soon after elected preacher to Gray's Inn. His first publication appears to have been 'A Preparation for Death, being a Letter to a young Gentlewoman in France,' a fourth edition of which appeared in 1689. In 1696 he published a tract in 4to., entitled 'Exposition of the Doctrine of the Church of England,' in answer to Bossuet's recently published 'Exposition of the Roman Catholic Faith'—which Wake charged the author with having found himself compelled by the objections of the doctors of the Sorbonne to alter materially from the form in which he had originally written it, and in which it had not only been extensively circulated in manuscript, but actually printed. This tract, which is commonly called 'Wake's Catechism,' gave rise to a long controversy, in the course of which Wake published 'A Defence' of his Exposition in 1698, and 'A Second Defence,' in two parts, in 1698. He also took an active part in the general controversy between

the Romish and Protestant churches, which was carried on in England through the press in 1687 and 1688. In October of the latter year he married Miss Ethelred Hovel, daughter of Sir William Hovel, of Ilington in Norfolk. Immediately after the Revolution he was appointed deputy clerk of the closet to King William; and in June, 1689, he was preferred to a canonry of Christ Church, Oxford. He now either accumulated his degrees in divinity, or, according to another account, was created D.D. In 1693 he obtained the rectory of St. James's, Westminster; and the same year he published one of his principal works, 'An English Version of the Genuine Epistles of the Apostolical Fathers, with a Preliminary Discourse concerning the use of those Fathers.' He greatly improved this work in a second edition of it, which he brought out in 1710; and it was afterwards twice reprinted during his life-time. The next subject in the public discussion of which he engaged was that of the powers of the Convocation; in the controversy respecting which he published, in 1697, an octavo tract entitled 'The Authority of Christian Princes over their Ecclesiastical Synods asserted.' In 1698, 'An Appeal to all the true members of the Church of England in behalf of the King's Ecclesiastical Supremacy,' and finally, in 1703, a folio volume entitled 'The State of the Church and Clergy of England, in their Councils, Synods, Convocations, Conventions, and other public assemblies, historically deduced from the Conversion of the Saxons to the present times.' To this elaborate work no answer was attempted by Atterbury or any of his fellow-disputants on the other side. In 1701 Wake had been made dean of Exeter, and in 1705 he was raised to the bishopric of Lincoln. In the earlier years of his episcopacy he continued to adhere to what was called the Low Church party; but he afterwards became more conservative at least, and if he did not actually change his principles, and go over to the other side, he was thrown in opposition to those who were now the leaders of the party with which he had originally acted. In January, 1716, on the death of Archbishop Tenison, he was translated to Canterbury; and in 1718 he exerted himself in the House of Lords to prevent the repeal of the Schism and Occasional Conformity Bill, and the year following, more successfully, against the attempt to repeal the Test and Corporation Acts. About the same time his zeal broke out in a Latin letter directed against Bishop Hoadly and his partisans, which he addressed to the superintendent of Zürich, and which was immediately published in that city. It exposed him to some severe strictures. In 1721 also he got into a controversy with Whiston, whom he had formerly endeavoured to protect, by the part he took in support of the bill for the more effectual suppression of blasphemy and profaneness, brought into the House of Lords by the earl of Nottingham, which was understood to be chiefly levelled against Arianism, but did not pass. The most remarkable affair, however, in which Archbishop Wake was involved was the negotiation which he entered into with M. Dupin and some of the heads of the Jansenist party in France, for the bringing about of a union between the church of that country and the Church of England. The correspondence upon this subject, which commenced on the part of Dupin in 1718, is most fully given in an appendix to MacLaine's translation of Mosheim's 'Ecclesiastical History,' published in 1768. The part which Wake took subjected him long afterwards, while the facts were but imperfectly known, to much obloquy—especially from Archbishop Blackburne, in 'The Confessional,' published in 1769; but it does not appear that he really made any concession of principle to his Romish correspondents, or indeed went farther than merely to express his willingness to assist in bringing about the proposed union if it could be managed without any such concession. The last years of Archbishop Wake's life were clouded by great infirmity; and he died at Lambeth, 24th January, 1737. He bequeathed his library and his collection of coins, together valued at 10,000*l.*, to Christ Church College, Oxford. A collection of his 'Sermons and Charges,' in 3 vols. 8vo., was published after his death. By his wife, who died in 1711, he left six daughters, who all made good marriages. He was succeeded in the primacy by Dr. John Potter.

WAKEFIELD, a market-town and parliamentary borough, situated on the left bank of the river Calder, in the wapentake of Aghrieg, in the West Riding of the county P. C., No. 1678.

of York: it is 9 miles from Leeds, 10 from Barnsley, 13 from Huddersfield, and 187 from London by Nottingham and Sheffield. The parish comprises an area of 9300 acres, and consists of the township of Wakefield (630 acres), which is nearly in the centre of the parish; the townships of Alverthorpe-with-Thornes, 2390 acres; Stanley-with-Wrenthorpe, 4700 acres; and the chapelry of Horbury, 1130 acres. Alverthorpe and Horbury are chiefly manufacturing districts. The boundary of the manor or lordship of Wakefield stretches westward to the borders of Lancashire and Cheshire, and several miles eastward of the town, and, in 1821, comprised one-eighth of the population of Yorkshire.

Wakefield is mentioned in 'Domesday Book.' The Romans had probably a station in the township of Stanley, and some years since a number of moulds for coining their money (in some of which the coin was still remaining in the matrix) were found in a field here, and are now deposited in the British Museum. The manor was a possession of the crown until it was granted by Henry I. (1100-35) to William, Earl Warren. From the middle of the fourteenth century it was again in the hands of the crown, until the reign of Charles I., who granted it to Henry, earl of Holland. In 1700 it was purchased by the family of the duke of Leeds: the present lord is S. W. Lane Fox, Esq., son-in-law of the late duke. Sandal Castle, near Wakefield, built by the last Earl Warren, about 1320, is now in utter ruin. The manor courts are now held once in three weeks at the Moot Hall in Kirkgate, within the town, when the steward of the manor disposes of petty causes and actions for debt under 5*l.* A bloody battle was fought at Wakefield in 1460, between the Yorkists and Lancastrians, at which Richard, duke of York, father of Edward IV., was slain.

Leland, in his 'Itinerary,' written about 1534, describes Wakefield as 'a very quick market-town and moorland large; well served of flesh and fish, both from the sea and by rivers, whereof divers be thereabout at hand, so that all vitaille is very good cheape there. A right honest man shall fare well for two pence a meale.' Leland adds:—'The building of the town is moorland faire, most of tymbre, but some of stone.' He then notices the fair bridge of stone over the Calder, 'and on the east side of the bridge is a right goodly chapel of our Ladye.' This chapel is the most interesting feature of the ancient town. It stands upon the site of one built by Edward III. (1327-77), which appears to have been pulled down and rebuilt by Edward IV. (1461-83), in memory of his father. The architecture is in the elaborate Gothic style which prevailed in the fifteenth century; but as the endowments were withdrawn at the dissolution, it fell into decay, and was for some time used as a corn-factor's counting-house, though fortunately steps are now taking for its restoration at a cost of 25,000*l.*, and it is to be used for divine worship. The building projects over and partly rests on the stringers of the bridge. The bridge has eight arches, and was built in the reign of Edward III. There is an old mansion within the town, called Heselton Hall, erected in the reign of Henry VI. (1422-61). At the present time Wakefield is a place of respectable appearance, and deficient in none of the requisites of an opulent town. It is paved, lighted with gas, and well supplied with water. On the south-west the buildings of the town advance into the neighbouring township of Alverthorpe in a continuous street; and on the north-east, in the township of Stanley, there is a spot called the East Moor, which also forms part of the town. The suburb called St. John's, at the northern extremity of the town, consists of very handsome houses, with shrubberies, &c. Most of the houses in the town are built of brick. The principal buildings of a public character are a market-cross of the Doric order, erected early in the last century, with an open colonnade supporting a dome, the interior of which contains a spacious room, used for the transaction of public business; the public rooms in Wood Street, built by subscription, comprise a library and news-room, with apartments in the upper story for lectures, concerts, and assemblies. A Corn Exchange was erected in 1823, and another on a larger scale has been recently built, and was opened for business in 1837: the upper story comprises a room used for public meetings, &c., which is one of the largest in the county. The theatre was built by Tate Wilkinson. The Tannery Hall, 210 feet long and 30 broad, erected many years ago as a place of sale for the manufacturers of light woollen stuffs, is now con-

verted into a power-loom factory for stuffs. The most important public buildings are those belonging to the county and West Riding. The Register-Office was established in 1704, for the registry of deeds relating to landed property. The court-house was erected in 1808. The House of Correction is a very extensive pile, constructed on the improved plan of county prisons, and is now being still further enlarged: the number of prisoners confined at one time during 1842 averaged 784, and the number sometimes exceeds 900. The clerk of the peace for the West Riding has his offices at Wakefield. About a mile north-east of the town is the West-Riding Lunatic Asylum, erected in 1817, for 250 patients; but it has been more than once enlarged, and the number of patients now averages 400.

The parish church, erected in 1470, is 156 feet long and 69 wide, with a tower 22 feet wide inside, surmounted by a spire, the total height being 224 feet. The south front was re-edified in 1754; and other parts have been so extensively repaired, that few external remains exist of the original building. The living is a vicarage in the gift of the crown, and the gross as well as net annual income for the years 1828-29-30 was 337*l*. In 1652 a lectureship, now of the value of 100*l*. a year, and in the gift of the Mercers' Company of London, was founded by Lady Camden. A second lectureship, supported by voluntary contributions, was established in 1801. St. John's Church, erected at a cost of about 10,000*l*., was opened in 1755, and was made parochial in 1845. The vicar presents, and there is a bequest of 1000*l*. for endowing the officiating minister. Trinity Church, in the town, was opened in 1839. The livings of Stanley, worth 85*l*. a year, and of Alverthorpe, valued at 72*l*., are also in the gift of the vicar; but the living of Horbury, the average value of which is 255*l*. a year, is in the gift of the crown. A new church was opened in 1830 in the township of Thornes. The Independents and the Wesleyan Methodists have each two chapels; and the Quakers, Unitarians, Roman Catholics, and Primitive Methodists one each. The grammar-school, founded by Queen Elizabeth in 1552, possesses endowments which produce about 300*l*. a year. The trustees, who are a corporate body, appoint a head master, who has a salary of 160*l*., and a second master who has 80*l*. a year. The children of all resident parishioners are admitted into the school, and receive a free classical education; a separate master is appointed to teach writing and arithmetic, for which he receives a quarterly payment from the parents of the scholars. There are exhibitions from the grammar-school to Clare Hall, Cambridge, and Queen's College, Oxford, one to each; and three, each of 50*l*., to either Oxford or Cambridge. Bentley, Archbishop Potter, and Dr. Radcliffe, the founder of the great library at Oxford, were educated at the school. The school-room is commodious, and the number of boys who receive a classical education is usually from thirty to forty. The Green-Coat Charity, which clothes and educates about 125 children of both sexes, was founded in 1707, and has an income of 600*l*., of which 500*l*. arise from lands bequeathed in 1674. There is also a Lancasterian and two national schools, one for boys and the other for girls. In 1823 a proprietary school was established at Wakefield, with a capital of 15,000*l*. In 1833 there were three infant-schools in the parish, attended by 270 children. In the parish the number of children attending day-schools in 1833 was 2100, and Sunday-schools 1946. A literary and philosophical society was established in 1827, and there is a mechanics' institute. There are almshouses for men and women, which are very liberally endowed. The property belonging to them is vested in the hands of the trustees of the grammar-school, who have the control of charitable funds amounting altogether to about 1000*l*. per annum. There is a dispensary and house of recovery, supported by subscription.

In the middle of the sixteenth century Leland stated that 'all the hole profite of the towne standeth by course draperie.' The manufacture of woollen stuffs, which was once extensively pursued at Wakefield, is now almost entirely removed to Bradford and Halifax, but the woollen cloth manufacture, though not on any large scale, and the spinning of woollen and worsted yarn, are carried on; the dyeing of woollen stuffs is a very important branch of industry. There are also roperies, iron-foundries, breweries, ship-yards, starch-works, and copper-works. The

most marked feature of the industry of the town in the present day has arisen from its situation between a vast population of consumers and an extensive district of production, with both of which it is connected by very complete lines of river and canal navigation. The Calder was rendered navigable to the Ouse in 1693, before which period manufactured goods were conveyed for shipment a distance of 30 miles by land-carriage. [CALDER.] The Aire and Calder navigation is perhaps one of the finest lines of inland navigation in the kingdom, and by it sea-going vessels of one hundred tons burthen reach Wakefield from the Humber. Goods shipped at Wakefield reach the port of Goole, in the river Ouse, in eight hours. The navigable communication between Wakefield and the manufacturing districts of Yorkshire and Lancashire is maintained by the Calder and Hebble navigation, which, at a short distance from Wakefield, is divided into two branches, the Huddersfield canal and the Rochdale canal, the latter having a short branch to Halifax. At Ashton-under-Lyne the Huddersfield canal is joined by the Peak Forest canal; and from Manchester the communication with Wakefield, by the Huddersfield and Rochdale canals, is extended to Bolton, Bury, and other towns in Lancashire, and by the Duke of Bridgewater's canal with the Mersey, thus uniting the eastern and western coasts. The Barnsley canal and others which join it connect the towns of Barnsley, Sheffield, and Rotherham with Wakefield. The North Midland railway from Derby to Leeds passes within a mile and a half of the town; the Leeds and Manchester railway passes through the town, and is carried over the Calder by an iron bridge; at Normanton, three miles from Wakefield, it joins the North Midland; and at Methley, a mile and a half further, the North Midland line is joined by the York and North Midland railway, making a continuous line from London to Darlington, with many important branches. From the agricultural districts Wakefield receives large quantities of corn and wool; and coal from the extensive collieries in the parish, and other commodities are exported to Lincolnshire, Norfolk, and Suffolk, and recently coal has been sent to London. The collieries in the parish gave employment to 300 adult males in 1831. The corn trade of Wakefield employs about three hundred vessels of from fifty to twenty tons each. The corn-market, held on Friday, is second only to that of London, and it frequently happens that for many weeks in succession the quantity sold is greater than at Mark Lane. There are marts of large corn-warehouses on the banks of the river. Mal, which was formerly brought from other districts, is now made at Wakefield to a very large extent. The wool-fairs are also on a large scale; and every other Wednesday there is a great cattle and sheep fair. There are fairs in July and November for horses, cattle, and pedlery. An inland bonding warehouse would add still more to the importance of Wakefield as an entrepot.

The population of the parish of Wakefield was 16,567, in 1801; 18,474, in 1811; 22,337, in 1821; 24,538, in 1831; and 28,321, in 1841. In 1831 the population of Alverthorpe was 4859; Horbury, 2400; Stanley, 5047; and Wakefield, 12,232: the population of the latter township was 20,000, in 1841, including the prison, asylum, &c. The town does not possess a municipal corporation. A chief constable is appointed by the inhabitants, who is sworn in by the steward of the lord of the manor at a court leet. Wakefield returns one member to parliament under the Reform Act, which first conferred upon it the privilege. The number of electors in 1839-40 was 809. The parliamentary borough comprises the township of Wakefield and parts of Alverthorpe and Stanley. The chief constable is the returning officer. Wakefield is also the place of election for the members for the West Riding.

(*Haines's Yorkshire Directory; Boundary Reports; Parliamentary Papers; Private Communications.*)

WAKEFIELD, REV. GILBERT, was born 22nd February, 1756, in the parsonage-house of St. Nicolas of Nottingham, and was the third son of the Rev. George Wakefield, then rector of that parish. His paternal ancestors had been for many generations proprietors of a small estate at Stokenham in Derbyshire, which was dissipated by his grandfather's elder brother; his mother's family, whose name was Russell, had been long settled in the town of Nottingham. His father, who afterwards became vicar of Kingston-upon-Thames, died at Richmond

Surrey, in 1776, in his fifty-sixth year; his mother survived till 1800, when she died at Hackney, aged seventy-nine. His eldest brother Thomas, who succeeded his father as vicar of Kingston, held that living till his death in 1806.

After having been taught to read at home, Gilbert was sent, in May, 1750, to a school kept by an old lady at Nottingham; in his fifth year he was put to a writing-school; from that he went at the age of seven to the Nottingham free grammar-school; which two years after he exchanged for that of Wilford, in the neighbourhood of his native town.

In 1767, on his father's removal to Kingston, or rather to Richmond, where he took up his residence, that chapel being annexed to the vicarage, he was put to a school kept by his father's curate, under whom he began the study of Greek; from this teacher, whom he describes as miserably incompetent, he was transferred two years after to the charge of the Rev. Richard Woodeson, at Kingston, with whom he remained till that gentleman gave up his school and removed to Chelsea in 1773; when Wakefield, now in his seventeenth year, was sent to Jesus College, Cambridge.

Here he applied himself almost exclusively to classical studies. 'Our college lectures in algebra and logic,' he says in his Memoirs, 'were odious to me beyond description; adding however, 'As to the elements of geometry and algebra, these are in themselves so extremely plain, so accessible to every capacity, and carry with them such beautiful and engaging evidence—truth in her very essence—that I can scarcely account for an indisposition to such theories but from a defect of judgment or dexterity in the teacher.' In the third year of his residence he wrote for Dr. Brown's three medals; and, although he admits that his Greek Ode and his two epigrams (one Greek, the other Latin) were worthless, he maintains that his Horatian Latin ode, which also failed, deserved a better fate. In 1775 he commenced the study of Hebrew having accidentally discovered what he calls 'this abominable stupidity—a stupidity which no words can sufficiently stigmatise—of learning that language with the points, and obtained a Maister's Grammar, which enabled him, he says, in the course of ten days, by the help only of Buxtorf's 'Lexicon,' to read nine or ten of the first chapters in Genesis, 'without much difficulty and with infinite delight.'

In January, 1776, he took his Bachelor's degree, and in April following he was elected to a fellowship in his college. In the same year appeared his first publication, a small 4to. volume of Latin poems, 'Poemata Latine partim scripta, partim reddita,' which was printed at the University press.

In March, 1778, Wakefield was ordained deacon by Dr. Hinchcliffe, bishop of Peterborough. He had been from his earliest years, as he continued to the end of his life, strongly attached to the study of theology; but his opinions had already begun to take that deviation from the common standard which ultimately carried him out of the pale of the church in which he had been born and educated. 'Even then,' he says, speaking of his entering into holy orders, 'I was so little satisfied with the requisition of subscription, and the subjects of that subscription themselves, that I have since regarded this as the most disingenuous action of my whole life, utterly incapable of palliation or apology; and I hold it out accordingly to this severest reprobation of every honest reader.' About three weeks after his ordination he left the University for the curacy of Stockport in Cheshire, of which the Rev. John Watson was incumbent; but he remained in this situation only for a few months, quitting it before the end of the year for the curacy of St. Peter's at Liverpool;—'principally,' he states, 'with a view of establishing a day-school in that town, if a suitable opportunity should present itself.' In March, 1779, he married Miss Watson, the niece of his late rector. 'While I continued at Liverpool,' he says, 'I persevered in reading the New and Old Testaments with all possible attention and assiduity. My objections to the creed of my forefathers were daily multiplying, and my determination was already made to quit the church for some other line of life on the first opportunity. My attachment however to theology would never suffer me to think with tranquillity of transferring myself to any other profession, independently of additional objections of a very serious nature to such an alteration in my plan of life.'

In August, 1778, on the invitation of the trustees of the Dissenting Academy at Warrington, he removed thither to fill the situation of classical master in that establishment. While here, he published, in 1781, his first theological work, 'A New Translation of the First Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Thessalonians,' 8vo. This was followed in the same year by 'A Plain and Short Account of the Nature of Baptism,' 12mo.; and an 'Essay on Inspiration,' 8vo. All three publications were brought out at the Warrington press, as was also 'A New Translation of the Gospel of St. Matthew,' 4to., which he produced in the following year. For the first six years after his leaving college, he intimates, the Greek and Roman writers received a very small portion of his attention; but while at Warrington he prosecuted the study of Hebrew, learned Syriac and Chaldee, acquired a perfect knowledge of the Samaritan and Syro-Chaldaic, formed some acquaintance with the Æthiopic, Arabic, and Persian, and read the Coptic version of the New Testament. He remained at Warrington till the Academy was broken up in 1783, after it had existed twenty-six years. On this he retired in the first instance to the village of Blamecoat in Nottinghamshire, with the intention of taking pupils into his house but he did not succeed in procuring any. While here he published anonymously, at London, a small tract in 12mo., entitled 'Directions for the Student in Theology,' and also the first volume, in 8vo., of his 'Enquiry into the Opinions of the Christian Writers of the Three First Centuries concerning the Person of Jesus Christ,' a work which he never carried farther. In May, 1784, he removed to his brother's parish of Richmond in Surrey, and advertised for pupils there, but was as unsuccessful as at Blamecoat; and at Michaelmas in the same year he took up his residence in his native town of Nottingham. Up to this time he had continued to preach occasionally; a sermon which he preached at Richmond on 25th July, 1784, the thanksgiving-day on account of the peace, was soon after printed; and he also appeared two or three times in the Nottingham pulpits in 1785 and 1786. But from that last date he became not only wholly alienated from the established church, but his open and bitter assent, although he never joined any body of dissenters. Indeed he came at last to the conclusion that public worship in any form was wrong.

He got some pupils at Nottingham, and remained there for six years. During this period his publications were:—an edition of 'The Poems of Mr. Gray, with Notes,' 8vo., Lond., 1786; an edition of Virgil's 'Georgics,' 8vo., 1788, from the Cambridge University press; 'Remarks on Dr. Horsley's Ordination Sermon,' 12mo., Lond., 1788; 'Four Marks of Antichrist,' 8vo. Lond., 1788; 'A New Translation of those parts of the New Testament which are wrongly translated in our Common Version,' 8vo., Lond., 1789; 'An Address to the Inhabitants of Nottingham (on the Test Laws),' 8vo., Lond., 1789; 'Remarks on the Internal Evidence of the Christian Religion,' 8vo., Lond., 1789; 'Silva Critica, sive in Auctores Sacros Profundius Commentarius Philologus, Pars prima,' 8vo., 1789, from the Cambridge University press; 'An Address to Dr. Horsley, Bishop of St. David's, on the Liturgy of the Church of England,' 8vo., Birmingham, 1790; 'Silva Critica, Pars secunda,' 8vo., Cambridge, 1790; and 'Cursory Reflections on the Corporation and Test Acts,' 8vo., Birmingham, 1790. He always wrote with extraordinary rapidity, and certainly often with very little consideration, and he generally rushed to the press with his manuscript before the ink was dry. He was however a hard student, methodical, punctual, and a great economist of his time. In this way he found leisure for a good deal of society, and also for some rather singular indulgences. 'During my abode at Nottingham,' he relates, 'I never failed to attend all the capital punishments that took place there; counting at all times every circumstance which might read me a wholesome lecture on mortality, or suggest an additional motive of gratitude to God for the comforts of my own condition.'

In July, 1790, however, he was induced to leave this and the other attractions of Nottingham by an invitation to become classical tutor in the dissenting academy at Hackney. But this situation he only held till June, 1791. A quarrel with his colleagues finally induced him to give in his resignation, after some minor causes had contributed to make him dissatisfied with his position.

Towards the end of the year 1781 he published at London one of his most considerable works, his 'Translation of the New Testament, with Notes,' in 3 vols. 8vo. This performance, in which he had the good taste to adhere to the words of the existing translation wherever he thought they conveyed the correct sense, was not unfavourably received, and he produced a second edition of it, in 2 vols., in 1795. Its first publication was immediately followed by 'An Enquiry into the Expediency and Propriety of Public or Social Worship,' 8vo., Lond., 1791, a tract which made some noise, was twice reprinted in this and the next year, and drew forth several answers, to which he replied in two additional expositions of his views published in 1792. In 1792 also appeared a third part of his 'Silva Critica,' printed, like the two former parts, at the Cambridge University press. And in the same year he published, in one vol. 8vo., his 'Memoirs' of his own life, which he is said to have written in twelve days. The work certainly has the appearance of having been rather rapidly composed.

For the next six years his biography is merely the history of the appearance of his successive publications: for, continuing to reside at Hackney, he now sought no other employment except writing for the booksellers. In 1793 he brought out a fourth part of his 'Silva Critica,' at London, at his own expense, the curators refusing him the further use of the Cambridge press. The same year he published, in 8vo., a treatise on the 'Evidences of Christianity,' being an enlarged edition of the tract on the same subject he had published in 1789. He now turned for the first time to politics, or to theological-political discussion, and in 1794 published three pamphlets: 'The Spirit of Christianity compared with the Spirit of the Times in Great Britain,' which went through three editions; an answer to Paine, under the title of 'An Examination of the Age of Reason,' of which a second edition was called for the same year; and a vehement philippic against the war with France, in the form of 'Remarks on the General Orders of the Duke of York to his Army.' Then, striking into another new path, he produced his first complete edition of an ancient classic—a Horace, with notes, and what he called an amended text—in 2 vols. 12mo., Lond., 1794. It is renowned for a proposed conversion of 'O beate Sesti,' in the 4th ode of the 1st book, into 'O bea te, Sesti,' which is set down without a thought being given to the inadmissibility of such a reading on the most obvious metrical grounds. The Horace was followed the same year by a selection of Greek Tragedies, in 2 vols. 8vo., and that by a first volume of an edition of the 'Works of Pope,' 8vo., Warrington, which was not continued. A fifth part of the 'Silva Critica,' 8vo., Lond., a 12mo. volume of 'Poetical Translations from the Antients,' an edition, in a volume of the same size, of the remains of Bion and Moschus, and a 'Reply to the Second Part of Paine's Age of Reason,' 8vo., all appeared in 1795. His publications of the next year were:—an edition of Virgil, with a few notes, in 2 vols. 12mo.; an 8vo. volume of 'Observations on Pope'; 'A Reply to the Letter of Edmund Burke, Esq., to a Noble Lord,' which went through three editions; and a new edition, with notes, of Pope's Translation of the Iliad, in 11 vols. 8vo. This year also appeared the first volume, in 4to., of his Læcætiæ, of all his editions of ancient authors the one that was most wanted and upon which he has bestowed the greatest pains, and the only one that remains in any estimation. The second and third volumes followed in the course of the succeeding year, 1797; which gave birth besides to a Latin pamphlet—'Distribue Extremopælia,' as he entitled it—on Porson's new edition of the 'Hecuba'; 'A Letter to Jacob Bryant, Esq., concerning his Dissertation on the War of Troy,' 4to.; and 'A Letter to William Wilberforce, Esq., on the subject of his late Publication' (his 'Practical View of Christianity'). The last-mentioned publication reached a second edition.

In January, 1798, Dr. Watson, bishop of Llandaff, came forward in the new character of a champion of the war, in a pamphlet which he entitled 'An Address to the People of Great Britain.' Both the drift of this address, and wint seemed to him the apostasy of the writer, kindled Wakefield's very combustible temper; and on the evening of the day on which it came into his hands he finished a very vehement 'Reply to some parts of the Bishop of Llandaff's Address,' which he immediately sent to the press. It was published by Mr. John Cuttill, of Middle Row, Holborn,

a dealer in old books, to whom he brought it without any intimation of its nature. Cuttill was thereupon indicted for the publication of a seditious libel; and being tried before Lord Kenyon and a special jury at Westminster, on the 21st of February, 1799, was found guilty, and on the 18th of April following was sentenced to pay a fine of thirty marks. Wakefield repaid Cuttill all the expenses to which he had been put, amounting to 153*l.* 4*s.* 8*d.*, a sum which he afterwards described as equal to the clear annual income of all he was worth. Wakefield himself was also tried at Westminster the same day with Cuttill; and Johnson, a bookseller, who had sold some copies of the pamphlet, a few days after before the same judge at Guildhall: we are not informed what was Johnson's sentence; but Wakefield, who, in the interim between the conviction of Johnson and his being himself brought up for judgment, published 'A Letter to Sir John Scott, his Majesty's attorney-general, on the subject of a late trial in Guildhall' (that of Johnson), was sentenced by Mr. Justice Grose, on the 30th of May, to be imprisoned in Dorchester jail for two years, and to give security for his good behaviour for five years after the expiration of that term, himself in 500*l.*, and two others in 250*l.* each. A subscription was immediately raised for him among the friends of opposition politics, which ultimately amounted to about 5000*l.* He printed and gave away, but did not regularly publish, his 'Deference,' and two subsequent addresses to the court of King's Bench, one actually delivered, the other only intended to have been delivered; and he bore with fortitude and good humour his two years' incarceration, which, with the exception of some impositions in money matters by the jailor, does not appear to have been attended with any unusual hardship. While in prison he printed an imitation, in English verse, of the Tenth Satire of Juvenal, 12mo., 1800; and also the same year a translation, in an 8vo. pamphlet, of 'Some Essays of Dion Chrysostom, with Notes.' In 1801 he published a small 12mo. tract on some discoveries he supposed he had made as to the laws of Greek hexameter verse, under the title of 'Noctæ Carcæniæ.' His release took place on the 20th of May, 1801; upon which he immediately hurried to London, and commenced a course of lectures on the Second Book of the *Æneid*, the delivery of which occupied him till the beginning of July. On the 27th of August he was taken ill of what turned out to be typhus fever, which carried him off on the 9th of September. He left, besides his widow, four sons and two daughters.

All Wakefield's publications have been mentioned in the above sketch, except 'An Essay on the Origin of Alphabetical Characters,' endeavouring to prove that they must have been revealed from Heaven, which he communicated, in 1784, to the Literary and Philosophical Society of Manchester, and which is printed in the second volume of their Transactions, and, in an enlarged and amended form, with the second edition of his *Memoirs*; and many papers which he contributed to various periodical publications, especially the 'Theological Repository' and the 'Monthly Magazine.' He had also made considerable collections for a Greek and English Lexicon, which remained after his death in possession of his family. A new edition of his *Memoirs*, extended to two volumes, and brought down to the close of his life, was published by his friends, Messrs. John Twiss, Rast and Arnold Wauverright, in 1804; and a 'Collection of Letters' that passed between him and Charles Fox, chiefly upon points of classical criticism, has since been published.

His scholarship, in its amount and character, has been shrewdly estimated by Dr. Parr, in a letter printed in the second edition of his *Memoirs*, vol. II., pp. 437-433, although his deficiencies may perhaps be thought to be touched by his friend and admirer with a lenient hand. He had evidently read rapidly a great deal of Greek and Latin, and, by the help of a memory which he used to complain of as too good, had retained an unusually large proportion of the miscellaneous intellectual substance which he had thus taken in; but, partly from imperfections in the manner in which he had been educated, partly from defects of mental character, he was not and never could have become either a profound or a refined scholar. Both his Latin style and his English are vicious and barbarous in the extreme. Of his moral nature a very able dissection is quoted, apparently from the 'British Critic,' in the article about him in Chalmers's 'Biographical Dictionary.' Honest and high-

minded he certainly was, as well as warm-hearted; but his ardour became intemperance and ferocity whenever it encountered opposition, and his honesty only made him the more intolerant of difference of opinion upon any subject in another, a thing for which he had no name except ill-nature or imbecility. No man ever adhered to the most maturely considered conclusions with more pertinacity than he did to judgments which he would form in the most precipitate manner.

WAKES, holiday festivals which are kept once a year in some of the rural districts of England. They are the remains of certain religious wakes, wakings, or vigils, followed by a festival, which were once held in all the country parishes. Previous to the Reformation in England, every church, when it was consecrated, was dedicated to some particular saint or martyr, and every rural parish had its wake every year, and most of them had two wakes, one on the day of dedication, the 'dies dedicationis,' and another on the birth-day of the saint, the 'propria festivitatis sancti.' These church festivals seem to have been established by the early popes and bishops soon after the introduction of Christianity into England, in the place of the heathen festivals to which the people had been accustomed. Bede (*Eccl. Hist.*, lib. i., cap. 30) states that Pope Gregory, in his letter to Mellitus, a British abbot, says, 'Whereas the people were accustomed to sacrifice many oxen in honour of demons, let them celebrate a religious and solemn festival, and not slay the animals diabolically, to the devil, but to be eaten by themselves ad laudem Dei, to the praise of God,' and in the same letter the people were directed to make booths and tents with the boughs of trees adjoining to the churches, 'circa eadem ecclesias.'

In the Saxon times the church method of reckoning the day was from sunset to sunset, so that the Sunday and festival and fast days began about six o'clock on the evening preceding the day itself, and the eve was in fact the commencement of the sacred day, when the people were accustomed to repair to the church and to join in the religious exercises. These night devotions were called in Anglo-Saxon *wæcan*, wakes, and the night itself was called the *eve* (the Anglo-Saxon *æfen* or *even*), which explains why Christmas-eve and other eves of sacred days precede the day itself. On these occasions the floor of the church was strewn with rushes and sweet-smelling herbs (*Ръши-и-хвръш*), the altar and pulpit were adorned with green boughs and flowers, and tents were erected in the churchyard, which were supplied with provisions and ale. The eve was dedicated to devotion; the following day to festivity. These festivals gradually deviated in most parishes from the original purposes for which they were instituted. The inhabitants of neighbouring parishes attended each other's festivals, and others came from a distance, especially if the saint was of high reputation; hawkers and pedlars frequented them with their wares, and the religious wakes were converted into fairs and scenes of dissolute indulgence. The wakes continued to be kept in this way till 1536, when Henry VIII., by an act of convocation, ordered the festival of the saint's day to be abolished, and that of the dedication of the church to be kept on the first Sunday in October in all the parishes. But the saint's day was the favourite festival of the people; they gradually ceased to attend the festival of the dedication, and it has long been entirely discontinued, while the saint's day festival still subsists in the altered form of a country wake.

(*Strutt's Sports and Pastimes*, by Hone; Brand's *Popular Antiquities*, by Ellis.)

WALAFRIDUS, or WALHAFREDUS, surnamed 'Strabo' or 'Strabus,' because his eyes were awry, was a German monk who lived in the first part of the ninth century. Some writers have thought that he was an Anglo-Saxon, and a brother of Bebe, but Fabricius proves by the monk's own words that he was a native of Suabia in Germany, an opinion which now seems to be general. He received his education in the monastery of St. Gallen, which was then one of the most famous schools in Germany, and he finished his studies in the monastery of Fulda, under the celebrated Rabanus Maurus. After having taken orders, he became dean of St. Gallen, and in 842 he was chosen abbot at Reichenau (Auzia Dives) in the diocese of Constance. It is said that for some time he was head master of the school in the monastery of

Hirsfeld. He died in 849, in France, where he was travelling on some business. Walafridus was a learned man for his time; he is the author of several works on divinity, ecclesiastical history, and botany; the most remarkable are:—*De Officiis Divinis*, sive de Exordiis et Incrementis Rerum Ecclesiasticarum, which is contained in the 'Bibliotheca Patrum Maxima,' and in several other collections of early writers on divinity; 'Vita B. Galli Confessoris,' in Gualdus's 'Scriptures Rerum Germanicarum'; 'Vita S. Othmari Abbatis, et Martyris,' in 'Actu Sanctorum'; 'Bibliotheca Patrum Maxima,' and in several other collections; 'Hortulus'—this little book on botany, which was much esteemed, is written in Latin verse; it was published at Nürnberg, 1512, 4to.; Freiburg im Breisgau, 1530, 8vo.; Frankfurt-on-the-Main, 1564, 1571, 8vo.; Venice, 1547; Basel, 1627; it is likewise contained in several collections, as in the 'Bibliotheca Patrum Maxima,' in the 'Bibliotheca Patrum Colonienis,' &c.; 'Glossæ Latine-Barbarice de Partibus Humani Corporis juxta eam Doctrinam Rahnii Mauri per Walafridum descriptas,' in Gualdus cited above. 'Glossæ ordinariæ interlinearis in Scripturam Sacram' it has been supposed that Rabanus Maurus is the author of it, and that Walafridus only put it together. Editions of it are contained in the different 'Bibliothecæ Patrum,' as well as in some other collections cited above. The first edition is a large finely-printed folio, without date or place, and supposed to have been printed at Venice about 1480. (*Catalogue of the Library of the Duke of Saxe-Weimar*, vol. i., pt. 2.) Some French writers attribute to Walafridus the beginning of the celebrated 'Auzias Fuldenses.' A complete catalogue of the works and other literary productions of Walafridus is contained in Fabricius, *Bibliotheca Latina Medios et Inferios Aetatis*; Jöcher, *Allgemeines Gelehrten-Lexicon*, sub voc. 'Strabu (Walafridus)'; *Biographie Universelle*.

WALAN, the name of a tree in Amblyon, which was first described and figured by Rumphius, in his 'Herbarium Ambonense,' and called by him *Arthyocetona montana*. It is a large tree, and much valued by the natives of the island in which it grows. It is very rare, and the description of Rumphius is too imperfect to allow at present of its being assigned to any particular division of the vegetable kingdom. It has a straight trunk, very high, covered with a thick fragile bark, of a pale reddish colour above, but a darker red at the lower part; the wood is white, but brown in the centre of old trunks, and is very solid and compact; the roots are large and of a bright red colour, the same as the base of the trunk; the branches are thick, cylindrical, alternate, knotty, tuberculated, and furnished with petiolated leaves, which are alternate, seated close together, and are thick, oval, pointed, eight or ten inches long, and three or four wide. The flowers do not appear to have been seen by Rumphius, although he has represented them in his figure as solitary and axillary, and consisting simply of four sepals. The fruit is a pome and as large as an orange, and having the same form, but somewhat more elongated. At the base it is surrounded by a permanent calyx with 5 lobes; from this circumstance it is probable that the flowers in the figure are altogether hypothetical. The fruit is at first yellow, but on drying becomes red and finally black. Its interior is filled with a dry and fungous pulp of a pale yellow colour and an insipid taste, which envelops four or five seeds or nuts, which are attached to the summit of the fruit by an equal number of long cords. Each seed is two inches long and one broad, compressed, roughish, and of a fine brown colour.

The inhabitants of the island of Amblyon use the bark of the roots of the Walan for catching fish. Before it is used for this purpose it is powdered, and this process by the natives is always attended with a peculiar ceremony. The bark of the root is the part of the tree employed, and when it is collected for fishing, a large party attends. It is powdered by a single individual with a large stone, and whilst this process is going on, the rest lie round the stone in a circle; when all is over, a signal is given by one of them crowing like a cock; they then arise and collect the powder into little baskets which is reserved for use. In catching the fish other ceremonies are employed. The party goes in the morning early, and after throwing the powder upon the water and mixing it till it forms, they cast a net over the river, and then retire from the river maintaining a death-like silence till the poison has acted on the fish. In

the course of an hour the net is generally found full of half-dead fish. The fish will recover from the effect of the poison if thrown into fresh water, and are quite wholesome as food, although they will not keep so long as fish caught by other means. Rumphius procured some of the bark, and, omitting the ceremonies, found it a very successful mode of fishing. The bark of this tree does not seem to be an active poison; the powder affects the eyes very much, and produces inflammation. The use of the powder amongst the natives is confined to particular families, and there is a belief that any others who should use it would be afflicted with various diseases. This will account perhaps for the ceremony with which it is used. Persons who bathe in water impregnated with the powder of the tree experience a tingling sensation of the skin.

(Rumphius, *Herbarium Amboinense*, vol. iii., p. 214.)

WALCH, JOHANN GEORG, a distinguished German divine, was born at Meiningen, in 1693. His father was general superintendent of the Protestant church in the duchy of Saxe-Weimar. In 1710 he went to the university of Jena, where he studied divinity and philosophy, and of which he became afterwards one of the first ornaments. In 1734 he was appointed extraordinary professor of divinity in the university of Jena; and in 1735 he took his degree of D.D., and was appointed ordinary professor of divinity, an office which he held till his death in 1775.

Walch distinguished himself as a scholar at a very early age. In 1712, when he was only nineteen, he published a good edition of Velleius Paterculus, which he accompanied with an index and valuable notes; in 1714 he published *Distributio Vita et Stilo C. Cornelii Taciti*, a work characterized by sound judgment, though the production of a youth of twenty-one. His works are numerous, the principal are:—1. *Philosophisches Lexicon*, darin die in allen Theilen der Philosophie fürkommennden Materien und Kunstwörter erklärt werden, Leipzig, 8vo., 1723. This work ran through four editions, and was a standard book till new philosophical terms came in use, together with the establishment of the school of Kant, which in its turn was superseded by the systems of Fichte, Hegel, and Schelling. 2. *Historia Critica Latine Lingue*, Leipzig, 8vo., 1716; ran through four editions. 3. *Historische und Theologische Einleitung in die vornehmsten Religions-Streitigkeiten*, 5 vols. 8vo., Jena, 1734-36. 4. *Historische und Theologische Einleitung in die vornehmsten Religions-Streitigkeiten der Evangelischen Kirche*, 5 vols. 8vo., Jena, 1730-35. 5. *Bibliotheca Patristica literarum Adnotationibus instructa*, 8vo., Jena, 1730; 2nd edition, Jena, 1834, by Professor Danz. 6. *Bibliotheca Theologiae selecta, literarum Adnotationibus instructa*, 4 vols. 8vo., Jena, 1757-63. 7. *Dr. Martin Luther's "Sämmtliche Schriften"*, 24 vols. 4to., Halle, 1740-50. A carefully revised edition of the works of Luther; the 14th volume contains Luther's Latin version of the Bible, which was separately published by Walch in 1745. Walch also published an edition of *Isaiah*, Leipzig, 1715; 2nd edition, 1735. His principal works are in the library of the British Museum. Walch was the father of three sons, Johann Ernst Immanuel, Christian Wilhelm Franz, and Karl Friedrich, each of whom attained a high rank in the learned literature of Germany.

(Buecker, *Bilder- und heutiges Tages lebender und durch Gelehrtheit berühmter Schriftsteller* [with portraits by Haid], the 40th biography in the fourth "Zehnt." This splendid work is divided into ten rebuts, or "tenth," and without pages. Comp. Gossen, *Das Gelehrte Europa*.)

WALCH, CHRISTIAN WILHELM FRANZ, one of the greatest divines of Germany, was the second son of Johann Georg Walch, and the brother of Johann Ernst Immanuel Walch. He was born at Jena in 1725, and after having studied divinity in that university, travelled with his brother Immanuel in France and Italy. The learned Italian Gori invited him and his brother to contribute to his *"Symbole Literaria"*, and Gori wrote several memoirs for the *"Transactions"* of the Societas Latina at Jena. In 1750 Walch was appointed extraordinary professor of philosophy in the university of Jena; in 1753 he was chosen president of the Societas Latina in this town; in 1754 he went to Göttingen as extraordinary professor of divinity; he became ordinary professor of divinity in 1757. He died suddenly in 1784, whilst talking with his wife and children.

Walch wrote many works on classical literature, divinity,

and ecclesiastical history, many of which are among the best of their kind, and they all bear the marks of a superior mind and extensive learning. A complete catalogue of his works is given in the authority cited below; and the greater part of them are in the library of the British Museum. The following are the principal works:—1. *Antiquitates Pallii Philosophi veterum Christianorum*, Jena, 1746. The first section of this book treats of the pallium of the ancient philosophers; and the second of the pallium assumed by Christian philosophers. 2. *Oratio de Eloquentia Latina veterum Germanorum*, 1750; an interesting little book, in which the author shows that a considerable number of ancient Germans, among whom was Arminius, the conqueror of Varus, were well acquainted with the Roman language and literature: there are no hypotheses or opinions in this book; it is founded on facts stated by Roman authors. 3. *Historia Patriarcharum Judaeorum quorum in Libris Romani sit Mentio*, 1751. The object of this work is to show that even during the later period of the Roman empire the Jews continued to live under the moral inspection of "patriarchs," a Greek word translated from the Hebrew, and which, according to Walch, was first used by the "Seventy" of Alexandria; the Roman laws referred to by the author are the titles, *De Judaica*, *Coelestia*, and *Samaritanis*, in the Codes of Theodosius and Justinian. 4. *Compendium Historiae Ecclesiasticae recentissimae*, Göttingen, 1757. 5. *Entwurf einer vollständigen Historie der Kirchen-Versammlungen*, Leipzig, 1759. 6. *Monimenta Medii Aevi ex Bibliotheca Regia Hanoverana*, 2 vols. 8vo., Göttingen, 1758. 7. *Grundsätze der Kirchengeschichte des Neuen Testaments*, 4 vols. 8vo., 2nd edition, Göttingen, 1772-74. 8. *Grundsätze der Natürlichen Gottesgelehrtheit*, 2nd edition, Göttingen, 1775. 9. *Kritische Untersuchung vom Gebrauch der Heiligen Schrift unter den alten Christen in den ersten vier Jahrhunderten*, Leipzig, 1775. 10. *Neuere Religions Geschichte*, 9 vols. 8vo., Lemgo, 1771-83. 11. *Bibliotheca Symbolica vetus ex Monumentis Quinque priusum Succulorum maxime collecta*, &c., Lemgo, 1770. 12. *Bibliotheca Philologica*, 3 vols. 8vo., Göttingen, 1770-77. 13. *Entwurf einer vollständigen Historie der Ketzerien, Spaltungen und Religions-Streitigkeiten, bis auf die Zeiten der Reformation*, 11 vols. 8vo., Leipzig, 1762-83. This work made great sensation throughout all Europe, and the Germans call its author generally, Der Ketzler-Walch; Ketzler signifies a heretic, in order to distinguish him from his brothers, his father, and so many other writers whose name is Walch. Walch is also the author of an excellent biography of Catherine von Born, the wife of Luther, which is preceded by her portrait engraved after the original painting of Lucas Cranach. The younger brother of Walch, Karl Friedrich, born in 1734, was professor of law at Göttingen, and afterwards at Jena, where he died in 1799. He is the author of several distinguished works on jurisprudence, such as, *Glossarium Germanicum Interpretationi Constitutionis Criminalis Carolinae interserviens*, Jena, 1790. The *Constitutio Criminalis Carolina*, or the Criminal Code issued by the emperor Charles V., is still in use in some parts of Germany, as the duchy of Brunswick and the kingdom of Hanover. (Strodtmann, *Das Neue Gelehrte Europa*, part 14, in vol. iv., p. 463, &c.; *Catalogues of the Library of the British Museum*.)

WALCH, JOHANN ERNST IMMANUEL, was born at Jena on the 29th of August, 1725. His father was Johann Georg Walch, a divine, and his mother was a daughter of the learned Budanus (Bude). He studied divinity at Jena, and in 1747 undertook a long journey with his brother Christian Wilhelm Franz, to France, Italy, and several other countries. Though the two brothers were rather young, the name of their father procured them everywhere a favourable reception. They thus were on intimate terms with Assemani, the cardinals Malvezzi and Passionei, as well as with several other celebrated men at Rome. It is said that they were presented to pope Benedict XIV., who asked them if they were the sons of the celebrated heretic J. G. Walch. In 1759 J. E. I. Walch was appointed professor of divinity at Jena, his name being already known by several works on ecclesiastical history. Next to divinity, natural history was his favourite science, which he cultivated with great success, as may be seen from his works on natural history, cited below. He was a member of many learned societies in Italy, Germany, and

other countries. He died on the 1st of December, 1778. His principal works are—1, 'De Christianorum sub Diocletiano in Hispania Persecutione,' 8vo., Jena, 1751; 2, 'Marmor Hispaniae antiquum Vexationis Christianorum Neronianae insignis Documentum illustratum,' 4to., Jena, 1750; 2nd edition, under the title 'Persecutionis Christianae Neronianae in Hispania ex antiquo Monumento produbae uberior Explicatio,' 4to., Jena, 1753; 3, 'Acta Societatis Latinae Jenensis,' 4 vols. 8vo., Jena, 1752-53. The Transactions of this Society, which were under the care of Walch for several years, contain many of his minor productions: 4, 'Dissertationes in Acta Apostolorum,' 3 vols. 4to., Jena, 1756-61; 5, 'De Arte critica veterum Romanorum Literaria,' 3rd edition, Jena, 1771; 6, 'Das Steinreich systematisch entworfen' (a system of mineralogy), 2 vols. 8vo., 2nd edition, Halle, 1769; 7, 'Antiquitates Medicæ selectae,' 8vo., Jena, 1772; 8, 'Sigillum Medici Ocularii Romani nuper in Agro Jenensi repertum et Observationibus illustratum,' 4to., Jena, 1763; 9, 'Georg Wolfgang Knorr's Sammlung von Merkwürdigkeiten der Natur und den Aufzählungen des Endbogens welcher petrificirte Körper enthält, herausgegeben mit Classificationen-Tabellen,' &c., von J. E. L. Walch, mit illuminirten Kupfertafeln, &c., 7 parts, in 3 vols. fol., Nürnberg, 1768-73. This collection of Knorr's was celebrated all over Europe. Statius Müller had published a catalogue of it, with a description of the different objects, but this work was incomplete and without any systematical order. The work of Walch however is still considered a model for similar works: a French translation of it was published in 1775, and a Dutch in 1779. The principal works of Walch are in the library of the British Museum.

(*Lebensgeschichte des wohlthätigen Herrn Hofraths Johann Ernst Immanuel Walch*, Jena, 1780, 8vo., contains a complete catalogue of his works and minor productions.)

WALCHEREN. [ZEALAND.]

WALCK-VOGEL, or WALGR-VOGEL. [DODO; SEETINGSIDE.]

WALDECK, a principality in the north of Germany, consists of two parts: 1, the principality or county of Waldeck, properly so called, which is situated between 51° 4' and 51° 31' N. lat., and between 8° 31' and 9° 12' E. long.; it is bounded on the west and north by the Prussian province of Westphalia, on the east and south by Hesse-Darmstadt; 2, the county of Pyrmont, which is situated on the left bank of the Weser, between the territories of Lippe, Hanover, and Prussia. The area of the whole is 450 square miles, and it is divided into four bailiwicks, three of which belong to Waldeck, the former county of Pyrmont being the fourth. The county of Waldeck has an area of 424 square miles. It is a mountainous country, consisting of chains or detached masses, without any wide valleys; it is perhaps the most elevated region of western Germany. There is not one large river, but there are several small streams. The climate is colder than that of Hesse under the same latitude; but the air is pure and healthy. The soil is in general stony and sterile, and not well suited to tillage, yet the indefatigable industry of the inhabitants raises all kinds of corn and flax sufficient for their own consumption, and in very good years a supply for exportation. Potatoes are grown in abundance, and in unfavourable seasons are the chief subsistence of the poorer classes. There is a great quantity of timber, but there is no opportunity for exporting it. In some parts of the country there are good pastures, to which numerous herds of horned cattle are fed and fattened for exportation, and considerable quantities of butter and cheese are made. Sheep and swine are kept in great numbers. The minerals are copper, iron, lead, alabaster, marble, slate, very fine freestone, and salt. There are no manufactures; the inhabitants make some coarse woollen cloths, plush stockings, and sufficient linen for their own use, but none for exportation. In Pyrmont there are five villages, the inhabitants of which derive their principal subsistence from the manufacture of thread stockings, which they export in large quantities. The exports of the principality are the natural productions of the country. The population amounts to 57,000 souls. The prince and the great majority of the subjects are Lutherans; there are about 800 Roman Catholics, 600 Calvinists, 300 Jews, and a few Quakers. The revenue of the prince is about 45,000*l.* sterling, and the public

debt 180,000*l.* The prince is a member of the German Confederation, and has in the Diet, with Hohenzollern, Lippe, Reuss, and Liechtenstein, a collective vote (the 16th), and in the general assembly a separate vote. His contingent is 518 men, forming part of the first corps. [PRYMONT.]

(*Brückhaus, Conversations-Lexicon*; W. v. Schlieben, *Die Deutschen Bundesstaaten*; Hassel; Cammilleri.)

WALDECK, PRINCES OF. The house of Waldeck is one of the oldest dynasties of northern Germany. It is of Saxon origin, and is descended from one of those powerful dukes of ancient Saxony who commanded in the wars against Charlemagne, perhaps from Wittekind, although this cannot be historically established. They were formerly counts, but the title of prince was conferred upon Count George Frederic in 1682. This prince, born in 1620, was a celebrated general of the emperor Leopold I., and obtained several signal victories over the Turks and the French. Delille, the French poet, has addressed to him his ode 'De la Pitié,' praising him for his humane conduct towards the French. The republic of the United Provinces of the Netherlands appointed him commander-in-chief of the Dutch armies. He died in 1692. His brother, Count Josias, had equal military reputation. The republic of Venice put him at the head of her armies, and after his death, in 1711, had a splendid monument erected to his memory in the church of Widdingen, in the principality of Waldeck. Josias was the founder of a younger branch of the house of Waldeck, upon which however the title of prince has not been conferred. Prince Christian Augustus, born in 1744, signalized himself as an able general in the wars against the French during the Revolution. He commanded a part of the Imperial armies. In 1793 he directed the passage of the Imperial troops over the Rhine near Seltz, for the purpose of attacking the rear of the famous lines of Weissenburg, defended by the French; they were assailed in front by Field-Marshal Wurmer, the Austrian commander-in-chief, and Field-Marshal Kalkreuth, the Prussian generalissimo. This combined attack, which resulted in the taking of the lines, and was followed by a general rout of the French, is considered one of the most brilliant manoeuvres executed in modern times. It is said that the prince of Waldeck, who had the most difficult share in this undertaking, also conceived the idea of the whole plan. He also took the fortress of Kehl, opposite Strasburg, and afterwards commanded in Flanders, displaying such superior talents, that the emperor of Germany appointed him member of the military council at Vienna, and commander-in-chief of the militia of Bohemia. In 1797 the prince-archbishop of Portugal addressed himself to the emperor for the purpose of obtaining his permission to put the prince of Waldeck at the head of his armies, which were in a very disorganized state. The permission having been granted, the prince went to Lisbon, but died in 1798, before he had carried into effect his plans for reorganizing the Portuguese troops. His grandson, Henry Frederic George, the present reigning prince, was born in 1789, and succeeded his father, prince George, in 1813.

(*Almanach de Göttinge*; *Conversations-Lexicon*; *Biographie Universelle*.)

WALDEGRAVE, JAMES WALDEGRAVE, SECOND EARL, was the son of James, first earl Waldegrave, K.G., who was descended from ancestors originally settled at Walgrave in Northamptonshire, and in later times distinguished for their attachment to the Roman Catholic faith. The first Earl Waldegrave derived his noble title of Baron Waldegrave of Chewton, in the county of Somerset, from his father Henry, who, having married Henrietta, a natural daughter of James II., by Arabella Churchill, sister of the Duke of Marlborough, was raised to the peerage in 1685, and, following his father-in-law to Paris on the Revolution, died there in 1688. The Earl had conformed to the established church in 1722, and served under Sir Robert Walpole, who placed great confidence in him, as ambassador, first at Paris and afterwards at Vienna, from 1725 to 1740. He was created Viscount Chewton and Earl Waldegrave in 1729, and died in 1741, at the age of fifty-seven, six months after he had obtained leave to return to England for the recovery of his health. He had married, in 1714, Mary, daughter of Sir John Webb of Hatherop, in the county of Gloucester, Baronet.

James, who was his eldest son, was born 14th March,

1715. Attaching himself to the court, and becoming a favourite of George II., he was in 1743 appointed a lord of the bedchamber; and in April, 1751, among the changes which took place on the death of Frederick, prince of Wales, he was made steward and warden (or master) of the Stanzas, 'in room,' says Horace Walpole, of 'Tom P.'—a bad man; never was ill-nature so dull as his, never dullness so vain: Lord Waldegrave, on the contrary, had complaisance enough to have covered folly or ill-nature, though in him it only concealed a very good understanding, and made his good-nature the less observed.' (*Memoires of George II.*, i. 79.)

About a year and a half after this, in December, 1752, Lord Waldegrave, at the earnest request of the king, was prevailed upon to accept the office of governor to the young Prince of Wales, which Lord Harcourt had resigned. 'The Earl,' says Walpole, 'was very averse to it: he was a man of pleasure, understood the court, was firm in the king's favour, easy in his circumstanced, and at once undesigning of rising and afraid to fall.' He adds however, 'A man of stricter honour, or of more reasonable sense, could not have been selected for the employment.' (*Memoires*, i. 256.)

In 1750 Lord Waldegrave obtained a grant of the reversion of one of the tellerhips of the exchequer, and in less than two months after he came into possession of this lucrative appointment by the death of Horace, lord Walpole. In 1759 he married Maria, the second of the three natural daughters of Sir Edward Walpole, K. B. (second son of Sir Robert), by Maria Clements, a milliner's apprentice, whose father was postmaster at Darlington. This lady, equally distinguished by her beauty and her virtues, was twenty years younger than the earl; and in 1760, after his death, remarried William Henry, duke of Gloucester, brother of George III., whom she also survived, dying in 1807, at the age of seventy-two. She was the mother of the late Duke of Gloucester, and of the Princess Sophia Matilda of Gloucester.

The most important political transaction in which Earl Waldegrave was engaged, was the attempt into which he was forced by the king, in June, 1757, to turn a minister, with himself at its head. He was actually appointed first lord of the treasury. 'The public,' says Walpole, 'was not more astonished at that designation than the earl himself. Though no man knew the secrets of government better, no man knew the manoeuvre of business less. He was no speaker in parliament, had no interest there, and, though universally beloved and respected where known, was by no means familiarized to the eyes of the nation. He declined as long as modesty became him; engaged with spirit the moment he felt the abandoned state in which his master and benefactor stood.' Of the negotiations connected with this project, which was abandoned after a few days, a sketch is given by Walpole (*Memoires*, ii. 220-223), but the most ample details have been preserved by the earl himself.

Proposals were also made to him to take office in the last days of Lord Bute's administration, in the end of March, 1763. The day after he had finally declined these overtures, on the 1st of April, he was attacked by small-pox, and his death followed on the 28th of that month. Leaving only three daughters, he was succeeded in the earldom by his brother John.

An account of the political and court transactions of a portion of his own time by Earl Waldegrave was published under the title of 'Memoirs from 1754 to 1758,' in a quarto volume, in 1821. This work, which had evidently been prepared with the intention that it should be given to the public, is a very clear, full, and perfectly trustworthy narrative, and throws much light upon the restless and complicated intrigues of the latter part of the reign of George II. It leaves a very favourable impression of the writer, of his clear-headedness, as well as of his sincerity and frankness, although it has nothing of the manner of an anxious or systematic defence of his conduct.

WALDEMAR I., King of Denmark, reigned from A.D. 1157 till 1181. He was the son of Knud, or Canut, duke of Sleswig, and king of the Obotrites in Mecklenburg, a prince of the first royal dynasty of Denmark. He was born on the 15th of January, 1131, eight days after the murder of his father, who perished during the civil troubles which then desolated Denmark. To save her son from a similar fate, his mother, Ingeborg, a Russian princess, fled with him

to her native country, where the young prince lived during the earlier part of his youth. He afterwards returned to Denmark, and on the death of king Erik IV., Emund, in 1150, Waldemar was chosen king, but on account of his youth he was put under the guardianship of Erik, surnamed Lam, the son-in-law of the late king Erik III., Eiegod. Erik Lam, disregarding the rights of his ward, usurped the royal authority and reigned as Erik V., till 1147, when he resigned and retired to a convent. The guardianship of young Waldemar was now disputed between Svend Erkenen and Knud Magnussen, both royal princes, and the contest having been terminated by a decision of the emperor Frederic I., Barbarossa, which was favourable to Svend, that prince assumed the title of king, and in 1156 murdered Knud, who had likewise styled himself king, and reigned in a part of Denmark as Knud or Canut V. Svend also intended to murder Waldemar, who however escaped and made war on Svend, commonly called Sverre IV., whom he defeated in the battle of Viborg, when the usurper was slain by some plundering peasants. This battle was fought on the 22nd of September, 1157, and from this day dates the reign of Waldemar, whose rights to the crown were no longer disputed.

During the first years of his reign Waldemar was occupied with restoring domestic peace to his kingdom. In 1168 he made an alliance with Henry the Lion, duke of Saxony, for the purpose of subjugating the Obotrites and other Wendish or Slavonian nations in the north-eastern part of Germany, over which the kings of Denmark and the emperors of Germany had hitherto exercised a nominal authority. The Danish army and navy were commanded by Absalon, the worthy archbishop of Roskilde, who took Arcona, the capital of the Wendish empire, in the island of Rugen, and broke the idols of Swantevit and other gods of the heathen Wendes. In 1170 he took Jülich, the Constantinople of the north (Krantz, *Handbuch*, lib. iii.), and the northern limit of an overland trade with Asia Minor, Persia, and India, the direction of which we may now trace, since the discovery of numerous Arabic coins, along the banks of the Dnieper and the Volga. (Rasmussen, *De Orientis Commercio cum Russia et Scandinavia Medio Avo*; a rare book, extracts from which are given in *Journal Asiatique*, vol. v. (1824), p. 340, &c.)

After these defeats the Wendes of Rugen, Mecklenburg, and the most western part of Pomerania recognised the Danish king as their sovereign, and Waldemar did homage for his conquests to the emperor Frederic I., whom he met at Lons-le-Saulnier, in the present Franche-Comté. It has been said that he also did homage for his kingdom of Denmark, and this opinion, which has roused the national pride of so many Danish historians, is not without foundation. The title of King of the Wendes, which is still retained among the other titles of the kings of Denmark, dates from the conquests of bishop Absalon. Waldemar also acquired the most southern part of Norway, which he took from king Erling. The latter years of his reign were troubled by a rebellion of Eskild, bishop of Lund, in Scanian, which province belonged to Denmark at that time. Waldemar died on the 12th of May, 1181 (some say 1182), at Wordingborg, and it was said that he was poisoned. Waldemar I. was not a warrior only, he is equally distinguished as a legislator; he ordered the laws of several of his provinces to be collected, and he added his own, which are still preserved in the great collections of the Danish law. The Danes call him 'the Great'; but, without prejudice to his merits, this title is more than he deserves. Waldemar's successor was his eldest son Knud or Canut VI., whom he had by Sophia, princess of Pomerania.

(Hüllberg, Baron of, *Danneværk's Riges Historie*, vol. i., p. 208-247; Krantz, *Saxonia*; Wandelin; Mallet, *Histoire du Danemark*.)

WALDEMAR II., surnamed Seier, or 'the Victorious,' king of Denmark, who reigned from 1202 till 1241, was the second son of Waldemar I. His brother, King Knud, or Canut VI., conferred upon him the duchy of Sleswig, and was assisted by him in the consolidation of the Danish government in the Baltic provinces, which had been conquered by Waldemar I. (Waldemar I.), and in those of which some parts were conquered during the reign of Knud VI., namely, Esthland, Kurland, and Livonia. During the rebellion of Waldemar, bishop of Sleswig, who likewise belonged to the royal house of Denmark, and who was assisted by Adolphus III., count of Holstein, he took

the field for his brother, and they succeeded in conquering Holstein, and in driving out the rebellious prelate, who fled to Germany (1200). After the death of Knud in 1213, Waldemar ascended the throne, and his subjects, as well as his neighbours, soon found that Denmark was ruled by a great king. He finally established the Danish authority in the Wendish provinces, the population of which, a headstrong but not uncivilized race, was still ready for rebellion. The Danish possessions in Esthland, Kurland, and Livonia having been menaced by the natives, Waldemar availed himself of the occasion to carry a plan into execution which, if not his own idea, was at least realized by him. This was to found a Baltic empire, consisting of Denmark, the key and centre of the whole, Holstein, Mecklenburg, all Pomerania, Kurland, Livonia, Esthland, the large islands in the middle part of the Baltic, and the southern parts of Sweden and Norway. The same plan was afterwards conceived and partly realized by the great Gustavus Adolphus of Sweden, and similar empires were founded by the Carthaginians in the Mediterranean, by Mithridates round the Pontus, and on a smaller scale by Venice round the Adriatic Sea and the Archipelago. If this Danish empire was of short duration, it was the result of two causes which have been and always will be equally dangerous to sea-empires. The immense extent of narrow tracts along the sea-shore afford innumerable points of attack to the continental nations who are excluded from the coast by those tracts, and they can only be defended by a great navy, the chief condition of which is an extensive commerce. Now Denmark being the centre and key of that empire, while the military condition of its existence was fulfilled, while the commercial condition existed only temporarily. The Sound was not then, as it is now, frequented by ships of all nations, for the commerce in the Baltic had a more southern direction from Russia towards the coasts of Pomerania and Holstein, whence the merchandise was carried overland to Germany and France. However, for a short period Waldemar, being in possession of Wisby, Jüln (or at least the south of the Oder, for the town is said to have been entirely (?) destroyed by Bishop Absalon), and also of Lübeck, was enabled, by the advantages which he derived from the commerce of those towns, to raise that formidable force, the greater part of which he employed in the conquest of Livonia and the adjoining provinces. His army consisted of 160,000 men, and he had a navy of 1200 ships. He sailed for Livonia in 1219. The main body of the army, consisting of Danes, and commanded by Andreas, bishop of Lund, was surprised by the natives and in danger of being cut to pieces, when it was relieved by the king's Wendish and German auxiliaries, who won the day. Tradition says that in the midst of danger a flag fell from heaven, at the sight of which the Danes recovered their courage. This was the 'Danebrog,' in memory of which the Order of the Danebrog was founded. The campaign resulted in the conquest of Esthland, Livonia, and Kurland, and a Danish bishop took up his residence at Riga. During the contest of Frederic II. and Otto of Brunswick for the imperial crown, Waldemar assisted Frederic, who in his turn acknowledged him as king of the Slavonians or Wends, a title which had already been assumed by Waldemar I. Waldemar was now the ruler of the North, but his greatness was humbled by the treachery of a petty German count. Henry, count of Schwarzburg, had some reason to complain of the king, and not having obtained satisfaction, he treacherously seized him in the island of Lalland, brought him on board a vessel ready for that purpose, and carried him to Schwerin. The numerous enemies of the king protected the count, and even Frederic II. acted in a way which clearly showed that he was pleased with the fate of his rival in the North. Pope Honorius III. alone took the part of the captive king, whose assistance he wished to have in his contest with the emperor; and by his mediation Waldemar was released in 1225, on condition of paying 45,000 marks of silver, an enormous sum for the time, ceding Holstein to its legal possessor Count Adolphus IV., and renouncing the sovereignty of Mecklenburg, which from that time was governed by the descendants of its ancient Slavonic kings, the progenitors of the present house of Mecklenburg, who did homage to the emperor. No sooner was Waldemar restored to liberty, than he forgot his promises, and aimed at recovering those provinces which he had ceded, and

which had been occupied by his enemies. The first in importance among his enemies was count Adolphus IV. of Holstein, and the citizens of Lübeck, who, during the military government of Waldemar, had prudently attached to their town the commerce of the Baltic. Waldemar had now to learn that all power is transient which owes its existence merely to the military genius of a king, and is not the result of the well-directed activity of the community. The king was powerful without having the means of preserving his power, and those industrious citizens, being possessed of such means, were formidable even before they knew it. In the battle of Bornhöved, a village not far from Eutin in Holstein, the Danish army was totally routed by the united forces of Lübeck, Holstein, and some neighbouring princes, and the king narrowly escaped death or captivity. He concluded peace in 1229, and was fortunate in escaping new humiliations. He renewed the war with Lübeck in 1234, but his navy was destroyed, and he was compelled to grant extensive privileges to the commerce of this town, which soon became known as the hub of the Hansatic confederation. Waldemar employed the rest of his life in the peaceful government of the remainder of his empire. During his reign the clergy and nobility rose to great influence, and the freemen gradually lost their political rights, which may be concluded from the circumstance that the ancient 'things,' or 'dings,' that is, meetings of the whole community, were changed into 'herredage,' or 'lords' days,' that is, assemblies of the lords temporal and spiritual. Waldemar ordered the laws of Jütland to be collected: this is the 'Jyske Lov,' which is still in use in Jütland. It is contained in the great collections of the Danish laws, and there are also several separate editions of it. Waldemar I., sometimes called the Great, and with more justice than his father, died on the 28th of March, 1241. His first wife was Margareta, daughter of Premisl Ottokar I., king of Bohemia. After her death he married Berengaria, daughter of Sancho I., king of Portugal. His eldest son Waldemar, who was married to Eleonora, daughter of Alphonsus II., king of Portugal, died before his father, without leaving issue. He was duke of Sleswig, and is often called king Waldemar III., but he never reigned. The successor of Waldemar I. was his second son, Erik VI. Plogensøen. (Holberg, *History of Denmark's Rites History*, vol. i., p. 270-300; Krantz, *Scania*; Mandowicz, *Mallet, Histoire du Danemark*.)

WALDEMAR III. (IV.), surnamed Atterdag, was the son of king Christopher, who was deposed and banished in 1326. Waldemar was chosen king in his stead, but on account of his youth he was placed under the guardianship of Gerd or Gerhard, count of Holstein, of the house of Schauenburg, surnamed the Abbot of the North. The Danes, having been oppressed by Gerd, recalled Christopher, in whose hands young Waldemar voluntarily placed his authority. Gerd forced the king to cede him half of his kingdom, and after the death of Christopher, in 1331, he again became guardian of Waldemar, and continued so for nine years. His pupil however was not in Denmark, but was educated at the court of Louis of Bavaria, emperor of Germany. After the murder of Gerd, in 1340, the Danes recalled Waldemar, who made his peace with the sons of Gerd, and sold the province of Scania to Magnus, king of Sweden. In 1347 he also sold Esthland, Kurland, and Livonia, which had been conquered by Waldemar II., to the grand-master of the Teutonic Order in Prussia, for 18,000 marks of silver. It seems however that it was not cowardice which led him to dispose of provinces which for the time he was unable to defend; for with the money he raised an army, and although he renounced Livonia and the sister-provinces, he attacked king Magnus of Sweden, in 1361, and forced him to cede Scania. He also conquered the island of Gothland, which remained a Danish province till 1645. He was less successful in two wars with the Hanseatic towns, and he did not obtain peace until he had given up almost the whole commerce of Denmark into the hands of those powerful citizens, who treated the king with great haughtiness. The treaty by which the second war was finished, in 1364, was particularly humiliating for the king: the treaty of peace begins—'We, the burgo-masters, aldermen, and citizens of the towns of Lübeck, &c., promise to grant an eternal peace to Waldemar, king of Denmark, the Wends, and Goths.' This is the first instance of the title of king of the Goths having been given

to the king of Denmark, and it seems that Waldemar assumed it after the conquest of the island of Gotland. The title is still used in Denmark. In 1363 Waldemar gave his daughter Margaretha in marriage to Håkon or Hakon, the son and heir of Magnus, king of Norway. In 1369 he was again involved in war with the Hanseatic towns, and after the destruction of his navy, as well as his army, he begged for peace. In 1370, and ceded to these towns the province of Scania for fifteen years.

Waldemar III. died in 1375, the last of the first Danish dynasty, which had ruled in Denmark from the beginning of Danish history. He left two daughters: Ingeborg, married to Henry, duke of Mecklenburg; and Margaretha, married to Hakon of Norway, as already observed. After the death of Waldemar, one part of the Danes wished to choose Albrecht, duke of Mecklenburg, the son of Ingeborg, for their king, while another part voted for Olaus, the son of Margaretha. A civil war broke out, which however was soon terminated by an agreement that Olaus should be king. But on account of his youth, Olaus was put under the guardianship of his mother Margaretha, who afterwards succeeded in uniting the three Scandinavian kingdoms by the Union of Kalmar.

(Holberg, Baron *ad Danemork's Riges Historie*, vol. i., p. 428-460; Krantz, *Scythia*; Mallet, *Histoire du Danemark*.)

WALDEN, SAFFRON. [ESSEX.]

WALDENBURG. [SCHÖNBURG.]

WALDENSES. [VAUDOIS.]

WALDO, PETER. [VAUDOIS.]

WALDSTÄTTEN and WALDSTÄTTER SEE. [LUREN; SWITZERLAND.]

WALES, a principality of Great Britain, lies on the west side of that island, between 51° 20' and 53° 25' N. lat. and 2° 41' and 4° 56' W. long. It is bounded on the west and north by St. George's Channel, on the east by the English counties of Chester, Salop, Hereford, and Monmouth, and on the south and south-east by the Bristol Channel. Its greatest length from north to south is about 180 miles, and its breadth from east to west varies from 50 to 80 miles. It contains 7425 square miles. In the third report of the Committee on Emigration, in 1829, the distribution of land was stated as follows:—

	Acre.
Cultivated	3,117,000
Uncultivated, capable of improvement	530,000
" unprofitable	1,105,000
Total	4,752,000

The general physical features of Wales are given in detail in the article GREAT BRITAIN.

History.—The origin of the names Wales and Welsh has been much questioned and discussed. Some writers make them a derivation from Gael or Gaul (which names are by the same authorities derived from Guethel and Gathel, all signifying Woodlanders). G and W at the beginning of words are often interchanged, and so far there is no difficulty in considering Gael and Wales as identical. On the other hand, some writers observe that Walsh in the northern languages of Europe signifies a stranger, and that the Britons, being unlike the Saxons and Angles in speech and customs, were therefore called Welsh, and their country Wales. Other antiquaries, adopting the same derivation, assign other reasons for the application of the term. The Saxon Chronicle speaks of the Wenlas, Wylishe, or Welsh; and Taliesin, a Welsh bard of the sixth century, styles his own country Wallia. This is an argument against the supposition that the name was other than national.

The term Cambria, which is another and frequent name for Wales, is evidently derived from Cymry or Cymr, one of the two great families into which the Celts appear to have been divided.

The history of the island of Great Britain previous to and during the period of the Roman domination is given in the article BRITANNIA, and as there are no materials for a history of Wales during that period distinct from the narrative of events in the island generally, we shall refer to that article and to ENGLAND, and proceed to give briefly the principal events connected with Wales from the time of the establishment of the Saxons, Angles, and other tribes in England, by which the ancient inhabitants of the island were gradually driven to the west.

Down to the Roman conquest the Welsh, under a

variety of princes, were engaged in almost constant warfare with the Saxons and Angles. During the sixth and seventh centuries, the country appears to have been divided into a number of petty kingdoms or principalities. As many as fourteen co-existing kingdoms are mentioned. 'The condition of the Cumbro-Britons at this juncture calls,' says Sharon Turner, 'for our most compassionate anxiety. They had been driven out of their ancient country; they had retired to those parts of the island by mountains, woods, marshes, and rivers secluded from the rest; yet in this retreat they lived with their hands against every man, and every man's hand against them. They were the common butt of enterprise to the Angles of Bernicia, and Deira, and Mercia; to the Saxons of Wessex; and to the Gwizilians of Ireland: and they were always as eager to assail as to defend. The wild prophecies of enthusiasts, who mistook hope for inspiration, having promised to them in no long period the enjoyment of the soil from which they had been exiled, produced in them a perpetual appetite for war.'

In the commencement of the seventh century, Eðelfrith, king of Bernicia, and the grandson of Ida, attacked the Welsh, assembled under Brochmæl, king of Powys, gained a decisive victory, and put 1200 priests to death, who had assembled to offer their prayers for the success of their countrymen. About the same time Ceolwulf, from Wessex, penetrated into the province of Glamorgan; but the inhabitants, under Tewdric, their former king, drove the invaders across the Severn. Edwin, sovereign of Deira and Bernicia, subdued Anglesey and a considerable part of North Wales, and drove Cadwallon, the sovereign of North Wales, and whose father had been the protector of Edwin in early life, into Ireland. Cadwallon defeated and slew Edwin in 633, and penetrated into and desolated Northumbria. Successful in fourteen great battles and sixty skirmishes, Cadwallon was regarded by the Cymry or Welsh as the deliverer of their country. He was however slain, with the flower of his army, in an engagement with Oswald of Northumbria.

Eðelbald, king of Mercia, endeavoured in the early part of the eighth century to annex the region lying between the Severn and the Wye to his territories, and with that view entered Wales with a powerful army, but the Welsh, in a battle fought near Aberystwyth, checked his progress. Eðelbald however, uniting with the king of Wessex, overpowered them. Dissensions between Mercia and Wessex soon followed, which led to a successful confederation between Roderic Molyneuc, the Welsh leader, and Cuthred, king of Wessex, against the king of Mercia, whom they defeated in battle at Hereford. The alliance was of short duration, and Cuthred in turn took up arms against and defeated the Welsh, and in 753 Roderic Molyneuc abandoned the south-eastern district of Wales and withdrew into North Wales. Towards the end of the eighth century the Mercians succeeded in driving the Welsh from the border territory, and Offa, king of Mercia, made an artificial boundary from the mouth of the river Dee on the north to the river Wye on the south, known by the name of Clwydd Offa, or Offa's Dyke, traces of which are still to be found along a great part of the line. With this exception, no permanent footing was gained in Wales, although Egbert, king of Wessex, gained some important victories in 828, and penetrated as far as Snowdon; but the incursions of the Danes, by calling away the Saxons, left the country for some time in tranquillity. Roderic, who had acquired the sovereignty of nearly all Wales, in 843 divided his dominions into three principalities, to which his three sons succeeded. One of these principalities was called by the Welsh, Gwynedd, and corresponded nearly to the present North Wales; another, Ceredigion and Dyfed, or South Wales; and the third Powys, comprising parts of Montgomeryshire, Shropshire, and Radnorshire.

Other smaller tracts were occupied by various princes, who, suffering from the attacks of Roderic's sons, sought and obtained the protection of Alfred, king of England, and Anarawd, one of the three sons of Roderic before mentioned, subsequently did the same, and became subject to the Saxon king. In 877 Merfyn (another of the sons of Roderic) being deposed by his brother Cadell, the dynasties of Powys and South Wales were united under the latter prince, at whose death, in 907, his son Howell Dda succeeded to the sovereignty. Anarawd survived his brother Cadell only six years, and was succeeded by his son Edward the

Bald; but this prince was slain in an engagement between the English and the Danes. In this way the three subdivisions of Wales became reunited under the sceptre of one king, Howell, who was surnamed Dda, the Good. He appears to have been an excellent king, and he reformed and digested the laws of his country. At a subsequent period Wales was divided into two principalities, North and South Wales, but the former seems to have had some predominance over the latter. During all these changes however some districts appear to have had their separate petty princes.

The Danes, in 875, appear to have ravaged a great part of South Wales.

In the tenth century a fine or annual tribute of money was imposed on the Welsh, by Athelstan, king of England, who had obtained the nominal dominion of Wales. This payment was subsequently changed by Edgar into an annual tribute of three hundred heads of wolves, which then infested the country. As the wolves were exterminated, which is stated to have been the case within three or four years from the imposition of this tribute, the payment in money was resumed. On the occasion of a visit by Edgar to Chester, Marchius of Anglesy and the Isles, and three petty Welsh kings did homage. This Maclaus, or Hling, was son of the king of Deuonshire, and having been sent by his father to England, had conquered Anglesy.

On the accession of William the Conqueror, the Welsh refused to pay tribute. The Norman conqueror invaded their country with a considerable army, reduced them to submission, and compelled their princes to do homage and take an oath of allegiance as his vassals, and from this period the English king assumed a claim to Wales as their dominion. On the accession of William Rufus, the Welsh, uniting with some discontented English barons, committed devastations and outrages on the English border. At the same time Edeyn, Joslyn ap Gwrgaint, and other chieftains of South Wales, joined in rebellion against Rhys ap Tudor, their king, and with the assistance of Robert Fitzhamon, and a body of Normans, defeated their prince. Joslyn refusing however to fulfil a promise he had made to Edeyn, namely, to give the latter his daughter in marriage, the Normans assisted Edeyn in wresting from Joslyn the territory of Morgannwg, the principal part of which Fitzhamon retained for himself and his knights, leaving only the barren mountains for Edeyn. In this manner, and by grants from William the Conqueror and his son to their Norman dependents of all lands they might acquire possession of in Wales, originated the Lord Marchers. Among the foremost was Bernard de Newmarche, with a train of followers who subdued and took possession of Brecknockshire. Roger de Montgomery did William the First homage for Cardigan; as did also Arnulph, his youngest son, for the great lordship of Pembroke. Nor were the northern parts of the country long secure from the encroaching spirit of the times. The Earl of Shrewsbury, having paid homage for Powys-land, proceeded to subdue that region; Hugh Lupus, earl of Chester, did the same for Hereford and Rhymoniac; Ralph Mortimer, for the district of Elvel; Hugh de Lacie, for the lands of Rhos and Eustace; and Omer, for Inoel and Hopewale. In the year 1102 Henry I. bestowed several other lordships and castles in Wales on Englishmen and Normans; and for the purpose of still further breaking the high spirit of the Cambrians, he introduced, in the year 1106, into Pembroke-shire, a numerous colony of Flemings. (Rev. J. Evans.) The principality of South Wales was for a time destroyed; Powys-land was also possessed by the English; and North Wales alone retained its independence.

In 1237, Gryffyth, the eldest son of Llewellyn ap Iorwerth, prince of North Wales, rebelling against his father, that prince applied for the protection of Henry III. of England, who received upon the disgraceful terms of yielding vassalage to the English crown. David, the eldest son of Llewellyn, on the death of his father, renewed the homage to England, and taking his brother Gryffyth prisoner, delivered him to Henry, who imprisoned him in the Tower, where he lost his life in an attempt to regain his freedom. After the death of Gryffyth, Henry gave the principality of Wales to his eldest son Edward, afterwards Edward I. David now sought the aid of the pope, offering as an inducement that the sovereignty of Wales should in future be held under the church of Rome. The pope absolved David from his oath of allegiance to

Henry, and his commissioners cited the English king to appear before them to answer to the charge of David. Henry, it is said, quieted the pope with large sums of money. Llewellyn, the youngest son of Gryffyth, succeeded to the throne of North Wales on the death of his uncle David, and his brother Owen Goch to that of South Wales, and was obliged to renew the homage, which was now claimed by England as an established right. He however entered into a confederacy with Simon de Montfort, earl of Leicester, and invading England with an army of 30,000 men, ravaged the lands of Roger de Mortimer and all the neighbouring barons adhering to Henry. Prince Edward repulsed him and forced him back into the mountains of North Wales. Llewellyn contrived notwithstanding to give his support to the enemies of Henry, but when that king was at last securely seated on his throne, peace was established between the two countries. After the accession of Edward I. to the English throne, the Welsh prince was summoned to do homage, which he declined, doing without having hostages for his safe conduct, and demanded that his consort, who was Edward's prisoner, should be restored. This Edward refused to comply with, and immediately proceeded to levy war against him, assisted by David and Roderic, brothers of Llewellyn, who had dispossessed them of their inheritance. The Welsh prince defended himself among the inaccessible mountains of Carnarvonshire, but Edward blocked up Llewellyn and his army so effectually, that after sustaining all the horrors of a siege, they were obliged to yield to the wary English king. The terms imposed by Edward were—a payment of 50,000*l.*; Llewellyn and the Welsh barons to do homage and swear fealty to the English crown; to surrender a portion of their territory; to make pecuniary compensation to Llewellyn's brothers; and to deliver hostages for future obedience. The English however, rendered insolent by this victory, harassed and oppressed the inhabitants of the border; severer terms were imposed on Llewellyn, followed by other insults and indignities. The brave mountaineers once more determined to give battle to their oppressors. In this campaign Llewellyn was joined by his brother David, but Llewellyn was slain in or immediately after an engagement with the earl of Mortimer, near Builth in Breconshire. This happened in 1244. David, who succeeded him in the principality, was soon after executed at Shrewsbury as a traitor for defending by arms the liberties of his native country and his own hereditary authority. As an appropriate sequel, a massacre of the Welsh lords by Edward's order soon followed. The nobility of Wales submitted to the conqueror, and by the statute of Rothelan, passed in the 12th year of Edward's reign, Wales was incorporated and united with England.

This ended the existence of the Welsh as an independent nation, after having retained their freedom from foreign yoke for nine hundred years longer than the rest of England. The title of Prince of Wales was bestowed by Edward upon his son, afterwards Edward II., and has ever since been the title conferred on the king of England's eldest son. [WALIS, PRINCE OF.]

In 1255 insurrections broke out in various parts of Wales. The inhabitants of West Wales took up arms under their leader Maclawren Vychan, and carried devastation over the counties of Pembroke and Cardigan. The southern parts revolted under the command of Morgan, a descendant of the lords of Morgannwg; and Madoc, an illegitimate son of Llewellyn, was at the head of the insurgents of North Wales. Their proceedings, although conducted without any common principle or purpose, became so formidable as to require the presence of Edward in person to reduce them to submission. A subsequent revolt by Sir Gryffid Lloyd was put down. Edward built castles at Rhuddlan, Conway, Beaumaris, Carnarvon, Harlech, and Aberystwith. These castles were erected in those counties which Edward had really subdued, and in which alone the statute of Rothelan could be immediately enforced. The last effort by the Welsh to maintain an independent existence was under Owen Glandwr (GLANOWR, OWAN), in the commencement of the fifteenth century. His enterprising and brilliant success in opposing the English army are intimately connected with English history.

The Welsh for many ages kept up a strong feeling of hatred for the English, which some of the English statutes relating to the Welsh were little calculated to

remove, but which time and the subsequent assimilation of the laws of the country to those of England ameliorated; so that it may be said at last to have worn itself down to mere prejudice and a little national feeling of jealousy on both sides, which still exists. It was a considerable time however before the Welsh were put on the same footing with English subjects. Severe laws were passed in the reigns of the fourth and sixth Henries, the former containing provisions directed against the bards, who kept up the national feeling of discontent by songs of former glory and narratives of English wrongs; but in spite of the attempts to suppress them, the bards continued to flourish. Other provisions of the same statute enacted that no Welshmen should hold any offices in Wales, except they happened to be bishops; that they should not have any castle, fortress, or house of defence; and even marrying a Welsh woman equally incapacitated an Englishman. By a statute of Henry VIII. (28 Hen. VIII., c. 6), no person in Wales or the Marches was allowed to carry without licence to any sessions or court there, or within two miles of the same, or to any town, church, fair, market, or congregation, any 'bill, low-bow, cross-bow, hand-gun, sword, staff, dagger, halbert, morespike, spear, or any other weapon, privy coat or armour'; and by the same statute games of running, wrestling, leaping, and all other games, 'the game of shooting only excepted,' were prohibited on pain of a year's imprisonment and fine. By a statute however passed in a subsequent period of the same reign it was declared that persons born in Wales should enjoy all the liberties of English subjects; but a clause in the same statute declared that no one using the Welsh language should have or enjoy any office or fees in any of the king's dominions, but should forfeit them unless he used English; and it appears that the provisions of the 28th of Henry VIII. were revived by a later statute. The proceedings in all law and other courts were also directed to be conducted in the English language.

By the statute of Rothehan (12 Edward I., c. 5) a part of Wales was formed into the counties of Anglesey, Carnarvon, Merioneth, and Flint; and by a statute passed in the 27th year of the reign of Henry VIII., various lordships in the Marches were united to English or Welsh counties, and the remainder were divided into new counties, viz. Monmouth, Brecknock, Radnor, Montgomery, and Denbigh; and by that statute one knight was directed to be chosen for each county in Wales, and a hundred for every borough being a county town, except the county town of Merioneth, and a member was subsequently given to Haverfordwest. By the 2 Wm. IV., c. 45 (Reform Act), an additional member was given to the counties of Carmarthen, Denbigh, and Glamorgan; a member was given to Merthyr Tydvil, and one to Swansea, and numerous places were made contributory boroughs to each of the ancient boroughs returning members.

Constitution, Government, Laws, and Customs.—The laws and chief features of the constitution of the Britons when masters of the whole island seem to have been preserved in Wales for a considerable time; many of them indeed remained in full force until their abolition or alteration by express statutes at a comparatively recent period. The government from the earliest period appears to have been monarchical, but not following a strict rule of descent. The successor was nominated in many instances by the reigning king; and although generally selected from the royal family, was not necessarily the next heir. An old code of laws compiled from those of Howell Dda states that no one is an 'edling' (a heir to the throne) 'except that person to whom the king shall give hope of succession and designation.' No power but the regal could either enact or abrogate a law. Traces of a popular representation are to be found in the formation of a digest of the Welsh laws by Howell dda, in the tenth century. For this purpose six of the most intelligent and powerful persons were summoned out of every cymwd, or hundred, and also the nobles, bishops, and principal clergy, to assist that king in the great work of legislation. By these means the ancient laws were revised, others enacted, and all digested into one regular code, and a declaration made that they should not be altered, except by means of a similar national council. There does not appear however to have been any precedent for this mode of proceeding by Howell Dda, nor does it seem to have been subsequently adopted in the formation or alteration of the Welsh laws by

Blleddyn, prince of North Wales in the 11th century, and by others. On the contrary, all the witnesses examined by the commissioners appointed by Edward I. to inquire into the laws and customs existing in Wales, agreed that the princes of Wales could alter the laws at their pleasure; nor do they make the least mention of a parliament or even a council. (Barrington's *Observations on the Statutes*.) The laws of Howell Dda, at first enforced throughout the whole of Wales, were afterwards, on account of local customs, formed into three independent codes, having force respectively in Venedotia or North Wales, Dimetia or South Wales, and Gwent or South-east Wales. 'Immediately below the sovereign ranked the *Uchelwyr*, or great men, holding their lands from the crown, and each presiding as lord over his particular domain. As immediate tenants of the king, they were obliged to perform certain services. Some held their lands by the tenure of personal attendance on the king's court, but the majority retained their estates by the *gwerth wylhyr*, or military service, being bound on summons to attend their sovereign with a certain number of men in arms, and follow him to the war; to aid in the repair of the royal castles; and were also assessed with certain stated rents, payable in money or kind.' (Rev. J. Evans.) Under this reserve of tribute the lands were inheritable by the family.

The great body of the people were composed of two classes, both holding under and subject to the *Uchelwyr*; those of the first class holding their lands at discretion, and possessing the power of buying and selling, and whose seigniorial service was the least degrading of the menial kind. Those of the other class, denominated *Cathes*, were considered the property of the lord, attached to the soil and saleable with the estate. Both were subject, like the chiefs, to military attendance in time of war, and to contributions in money or kind. Lands descended to all sons equally; the youngest son divided them, and the portions were then chosen according to seniority. The king was the ultimate heir, and took all lands where the owner left no heir of his body or co-heir as near as a third cousin. Illegitimate offspring inherited, but legitimate of the same degree of consanguinity had the preference; subject however to the strange law, that if an owner of land had an heir without bodily blemish, and another who was blemished (such as one blind, or deaf, or crippled), the unblemished was to be heir to the whole land, whether he was legitimate or illegitimate; and the reason assigned was, that no one who was blemished could accomplish the service of the land due to the king in the court and in the army. Females were excluded until all the males were extinct. This law continued in force until the reign of Henry VIII., as regarded the equal right of sons, but the exclusion of females was abolished and the exclusion of illegitimate offspring enforced by Edward I., in the statute of Rothehan before referred to. By the statute 27 Henry VIII., c. 26, it was enacted that land in Wales should descend according to the English laws, and that the laws and statutes of the realm, and none other, should be there executed. This declaration was repeated in subsequent statutes in the same reign, and power given to persons to alien lands in Wales from them and their heirs to any person in fee simple, fee tail, for life or years, according to the laws of England, notwithstanding any Welsh law or custom to the contrary. The statute 34 and 35 Hen. VIII. continued the court of the president and council of Wales and the Marches, which had originated with the possession of the border districts by English noblemen, and been re-established by Edward IV., and seems to have exercised an equitable and undefined jurisdiction. Regulations for the administration of justice in North Wales had been effected by Edward I., and by the last-mentioned statute of Henry VIII. Justices were appointed to hold sessions, to be called the king's sessions, twice every year in all the counties of Wales, which was divided for that purpose into four districts of three counties each. These justices had power equal to the English judges in all actions, real, personal, and mixed, and for the trial of all criminal offences. They also had an equitable jurisdiction, and held courts of chancery on the circuits. The precise origin of this branch of their power seems obscure. The statute of Henry did not confer the power in precise terms, but it probably did in effect by the clause giving the custody of the seal for the counties to the chamberlain or

steward of the circuit, who constituted a part of the court. It has also been suggested that the abolition of the court of the president and council of the Marches, which was effected in the reign of William and Mary, threw a considerable portion of their equitable jurisdiction into the courts of great sessions. Most of the pleadings at common law were drawn and filed during the continuance of the sessions at one town (the statute of Henry directing that six courts, on as many days, should be held in each county), and it very frequently happened that a cause was carried on from its commencement to the close during those six days. Eight days' notice of action was however required to be given to a defendant. From the common law side, an appeal lay to the Court of Queen's Bench; and from the equity side, to the House of Lords. After the appointment of a second justice for each circuit, by a statute of Elizabeth, all the trials took place before the two judges, in the same manner as a trial at bar in England. Parties had the power however, in most actions, of so framing the record, as to enable them to try the causes at the assizes in the nearest English county—a power which was frequently exercised. The judges of these courts of great sessions were generally barristers, practising in England, their official station only lasting during the circuit. These courts were only recently abolished (1830) by the 11 Geo. IV. and 1 Wm. IV., c. 70, and Wales divided into two circuits, North and South Wales.

The number of justices of the peace in each county was restricted by the 34 and 35 of Henry VIII. to eight, in addition to the president, council, and justices of the Lord President's Court; but this clause was repealed in the reign of William and Mary.

The practice of the sheriffs' courts for pleas under forty shillings was by the 34th and 35th of Henry VIII. assimilated to that of England, and trials in these courts were to be decided by wager of law, or verdict of six men, at the election of the plaintiff or defendant.

A variety of other enactments respecting the administration of justice are to be met with in the statutes of Henry VIII., above referred to, most of them corresponding with the English laws of that period.

Antiquities.—Wales abounds in memorials of its past history. The cromlechs, and cernedd, and barrows (TUMULI), relics of the DRUIDS [BRITANNIA] and hards; camps, British and Roman; abbey and castles of later periods; are all to be met with in various parts of the principality. Detailed notices of these will be found in this work in articles treating of each county.

For a notice of Welsh literature and language, see the articles GREAT BRITAIN, BARD, and WELSH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE.

Divisions, Population, Occupations, &c.—Wales is divided into North and South Wales, each containing six counties. The following table gives their names, population in 1841, area, and number of parishes:—

	Population in 1841.	Area in Square Miles.	No. of Parishes.
NORTH WALES.			
Anglesey . . .	50,800	271	67
Carmarthen . . .	81,008	544	71
Denbighshire . .	80,291	633	59
Flintshire . . .	60,547	244	27
Merionethshire .	39,238	663	34
Montgomeryshire .	62,220	839	84
SOUTH WALES.			
Brecknockshire .	53,295	754	67
Cardiganshire . .	46,380	675	65
Carmarthenshire .	105,482	974	76
Glamorganshire .	173,462	792	127
Pembrokeshire . .	88,262	610	145
Radnorshire . . .	25,189	426	52
Total	911,321	7425	844

Since the passing of the 11 Geo. IV. and 1 Wm. IV., c. 70, Wales has no jurisdiction in legal matters distinct from England. It is divided into two circuits—North and South Wales, and one judge travels each.

It contains four bishoprics—those of Bangor and St. Asaph in North Wales, and of St. David's and Llandaff in South Wales. The boundaries however of the Welsh and English bishoprics adjoining are not determined by any reference to the boundaries of the principality, any more than they are by the divisions of counties.

Many details respecting the amount and employment of the population of Wales are given in the article GREAT BRITAIN; but the census of 1841 affords data and materials for some further particulars.

The population in 1841 was—males, 447,533; females, 463,788; total, 911,321. The total population in 1831 was 806,182, showing an increase in the ten years of 105,139, or 13 per cent., being 1·5 per cent. less than the rate of increase in England during the same period. The average number of inhabitants to every square mile in 1841 was a fraction less than 123, while the returns for England in the same year gave a population of nearly 300 to every square mile. The number of inhabited houses in 1841 was 168,196; uninhabited, 10,133; building, 1708.

The inhabitants are chiefly engaged in agriculture, as will be seen by the following enumeration, taken from the returns of 1831, the returns of 1841 in these particulars not having yet been published. Number of families employed in agricultural pursuits, 73,195; employed in trade, manufactures, &c., 44,702; all other families, 48,641. The centesimal proportions therefore were—agriculture, 43·9; trade, manufactures, &c., 20·9; all others, 20·2; total, 100.

The farms are generally speaking small, and more than one half of them are cultivated by the occupiers without the assistance of labourers. The returns of 1831 gave the number of occupiers engaged in agriculture and employing labourers at 19,728, and those not employing labourers at 19,966. A considerable number of the latter are either owners as well as occupiers of the small portion of soil they cultivate, or hold it from the lord of the manor at a nominal or reduced rent.

The principal manufacture in Wales is that of iron, and this is chiefly confined to Glamorganshire. Immense quantities of ore are raised in that county, where the most extensive smelting-furnaces in the empire are to be met with. In the year 1830 the quantity of iron made in South Wales was estimated at 227,000 tons, nearly equal to the whole quantity produced in Staffordshire and the rest of England. The iron is shipped at Newport, Swansea, Llanelly, and other ports on the Glamorganshire and Monmouthshire coasts; and the latter county, as farming part of the South Wales coal-basin and mining-districts, must be included in the estimates of the amount of iron and coal produced.

Copper-ore brought from Cornwall and other parts of England, from Ireland, and foreign countries, is smelted in large quantities at Swansea. The total quantity of ore smelted there in the year ending June, 1840, was 55,285 tons.

The great coal-field of South Wales affords employment to a number of hands. The quantity of coal and culm exported at the different ports of South Wales and Monmouthshire, in 1830, was 1,376,217 tons, and in 1840, 1,438,276 tons. North Wales also yields some coal and iron, from the vicinities of Wrexham and Ruabon in Denbighshire. Lead (with some silver-ore) and copper are raised in Anglesey, Cardiganshire, and other parts of Wales, as well as large quantities of slate, limestone, and marble. Various manufactures in lead, iron, copper, and brass are carried on at Holywell in Flintshire. Flannel, coarse cloth, and stockings are manufactured in Montgomeryshire and other parts of North Wales, the first-mentioned article in considerable quantities, but the trade in all of them has decreased considerably of late years. The shipping, &c. at Pembroke, Milford, Swansea, Carmarvon, Bangor, Port Madoc, and other ports also afford employment to many persons. The number of persons engaged in manufacture and in making machinery, in 1831, was 6218; and the number of labourers employed in labour not agricultural, 31,571. The latter class comprises those occupied in raising iron-ore and coal, and labour connected with them, and the other sources of employment just enumerated.

Education.—To say that the state of the people in regard to education is very low, is only to state a defect common to England and Wales; but the latter country is even less advanced than the former. There are a great number of Sunday-schools in connection with the Church and dissenters, and these form at once the commencement and end of the education of a great portion of the community. These Sunday-schools are almost all supported by subscription, without endowment or payment by the scholars. A table of the various classes of schools and the

number of scholars will be found in the article GREAT BARRAIN, taken from the returns laid before parliament in 1834. The number of marriages in the Welsh division of the Registrar-General (which includes Monmouthshire), in the year ending June 30, 1841, was 7545. Of this number 3530 men and 5171 women signed the marriage register with marks. The mean proportion per cent. of persons married in Wales, in the three years ending June 30, 1841, who signed with marks—or in other words, those unable to write—was, 47·6 men, and 60·0 women; while the mean centesimal proportion in England and Wales of persons marrying in the same years, who signed with marks, was 33·28 men and 49·29 women. This is a very safe, fair, and simple test of the state of education. 'The parties are neither asked whether they can write or read, nor formally requested to write; but sign the marriage registers with their name or their mark in attesting the marriage. The parties who marry are on an average about 25 years of age; so the test shows the state of education ten or twenty years ago, and the subsequent inducements to the retaining of the information and skill then acquired.' (*Fourth Report of the Registrar-General.*)

Religion.—Dissenters of various creeds abound in Wales. The Independents or Congregationalists are probably the most numerous. Particular or Calvinistic Baptists, and Primitive, Wesleyan, and Welsh Calvinistic Methodists embrace the remainder of the great body of dissenters in Wales. The number of buildings registered in Wales for the solemnization of marriages, up to the 30th of June, 1842, was 132; but this is not a safe guide in estimating the proportion of dissenters, as many of the latter (the Methodists especially) have not as yet availed themselves of the late act; and in one county in Wales, where the dissenters certainly form the majority of inhabitants, there is not one building registered for marriages.

Pauperism.—The number of paupers receiving relief in Wales (with the exception of a small portion not then

placed under the provisions of the Poor Law Amendment Act), at Lady-day, 1834, was 68,524; and at Lady-day, 1840, 73,254. The proportion of paupers at the last-named period to the population, taken from the returns of 1831 (and excluding the population of the parts not under the operation of the act) was 9·4 per cent. In England the proportion of paupers at the same period to the population was 8·6. These figures somewhat exceed the actual proportion, as no allowance is made for the increase of population between 1831 and 1840. The expenditure for the relief of the poor (exclusive of incidental charges and expenses), in 1831, was 299,422*l.*, and in 1841, 256,000*l.* These respective sums, if equally apportioned among the whole population according to the census of each of those years, would amount in the first-named year (1831) to 7*s.* 2*d.*, and in the last year (1841) to 5*s.* 10*d.* per head. In England the rate of expenditure per head in 1831 was 3*s.* 11*d.*, and in 1841, 6*s.* The result shows that, while the proportion of persons receiving relief in Wales is somewhat greater than in England, the proportionate expenditure is less in the former country than in the latter; and that in Wales, as well as in England, the Poor Law Amendment Act has beneficially affected the rate-payers.

Crimes.—The number of persons charged and convicted in Wales for offences have been as follows:—

Year.	Convicted.	Accused.	Total.
1834	283	159	442
1837	232	186	418
1840	414	236	650

Of those charged in 1840 there were, for offences against the person, 66; against property with violence, 45; against property without violence, 462; malicious offences against property, 2; forgery and offences against the currency, 22; other offences, 53; total 650. Of this number 141 were females. Of the total number 45 could read and write well.

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